



# St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

One Family United in Christ



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The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."*

– 2 Corinthians 12:9

## The Catholic Sacraments of Initiation

The first three sacraments, Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation, are collectively known as the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church.

### BAPTISM

Baptisms for children (up to age 6) are held one weekend per month during Masses. At least one Catholic parent and one Catholic Godparent must be confirmed and in good standing with the Catholic Church.

Contact the Church Office at 261-4650 for more information.



### FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST



Second graders or older are eligible to prepare for these sacraments. They will first learn to confess their sins, and later in the same year, they will receive the Body and Blood of Christ. First Eucharist is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year.

Contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644 to register or learn more.

### CONFIRMATION

Beginning in tenth grade, our teens learn more about the faith and grow in their understanding of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The sacrament takes place in the spring of their eleventh grade year. Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year.

Contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644 to register or learn more.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Program for Catholic adults who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation and wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirm on Pentecost in May.

Contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644 to join the list for Fall 2024-Spring 2025.



### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (OCIA/OCIC)

Programs for non-Catholic adults or children (age 7+) to explore issues, learn about Catholicism, and decide whether to commit to Catholic Christianity. Candidates enter into full Communion with the Church on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644 to join the list for Fall 2024-Spring 2025.

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## Fr. Jason's Wishful Thinking: A Brief Introduction



Dear Parishioners of St. Alphonsus:

As you read this article, some of the hardest months of priesthood have passed in my life. It is very difficult to mourn your mother and then leave a familiar place after 15 years. But the time for goodbyes has passed, the promises of staying in touch with my previous parish family have been made, and now it is time to open a new chapter in my life. I come to you as a country priest with a listening ear and a desire to embrace a new family. I will be brutally honest with you and let you know that I never saw myself as a priest within East Baton Rouge Parish. But I appreciate Bishop Duca's confidence and I trust that the Holy Spirit guides his discernment as our bishop, and as a result, I pray daily that God give me the grace to do what He needs me to do as a pastor at this part of your parish history.

Holy Mass is not the time to do a biographical sketch. It is the time for us to worship God and to be fed by His Word and the Blessed Sacrament. For now, I just want to tell you that I am a native of Plaquemine, and my parents, Peter & Yvonne Palermo, had given up on having a child when I came along. They grew to accept my calling to the priesthood after I wrestled for eight years with the call between my tenth grade year at St. John High School and my post-college career at Edward Jones Investments. I entered the seminary at age 23 and ordained a priest at age 27. My father passed in May 2015 at the age of 90, and my mother passed in June 2023 at the age of 80.

Some of my greatest joys are simply ministering for your joyous occasions. If I can do an exceptional job with the Sunday homily and with funeral homilies and honoring your loved ones, that will bring me joy, too. I like to share a meal and visit with people and share stories. Traveling [anywhere] sustains me, particularly when I lead church pilgrimages. Since 2012, I have led a yearly pilgrimage to holy sites here in the United States and abroad. I am bringing a group to the Catholic Shrines of France in October 2024, and I hear that many of you like to travel as well. I still have openings for the France trip.

Finally, I have a large Christmas village that has been a family tradition since 1991. I plan to construct this display in the church rectory and have it ready for the holidays. As you introduce yourselves, please feel free to share your thoughts, dreams, and suggestions. We will have some listening sessions soon as we chart a course for the future. Until then, let us pray to the Holy Spirit as we journey forward together.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Jason

## WORDS OF WISDOM

*"He who trusts in God can do all things." –St. Alphonsus Liguori*

## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: JULY 6 - 14, 2024

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> <b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Family Adoration - Church</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>8 AM, 10 AM &amp; 12 PM Masses</b> <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts after 8 &amp; 10 AM Masses</i> Youth Night - Lighthouse	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> 6:30 PM	<b>Daily Mass</b> Scouts & Parents - PAC
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Daily Mass &amp; Novena</b> Grief Support - S.C. Men's Scripture - C.R. Women of Faith - St. Matthew
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> 6:30 PM	<b>Communion Service</b> King's Men - S.F.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Daily Mass &amp; Rosary</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Daily Mass</b> <i>Church Offices Closes at 1 PM</i> Youth Lock-in
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30 AM <b>4:00 PM</b>	Corpus Christi - S.J. <b>Vigil Mass</b> <i>K.C. Quarterly Communion</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>8 AM, 10 AM &amp; 12 PM Masses</b> <b>8 AM-2 PM</b> <b>Blood Drive - S.F.</b> <i>1-4 PM</i> <i>Baptisms (by appointment)</i> 4:00 PM              Middle School Youth-Lighthouse 6:30 PM              High School Youth-Lighthouse	

## WORSHIP

### Readings for the Week - July 7 - 14

**Sunday:** Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

**Monday:** Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22, Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

**Sunday:** Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9 -10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 or  
1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

## MISSION STATEMENT

*St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish celebrates  
the living waters of Christ by nourishing our  
Catholic community spiritually and academically  
so that Christ may be known in our world.*

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM



### Live Stream

Sunday 10:00 AM on Facebook & YouTube

### Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM

Communion Service on Wednesdays at 8:30 AM

### Holy Day Masses

As Announced

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

For children kindergarten through second grade.

## SACRAMENTS & RESOURCES

### Baptism

Contact Margaret Garza at the Parish Office in the early months of pregnancy for dates and preparation requirements.

### Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 PM and by appointment

### Christian Initiation of Adults

If interested in becoming Catholic and want more information on the process, call the Formation Office at 225-261-4644.

### Marriage

Contact Sara Puissegur at the Parish Office six months to one year prior to projected wedding date for information concerning preparation programs.

### Anointing of the Sick

You can receive this sacrament during a serious illness, before a major surgery, or for spiritual and mental healing. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

### Funerals

Contact Margaret Garza at the Parish Office for arrangement information.

### Formed

Go to [formed.org](https://formed.org), find St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish, and enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway.

### Prayer Line

Beverly Heil 225-772-4278

Gloria Jones 225-337-8929

## Family Adoration & Benediction

"As a man must be born before he can begin to lead his physical life, so he must be born to lead a Divine Life. That birth occurs in the Sacrament of Baptism. To survive, he must be nourished by Divine Life; that is done in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist." - Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

The next date for Family Adoration is **Saturday, July 6, 2024**, at 8:30 AM in the Church. Coffee and donuts to follow.

## Baptisms - June 2024

**Emery Kathryn Herrington** - *Child of Zach & Rachel Herrington.*

**Evelyn Leigh Herrington** - *Child of Zach & Rachel Herrington.*

**Oliver Webre Hindrichs** - *Child of Joshua & Katy Hindrichs.*

**Everleigh Grace Hood** - *Child of Scott & Kristina Hood.*

**Kennedy Ann McClelland** - *Child of Seppie McClelland & Emily Sharif.*

**Lawson Joseph McClelland** - *Child of Seppie McClelland & Emily Sharif.*



## Sacrament of Marriage - June 2024

The following couple was married in the church:

**Roger Kirby & Peggy Smith**

## Corpus Christi Prayer Group

The Corpus Christi Prayer Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month from 9:30–11 AM in the St. Luke Room at the PAC. We praise and worship God for an hour, then have talks, teachings or testimonies for twenty minutes. Prayers are offered for anyone who wants or needs them. This is an open invitation for anyone. Are you looking to strengthen or grow in an intimate relationship with the Lord? You can do that here. This will teach you how to walk in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

## OUTREACH

### Entering Canaan Post-Abortion Ministry

**Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

This day of prayer and healing ministers to women on their journey to healing from the pain, isolation, and silent suffering of abortion to the freedom of forgiveness, healing, and peace through Christ. If you are suffering the loss of a child through abortion, you are not alone. For more information, contact 225-773-7845 or email [EnteringCanaan@diobr.org](mailto:EnteringCanaan@diobr.org).

## Featured Saint of the Week

**Pope St. John XXIII (1881–1963)**

**Feast Day: October 11**



His birth name was Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, and he was the fourth of thirteen children born to sharecropper parents. Angelo grew up living a very simple life; he was proud of it and tried to live the rest of his life in that fashion.

Roncalli graduated with a doctorate in theology after which he was ordained. He then returned to school to study canon law. Roncalli worked as a secretary to the local bishop, while concurrently teaching at the seminary and publishing the diocesan paper.

Roncalli was drafted to serve in WWI, working as both a stretcher bearer and chaplain. While serving, he was exposed first hand to the horrors of war. Returning, Roncalli was appointed Italy's national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Fr. Roncalli worked as a papal diplomat for Pope Pius XII. He developed friendships with Orthodox Church leaders. The now Archbishop Roncalli alongside Germany's ambassador to Turkey helped to save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people. He was subsequently named Cardinal.

When Pope Pius XII died Cardinal Roncalli, along with the other Cardinals were summoned to Rome to elect a new Pope. After several unsuccessful ballots, Roncalli agreed to be added as a candidate on the next ballot. He was added with the general thought that he would be sort of an interim Pope, who at 78 would keep a low profile. Roncalli won, and when asked if he would accept the nomination he responded, "Yes, and I will be called John." Pope John XXIII hit the ground running by changing the culture of the Vatican; he wanted to be visible and available to the public.

Pope John XXIII was just getting started. The next article will continue with his impact on the world via Vatican II.

## Pray for the Sick

**Please note: Names are removed after eight weeks.**

Jeanette Felps, Al Felps, Amanda Puissegur, Kevin Nicosia, David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Glenda Bringol, Jill Bueche, Jan Bankston, Harrison Simpson, Cathey Chustz, John Nicosia, Stella Lacoste, Homer Brown, Vance & Olivia Thomas, Matthew Chambers, Ryan Babin, Andy Juneau, Joey Breen, Jessica Smith, Cindy Morvant, Judy McManus, Pat Matthews, Sharon Leod, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Monica Kelly, Devin Mounce, Chris Bringol, Daniel Guerin, Janice Jeansonne, Datz Family, Schittone Family, Catherine Willis, Lynette Shaffett, Larry Bueche, Ashley Smith, Chris Dickerson, Jackie Scardina, Fisk Morris, Mollea Hood, Michael Morales, Theresa Ognibene, John Larkin, Briggs Elliser, Anita Bueche, Jamie Samson, Kathy Madere, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Carolyn Rogillio, Patsy York, Angie Welsh, Kenny Miller, Lynette Lemoine, Chris Hobkirk, Patrick Bourgeois, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Nicholas LaCroix, Patsy Sagona, Dammers Family, Debbie Mouton, Marion Robillard, Ron Dodson, Stevie Calverley, Luke Allen, Blanche Hoover, Marlene Ortego, Gwen Moore, Claudia Mouton, Jackie Pina, Ashley Nix, Kelli Campo LaCroix, Donna Hebert, Bill Witt, Priscilla Perez, Charlotte St. Romain, Brenda Lovett, Nettie Scardina, Jim & Tracey Anderson, Ruth Riddle, James Argrave, Lyndsey Quirk Neyland, Lucky Ross, Melise Efferson, Angelo Silvio, Christopher Silvio, Marilyn Oufnac, Jennifer McMillan, Jason Lasseigne, Glenn Tate, Leslie Smith, Thomas Laborie, Feltus Templet

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If you know someone serving in the military, please call the Church Office at 261-4650, and let us know their information.

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**U.S. COAST GUARD:** EM2 Dylan Lirette, EM4 Kobe Naquin

## Blood Drive

Save the date for our next Blood Drive on **Sunday, July 14, 2024, from 8 AM until 2 PM.** Knights of Columbus Council #2807 will be grilling their signature sausage poboyos. Free to all donors. Extra poboyos will be available for purchase.

# DONATE BLOOD


Our Blood drives in 2023 were successful!



HELP US  
MEET OUR  
2024 GOAL!

Date	Pints Donated
January 2023	81 pints
April 2023	67 pints
July 2023	39 pints
Oct. 2023	74 pints
2023 TOTAL	261 pints

Date	Pints Donated
January 2024	67 pints
April 2024	55 pints
July 2024	__ pints
Oct. 2024	__ pints
2024 GOAL	275 pints



CURRENT  
TOTAL=  
122 PINTS!

Please consider donating on July 14 & Oct. 27

## Thank You

The Alford and Corrick families would like to thank all the organizations and individuals who helped make Marcella Corrick's funeral and reception so special. I know she was looking down from heaven smiling. Thank you for the prayers, food, kind words, and donations to St. Vincent de Paul in Marcella's name.

## FORMATION

### Interested or know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

Inquiry begins in August. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings August through November in the St. Clare Room at 6:30 PM. The classes will transition to OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) sessions in December. Candidates will be received into the Church at Easter. For more information, contact the Faith Formation Office 261-4644.

### PSR Registration Open

Public and private school student's K – 11<sup>th</sup> grade are required to register for Faith Formation Parish School of Religion (P.S.R.) classes each year. If your child is in 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade, they will need to also register for Confirmation sessions. Registration for these programs for the 2024-2025 year began on June 1, 2024. Online registration will be available on our website, or forms available in the back of the church and in the Faith Formation Office.

### Confirmation

Don't forget our Year 2 Confirmation Candidates help the homeless by collecting the items from the list below as well as gently used backpacks. As you travel this summer please begin to collect these items: Combs, Band aids, Shampoo Trial Size, Soap, Chap Stick, Lotion Trial Size, Wipes Trial Size, Rain ponchos, T-Shirts, Socks, used Duffle Bags, used back packs, and Bug Spray. Items may be brought to the Faith Formation Office.

Thanks for your generosity.

### Catechist, Catechist Aide and Mentors

The Faith Formation Office is looking for volunteers willing to share their faith and time with the youth of our parish. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644. Classes and dates of classes are listed on the registration form (in back of church, Faith Formation Office or church website.)

### Year 2 Confirmation Candidates

This year you will need your sponsors at every meeting. Sponsors must be Confirmed and in good standing with the Church. Forms can be found on the parish website [www.alphonus.org](http://www.alphonus.org). If you are missing a class and need a make-up contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644.

### The King's Men

The King's Men also host "Welcome," an incredible retreat experience that helps you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it on August 24-25, 2024. "Welcome" is by Dynamic Catholic. How to register: [www.alphonus.org](http://www.alphonus.org). Call the St. Alphonus Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644 for more information.

## Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School students and volunteers had a wonderful week full of ocean-themed fun while "diving into friendship with God" on June 17-21, 2024. *Photos by church staff and volunteers.*



## ADMINISTRATION

### Gifts of Stewardship

For June 22-23, 2024, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

#### Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$	12,152.00
Unidentified	\$	1,538.00
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#### Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$	481.00
Parish Soft	\$	562.00

#### New Parish Activity Center Fund

Envelopes	\$	185.00
Parish Soft	\$	784.62

#### Children

	\$	20.00
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#### Necessary Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Must be a skilled organist and pianist, able to play both instruments interchangeably.
- Must be knowledgeable of the Catholic liturgy.
- Must be able to get along well with and lead people to achieve desired goals.
- Must be attentive to details and accuracy.
- Must demonstrate initiative and be self-motivating.
- Must be flexible in meeting the needs of the job and able to follow direction.

#### Major Responsibilities/Duties:

- Works with the Choir Director in coordinating and planning all liturgies.
- The principal parish organist will play for all parish liturgies, including weekend Masses (Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM), Holy Days of Obligation, Christmas and Easter Masses, prayer services and Way of the Cross services during Lent.
- Attends and accompanies the Weekly Chancel Choir Rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM during Choir Season (usually the Wednesday after Labor Day until Pentecost Sunday)
- Responsible for securing a replacement organist for weekend liturgies when the principal organist is unable to play.
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