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The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls." — James 1:21b



STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE REPORT REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024

The role of the Finance Council is to advise the pastor on matters relating to the financial management of the parish. We review and approve the annual church budget and review monthly revenue and expenses. Each year your Finance Council is charged with the responsibility to report the financial condition of the parish to our parishioners. Listed below are the budget and the actual receipts and disbursements of the parish during the last fiscal year.

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
RECEIPTS		
Church Support Collections	1,320,000	1,324,843
Building Fund/Maintenance Program	510,000	607,232
Other Income	53,200	58,958
Extraordinary Receipts	33,350	34,955
Total Receipts	1,916,550	2,025,988
DISBURSEMENTS		
Parish Share Tax to Diocese	285,550	285,552
Administrative Expenses	879,200	825,834
Pastoral Services	218,690	185,303
Plant Operations/Maintenance	300,150	210,886
Capital Expenditures	112,700	98,828
Total Disbursements	1,796,290	1,606,403
Receipts in Excess of Disbursements	120,260	419,585

Construction of the Parish Activity Center was completed in this fiscal year. Funds collected from the Building Fund, the Auction and Festival, and the Generation to Generation Campaign were used to make payments on the loan. Your continuing donations to our Building Fund will be used for ongoing maintenance needs as well as the new Parish Activity Center.

Continue to page 2 for the breakdown of our July 2024 - June 2025 Budget.

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FINANCE REPORT

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Listed below is the budget for the parish for July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. As always we have budgeted conservatively.

RECEIPTS

Church Support Collections	1,320,000
Building Fund/Maintenance Program	497,500
Other Income	84,525
Total Receipts	1,902,025

DISBURSEMENTS

Parish Share Tax to Diocese	307,475
Administrative Expenses	892,950
Pastoral Services	207,450
Plant Operations/Maintenance	301,650
Capital Expenditures	<u>68,400</u>
Total Disbursements	1,777,925

Receipts in Excess of Disbursements 124,100

Your Finance Council thanks you for your continued support. The wonderful plant facilities, personnel, and pastoral services we have at our parish would not be possible without your generosity.

If you have any questions, please contact our Finance Manager, Melissa LeSage, at the Church Office.

Serving on your Finance Council are:

Chris Casselberry Fr. Jason Palermo
Tommy Chiasson Darryl Serio, Chairman

Ray Heil JoAnn Stein
Les Hunt Monica Zumo

Melissa LeSage

WORDS OF WISDOM

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

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Saturday	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass		
Sunday		The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
		& 12 PM Masses		
	4:00 PM	Middle School Youth Night-		
	6.20 DM	Lighthouse		
	6:30 PM	High School Youth Night- Lighthouse		
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Monday	Labor Day	Offices Closed		
	8:30 AM	Daily Mass		
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass & Novena		
-	6:30 PM	Grief Support - S.C.		
	6:30 PM	Men's Scripture - C.R.		
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Communion Service		
,	12:00 PM	Hospitality Committee - S.F.		
	1:00 PM	PrimeTimers Committee- S.C		
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir - C.R.		
	6:00 PM	Divine Mercy - Church		
	6:00 PM	King's Men - K.C. Hall		
	6:30 PM	Cub Scout Committee -		
		Blessed Seelos		
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir - C.R.		
Thursday	8:30 AM	Mass & Respect Life Rosary		
•	6:00 PM	O.C.I.A. Inquiry- S.C.		
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Parent Meeting - PAC E.H.		
	7:00 PM	Community Drug Forum - PAC E.H.		
Friday	8:30 AM	School Mass		
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Saturday	8:30 AM 4:00 PM	Family Adoration - Church Vigil Mass		
	4:00 FM	Grandparents Blessing		
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Sunday		day in Ordinary Time		
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	Grandparents	•		
	10:30 AM	uts after 8 & 10 AM Masses - S.F.		
		Learning Group & OCIC- SAS Classrooms		
	10:30 AM	Adaptive PSR - St. Matthew		
	4:00 PM	Middle School Youth Night-		
	6:30 PM	Lighthouse High School Youth Night-		
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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, 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

WORSHIP

Family Adoration

"The Eucharist bathes the tormented soul in light and love. Then the soul appreciates these words, 'Come all you who are sick, I will restore your health.'" - St. Bernadette Soubirous

The next date for Family Adoration is **Saturday**, **September 7**, **2024**, at 8:30 AM in the Church. Coffee and donuts to follow.

Readings for the Week - Sept. 1-Sept. 8

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Lk 4:16-30 **Tuesday**: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14;

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44 **Thursday**: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11 **Friday**: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39 **Saturday**: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5 **Sunday**: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Baptisms - August 2024

James Weber Celestin - Child of Kyle & Ashley Celestin.

Flowers in the church on Aug. 31-Sept. 1 are in memory of Buddy Doming by Peggy Doming

OUTREACH

Pray for the Sick

Please note: Names are removed after eight weeks.

Glenn Tate, Leslie Smith, Thomas Laborie, Feltus Templet, J.E. Smith, Jeanette Felps, Al Felps, Amanda Puissegur, Kevin Nicosia, David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Glenda Bringol, Jill Bueche, Jan Bankston, Harrison Simpson, Cathey Chustz, John Nicosia, Homer Brown, Vance & Olivia Thomas, Matthew Chambers, Ryan Babin, Andy Juneau, Wallace Aymond, Jackson Holley, Jan Cobb, Rita Neck, Pat Matthews, Sharon Leod, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Monica Kelly, Devin Mounce, Chris Bringol, Daniel Guerin, 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, Jerry Davidson, Roxie Lippert, Lucky Ross, Melise Efferson, Angelo Silvio, Christopher Silvio, Mike Nicosia, Bo and Vicki Jameison, Cheryl Couvillion Howard, Buster Couvillion, Mike Richard

St. Vincent de Paul

Our wonderful volunteer team gives out food at the St. Alphonsus St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry every Wednesday morning. Our volunteers take care of meeting with those in need to make sure they qualify, providing utilities assistance to those in need, stocking the food pantry when deliveries comes in, and distributing food to families. Thank you to our volunteers for all their hard work and to everyone who donates food or financial contributions toward our SVDP Food Pantry. It's through your continued support that we are able to offer food and utilities assistance to our community. *Photos submitted by John Culmone*.













Fentanyl Kills

PUBLIC DRUG FORUM AT ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER EMMANUEL HALL THURS, SEPT 5 | 7 PM



Rest in Peace

Andrew John Cormier - *Child of Billy and Alison Cormier.* **Mary Gillespie -** *Sister of Kathleen Jenny.*

Serving Our Country

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. MARINE CORPS: Major Blaine Ballard, Tyler Datz, Eric Vlahos, Lance Corp. Mahala Hausse, Lance Corporal Kristian Morris

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

FORMATION

Confirmation Year 1

Year 1 Confirmation Candidates should have received a packet with information about the upcoming Mandatory over Night Retreat on September 28-29, 2024. If you have not received this packet, please contact the Faith Formation Office. Candidates will meet at 8:00 AM in the St. Alphonsus Multi-purpose building behind the Family Center they will depart and travel via bus to the Feliciana Retreat Center in Norwood, LA.

Men's Scripture

Men's Scripture Study meets every Tuesday evening in the Choir room from 6–8 PM.

Confirmation Registration

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is open now for 10th and 11th Grade students. Forms may be found on the parish website www.alphonsus.org or in the back of church, the parish office or Faith Formation Office.

Year 2 Candidates remember Sponsors are required to attend all meetings in your second year. Sponsor Forms and other Confirmation forms can be found on the parish website www. alphonsus.org. If you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

Learning Group

Learning Group begins Sunday, September 8 at 10:15 AM and will last until 11:45 AM. Parents drop off children at the bus port of S.A.S. Students and parents will attend 12 PM Mass together.

Family Catechesis

Family Catechesis begins Wed., October 2, 2024 for $K-6^{th}$ grade students, and Wed., October 16, 2024 for 7^{th} -11th grade students.

Mandatory Parent Meetings

Confirmation Year 1 - 10th Grade & Year 2 - 11th Grade (Parents Only)

Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 6:30 PM in Emmanuel Hall

Family Catechesis K-11th Parent Meeting

Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 6:30 PM in Emmanuel Hall

Unexpected benefits of Bible Study groups

- 1. Bible Study groups follow Jesus' example. This is called the Discipleship model. Acts 2/42 tells us that first generation believers met in home and "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship."
- 2. Accountability, we all have good intentions to stick with Bible study plans at home, yet distractions provide one reason after another to postpone or stop. Group members help to encourage and motivate each other.
- 3. Sometimes life is difficult. We can begin to think no one cares or understands what we are going through. Group members are there to listen and offer friendship and prayer.
- 4. By growing in understanding and knowledge of God, we can grow in love for one another and serve the body of Christ which will grow community.
- 5. A Bible Study group can be a place to transform our families, workplace and community.

Bible Studies begin in September. Consider signing up for one. Studies, times and locations can be found on the Church website.

Coffee Break

CoffeeBreak invites all women of the parish to join us on Friday, September 13 in the St. Francis Rm. Our social time begins around 9-9:15



AM, and our meeting begins at 9:30 AM. Our study this season is Galatians: Free in Christ. The study is paramount in every meeting, and we have no homework. \$30 dues. Registration Fee made payable to St. Alphonsus Church. Any questions, please contact Jackie (text 225-252-8073 or email avon1.jackie@gmail.com).

Corpus Christi Prayer

The Corpus Christi Prayer Group meets the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Saturday of each month from 9:30-11:30 AM in the St. Luke Room in the Parish Activitity Center. 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. If you are interested, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644.

Theology on Tap: Discerning God's Will in our Lives

Sunday, September 22, 2024, from 6-7:30 PM St. Alphonsus Parish Activity Center

Facilitated by: Steve Whitlow, a member of St. Alphonsus. Steve is a husband, father, and attorney who serves in many ministries in our parish including the Adult Formation Committee. Steve will help us discern where and how God is leading us to be the person we are meant to be. RSVP for dinner/drinks and the nursery by Sept. 19 on Flocknote.



COMMUNITY LIFE

Ladies Altar Society

Our September luncheon/meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 10, 2024**, in the St. Francis Room at 11 AM. The cost of the meal will be \$10. It's our first meeting of the new year. You can pay for your annual dues at



the door or put your envelope in the collection or bring it into the Church Office. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us. If you have any questions, contact Dianne at 225-921-8356 or Cherryl at 225-235-0198.

New Members

Gavyn & Hannah Andre
Jade, Kelby, Leni & Scottie Blalock
Michael, Katie, Lennox & Mazie Canella
Virginia Chambliss
Holly, William & Hayes Ellzey
Glen, Staci, Amanda, Jacob & Olivia Gulino
Garret, Renee, Crews, Emmett & Ethan Payne
Adam, Alyssa & Maren Taylor
Jonathan, Christina & Wyatt Uhle
Susan Webb
Robert & Jane Williams

ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

For **August 17-18, 2024**, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

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2,429.50
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811.00
497.00
576.00
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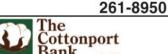
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