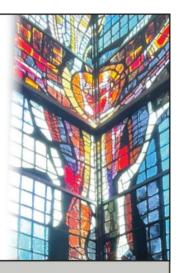


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# The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many." — Isaiah 53:11b



# Remembering Our Children Candlelight Service Sunday, December 8, 2024, at 6 PM in the church

2020 was a crazy year! Our journey with Blayne started that November. He played football at CHS, his joy in life, and began experiencing leg pain that we attributed to a pull or overwork. Unfortunately, it wasn't. Following numerous appointments and scans, Blayne was diagnosed with malignant cancer in his left hip area. Chemotherapy started and began what would be a 3-year journey of ups, downs, laughter, tears, and everything in between. Blayne, or Jackson as he was known at Central, had his left leg amputated in 2021. For a child whose life revolved around football, this was a hard pill to swallow. Thankfully we were blessed with the most amazing support system, including the greatest prayer warriors! After diagnosis, Blayne had 2 goals he wanted to accomplish: play football again and graduate. He was so determined! Two other cancer reoccurrences and surgeries; one lung and one chest, and he was back to therapy and learning to walk and run with his prothesis. Erik Strahan was one of the most important people in his life and helped Blayne become the best "new" version of himself. After the initial shock of all that had come his way, Blayne had the most incredible sense of humor about life. He was always a funny kid, but the changes he incurred made him appreciate life differently and laugh off the little things! It also did not stop him from doing everything in his power to get back on that football field. His senior year, he accomplished that goal. He played in 2 games! His hard work had paid off and was evident to everyone watching. He was such an inspiration to so many for fighting so hard! We had strangers telling us how he inspired them. He was completely humbled by his inspiration to others and also by the number of people who prayed for him. May of 2023, HE GRADUATED! Such an incredible day. As a parent who hears the word cancer, you take each day and make the absolute most out of it, so seeing him in that white gown was the cherry on top! His smile lit up the world that day.

In June of 2023, we noticed some changes in him. His silliness was sillier, and he was forgetting simple things. A trip to the ER confirmed the worst and brought us a devastating blow. "I am so sorry, but he has 2 brain tumors, and there is nothing more we can do." These words will forever resonate in our brain. Blayne never gave up. He fought the good fight until the end. He passed away 4 days after that ER visit. He battled for 3 years and his body finally had enough. His infectious smile and his loving heart will be missed forever. We will never pass up the opportunity to tell people how amazing he was. The Lord granted us 3 years to have such a beautiful connection with him, and we are forever grateful for that. Our faith is what did and does continually get us through. We are also grateful for our village. Without them, we could not have survived the last 4 years. He will always be our champion, our hero, and our warrior!

We invite all parents who have lost a child to join us at the Remembering Our Children Service on Sunday, December 8 at 6 PM. Last year, this event gave us a space to honor Blayne's memory and connect with others who truly understood the depth of our grief. It was a place where we could share his story, feel supported, and find some healing amidst the pain. If you've experienced the loss of a child, we encourage you to come. Being surrounded by other parents who have walked a similar path can bring comfort in ways you might not even know were possible!

"A child's soul never dies; it lives on in the hearts left behind."

Jackson Blayne Griffin (May 25, 2004-June 24, 2023)

Forever our #87 Story by Robin Griffin



STAFF DIRECTORY		PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR:		
CLERGY Pastor Rev. Jason Palermo		OCTOBER 19-27, 2024		
Permanent Deacon	jpalermo@diobr.org Robert Kusch	Saturday	8:00 AM	King's Men LSU Tailgate - Back Parking Lot
Permanent Deacon	rkusch@diobr.org Ronnie Hebert		3:30 PM <b>4:00 PM</b>	Community Outreach Flu Shots <b>Vigil Mass</b>
	rhebert@diobr.org	Sunday	ay The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses	
CHURCH STAFF Director of Administration	Lisa Lively llively@alphonsus.org		7:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Community Outreach Flu Shots Children's Liturgy - S.F. Learning Group & OCIC
Finance Manager	Melissa LeSage melissa@alphonsus.org		10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Adaptive PSR - PAC St. Matt. Confirmation - Church, PAC
Administrative Assistant	Krystal Armand krystal@alphonsus.org		4:30 PM 6:00 PM	Middle School Youth Night High School Youth Night
Communication Specialist	Sara Puissegur sara@alphonsus.org	Monday	6:00 PM <b>8:30 AM</b>	Theology on Tap - PAC E.H.  Mass
Director of Faith Formation	Olga Johnson ojohnson@alphonsus.org	·	9:00 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Genesis to James Study - S.F.C Scouts Troop - PAC E.H. Cub Scouts Den - PAC St. Rms.
Assistant Dir. of Faith Formation	cnovo@alphonsus.org	Tuesday	8:30 AM	Mass & Novena
Faith Formation Secretary	Cindi Schlatre cindi@alphonsus.org		9:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Epic Bible Study - S.C. Women of Faith - St. Matthew Grief Support - S.C.
Youth Minister	Blaine Baker bbaker@alphonsus.org		6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Men's Scripture - C.R. 1st Eucharist Parents - PAC
Receptionist  Community Outreach	Margaret Garza mgarza@alphonsus.org Donna Lambert	Wednesday	<b>8:30 AM</b> 9:00 AM	Communion Service ACTS Study - S.F. C
Facilities Manager	donna@alphonsus.org  Dale Hodges		9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Revelation Study - S.G. Peter Bible Study - S.C.
Maintenance	dhodges@stalphonsusbr.org  Mark Mitchell		11:00 AM 5:30 PM	Bible & Sacraments Study - S.G. Bell Choir - C.R.
Custodian	maintenance@alphonsus.org Michelle Morgan		6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Fulfilled Young Adults - St. Mark Romans Bible Study - S.G.
			6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Mary Bible Study - S.C. King's Men TMIY - K.C. Hall Chancel Choir - C.R.
ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH OFFICE  14040 Greenwell Springs Rd, Greenwell Springs, LA 70739  Office Phone — 225–261–4650 Fax — 225–261–5650  Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM		Thursday	<b>8:30 AM</b> 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	School Mass & Rosary Psalms Bible Study - S.C. Matthew Bible Study - S.G.
Faith Formation Office Phone — 225-261-4644 Faith Formation Office Hours: Tues Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM			6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Confirmation Yr. 1 Mentors - Conf. Rm. OCIA Catechesis - S.F.
Church Website: www.alphonsus.org Church Facebook: St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church Church Twitter & Instagram: @StAlphonsus_BR		Friday	6:30 PM	What We Believe Study- S.G. No Mass SAS Hornet Run SAS 1 PM Dismissal
ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL		Saturday	9:30 AM 4:00 PM	Corpus Christi Prayer - Vigil Mass
Principal Kristy Monsour kmonsour@stalphonsusbr.org		Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale - G.S.		
Assistant Principal	Kristin Tate ktate@stalphonsusbr.org	Sunday	8 AM, 10 AM &	ay in Ordinary Time & 12 PM Masses Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale - G.S.
13940 Greenwell Springs Rd, Greenwell Springs, LA 70739 School Office— 225-261-5299 Cafeteria— 225-261-4157 School Website: www.stalphonsusbr.org			<b>8 AM - 2 PM</b> 4:30 PM 6:00 PM	Blood Drive - S.F.  Middle School Youth Night High School Youth Night

# **WORSHIP**

# Readings for the Week - Oct. 20-27

**Sunday**: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16;

Mk 10:35-45 or Mk 10:42-45

**Monday**: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk 12:13-21 **Tuesday**: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 12:35-38 **Wednesday**: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48 **Thursday**: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

**Friday**: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59 **Saturday**: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 13:1-9 **Sunday**: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6;

Mk 10:46-52

#### Flowers for the Church

Want to place flowers in the church in memory/honor of a loved one? Contact Margaret at 225-261-4650 to schedule a weekend.

#### **Featured Saints of the Week**

# St. Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621) Feast Day: September 17

From an early age Robert showed signs of extraordinary intelligence; he memorized some of the poems of Virgil, and he composed a number of poems and hymns in both Italian



and Latin. One of the hymns he wrote about Mary Magdalene is even included in the Liturgy of the Hours (Breviary).

In 1516 at the age of 18, he entered the Jesuit novitiate in Rome. He stayed in Rome for 3 years, but then moved to Piedmont, where he learned Greek. His next move was to study theology at the University of Leuven. This marked the completion of his formal studies.

Bellarmine was so well-respected and liked that he progressed from parish priest to cardinal within 22 years. Pope Clement VIII named Bellarmine a cardinal because "the Church of God had not his equal for learning." Being a skilled apologist, he defended the Holy See on a number of challenging issues of the day. He was a staunch supporter of the Counter Reformation, and played a crucial role in several controversial cases, most notably the Galileo case. Galileo hypothesized and argued that the sun revolved around the earth.

Bellarmine ultimately retired to the Jesuit College, St. Andrew in Rome. He died there in 1621 at the age of 78.

He left a rich legacy in his writings. Some of the topics include: Apologetics, support of and explaining the work of the Council of Trent, defense of the Holy See, works of devotion and instruction, and controversies he'd faced.

St. Bellarmine was canonized in 1930 by Pope Pius XI; one year later, he was named a Doctor of the Church.

"It is not difficult for one seal to make many impressions exactly alike, but to vary shapes almost infinitely which God has done in creation, this is in truth a divine work." -St. Robert Bellarmine

# **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

#### **Altar Server Training**

Students in the third grade and up are invited to become Altar Servers at Mass. Training sessions will be held on Monday, October 21 from 6-8 PM and on Saturday, October 26 at 5:30 PM. Please pick up a registration form or print the form off our website.

#### **Mass Intentions Book**

Our Mass Intention book for January-June 2025 opens on Friday, November 1, 2024. Parishioners may come by the Church Office on weekdays to schedule Mass Intentions for a \$5 donation per intention. You can schedule up to **3 weekday & 3 weekend Masses** at a time.

#### **Pray for Our Nation - Patriotic Rosary**

# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4 6 PM IN THE CHURCH

Please join us in praying a special patriotic rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and patriotic music for the United States. We will pray for our nation, government entities, officials, and every state in the United States!



# **OUTREACH**

# **Pray for the Sick**

Please note: Names are removed after eight weeks.

Lucky Ross, Melise Efferson, Angelo Silvio, Christopher Silvio, Mike Nicosia, Bo & Vicki Jameison, Cheryl Couvillion Howard, Buster Couvillion, Mike Richard, A.J. Aymond, Mona Miller, Adrian Coleman, Nettie Scardina, Jennifer McMillan, Jason Lasseigne, Feltus Templet, Josephine "Phine" Bravata, Ronnie Freeman, Jeanette Felps, Al Felps, Kevin Nicosia, David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Glenda Bringol, Jan Bankston, Harrison Simpson, Cathey Chustz, John Nicosia, Homer Brown, Gray Derrick, Krista Brown, Vance & Olivia Thomas, Matthew Chambers, Ryan Babin, Andy Juneau, Tim Novo, Lorraine & Royce Jarrell, Bradley & Sarah Hatcher, Marcel Paul, Ashton Griggs, Kathi Humphrey, Lori LeSage Gautreaux, 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, John Desselle, D.E. Brouillette, Jan Cobb, Mark Hebert

# **Community Outreach Flu Shots**

Walgreens will be at St. Alphonsus Church providing flu shots to anyone 3 years old and up on October 19-20 before and after all Masses. Please bring your insurance card.



#### **Veterans Day Slideshow**

If you served in the United States Armed Forces, we invite you to send in a photo of yourself including your name, date photo was taken, and location photo was taken. St. Alphonsus wants to honor your service by including your photo in the slideshow that will be shown during the reception following our Veterans Mass on Sunday, November 10, 2024. Please email photos to donna@alphonsus.org.

#### **Rest in Peace**

**Elizabeth D. Politz -** *Mother of Thomas (Rosanna) Politz. Grandmother of Mary Politz.* 

Maurice "Whit" Whitcomb - Father of Patti (Ivan) Duke.

Diane LaPorte - Sister-in-law of Shirley LaPorte.

**Audrey Gipson** 

# Blood Drive, Gumbo & Bake Sale

Join us for a Blood Drive on Sunday, October 27 from 8 AM-2 PM. The Knights of Columbus #2807 will provide chicken and sausage gumbo for all donors. Extra meals will be available for purchase. The Ladies Auxiliary will also be having a bake sale on October 26-27 after all Masses.

Date	<b>Pints Donated</b>			
January 2024	67 pints			
April 2024	55 pints			
July 2024	67 pints			
Oct. 2024	pints			
2024 GOAL	275 pints			



# **COMMUNITY LIFE**

#### **New Members**

Lucas Bankston Jordan & Jayce Free Robert Fresina Jacob & Colleen Garretson Katherine Langlois Adam Porche Mitch & Celeste Small Richard & Jane St. Pierre Richard "Joey" St. Pierre, Jr. Micah & Abram Wilson

#### Men's Club Fundraiser for IRIS

Our Men's Club is participating in a Goods Drive for the IRIS Domestic Violence Center in Baton Rouge. October was chosen as it is domestic violence awareness month. We are requesting that parishioners drop off donated items in the Gather Space on **October 19-20, 2024**. The St Alphonsus Men's Club will concentrate our efforts on collecting items from the following list: Lysol Disinfectant Spray | Brooms | Mops | Lysol Laundry Sanitizer | Clorox Bleach | Clorox Fabric Sanitizing Spray | Laundry Detergent Pods | Laundry Dryer Sheets | Laundry Fabric Softener | Bathroom Cleaners | PineSol | Gloves | Dishwashing Liquid | Disposable Bowls (foam) | Disposable Plates (foam) | Disposable Cups (8oz or 10oz) | Disposable Cutlery | Toilet Paper | Paper Towels | Napkins | Aluminum Disposable Pans w/Lids | Trash Bags (various sizes) | Ziploc Bags | Aluminum Foil | Plastic Wrap | Tupperware containers | Soap | Body Wash | Deodorant | Toothpaste (adult and kids) | Shampoo/Conditioner | Ethnic Hair Care Supplies



# **FORMATION**



#### **Learning Group**

Our next Learning Group session is on Sunday, October 20. Children should be dropped off in carpool. If your child is in 10th Grade, they will attend Confirmation session.

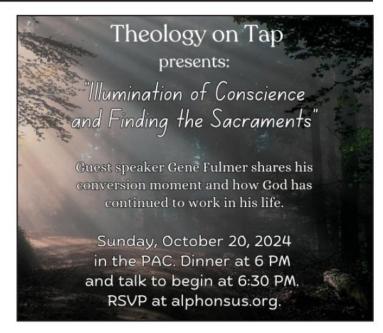
#### **Confirmation Year 1**

Year 1 session 1 will be on Sunday, October 20, 2024 from 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM in the St. Francis Room. We will begin our session with Mass. Lunch will be provided.

#### **KIM Needs Donations**

We are asking you to begin saving the plastic gallon containers for our upcoming event. Please rinse the container and leave it in the St. Francis Kitchen. We are asking that these donations be turned in by December 6.

If you would like to see what we are making, please come visit our Kids in Ministry Christmas event on Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 9 AM to 12 PM in the PAC.



# Kids in Ministry Fall Festival

On Sunday, October 13, 2024, Kids in Ministry held a Fall Festival at the Parish Activity Center. The event included trunk-or-treat, a gumbo cook-off, cupcake bingo, games and candy for the kids. The children were also able to wear their Halloween costumes to celebrate spooky season. *Photos by Sarah Vann*.



















# **ADMINISTRATION**

#### Gifts of Stewardship

For October 5-6, 2024, your Stewardship resulted in:

### Weekly Collection

<b>Total Received</b>	\$ 49,604.50
Propagation of Faith	\$ 55.00
All Saints	\$ 140.00
All Souls	\$ 160.00
Children	\$ 35.00
Parish Soft	\$ 1,144.00
New Parish Activity Center Envelopes	\$ 2,791.00
Bank Draft	\$ 1,605.00
Parish Soft	\$ 1,456.00
<b>Building/Maintenance Fund</b> Envelopes	\$ 7,280.00
Bank Draft	\$ 2,384.00
Parish Soft	\$ 11,920.50
Unidentified	\$ 1,865.00
Envelopes	\$ 18,769.00
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# **SCHOOL**

#### **Open House**

We invite families interested in learning about St. Alphonsus Catholic School to attend our annual Open House to be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024. Tours of the campus will be hosted between 9 AM-Noon. Please sign up online to reserve your time to visit with us. If you have questions regarding admissions, please email Kristy Monsour at kmonsour@stalphonsusbr.org.











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