Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
From Starks Contracting Company, Inc

The bulk of the demolition work has been completed with the exception of some select demolition that has to occur when we go to make our tie-in's to the existing breezeway and church. We received the concrete reinforcing steel package a few weeks ago and are currently excavating and pouring concrete foundations. The structural foundations at the Breezeway have been placed and we are currently excavating and placing structural footings for the new Front Covered Entry. We anticipate having all the structural footing in place within the next week or so and will move into forming and pouring the new vestibule slab-on-grade and column piers. The structural steel package is arriving any day now and we anticipate starting to fly steel and begin to lay exterior masonry block walls within the next 2-3 weeks. Shortly thereafter, we will start looking at forming and pouring the elevated cast-in-place entry roof structure.



For the month of November, we offer one Mass daily throughout the month in memory of all our deceased loved ones. Envelopes are available either in your monthly contribution package or at the exits of the Church. Please include the names of your loved ones along with your contribution and return it as soon as possible. These envelopes will remain on the Altar for the duration of the month of November.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptismal date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Godparents who are not registered /active members of St. Alphonsus must present a letter from their pastor giving them permission to be a godparent. A godparent must be a Catholic in good standing with the church, receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4th Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, November 6th at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, November 7th at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass) with Devotion, Consecration, Rosary and Benediction. Confession will be available.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY NOVEMBER 2
Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40
6:30 a.m. Ms. Judy Catchot
8:15 a.m. All Souls

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24
6:30 a.m. All Souls
8:15 a.m. Int. Fr. Steve Geerling

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4
Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33
6:30 a.m. All Souls
8:15 a.m. Int. Mr. Robbie van Thiel

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5
Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10
6:30 a.m. Int. Mr. Tim Fink
8:15 a.m. All Souls

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6
Philippians 3:17-4:-1; Luke 16:1-8
6:30 a.m. All Souls
8:15 a.m. Mr. Stephen Herring

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7
Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15
8:15 a.m. The Jordan Family
The Pitalo Family
All Souls

4:00 p.m. Congregation

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8
Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
7:30 a.m. Mr. Arthur Gianelloni
9:00 a.m. Int. Mark & Ashley Mclean Family
11:30 a.m. Mr. Connor Float
5:30 p.m. All Souls



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Beckett Bassenger, Betty Bodin, Michael Bosarge, Bryleigh Brochard, Roland Broussard, Roxie Buckles, Arlene Burns, Mildred "Tootsie" Caillavet, Benny Cantin, Marshall Car, Jennifer Catchot, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Michelle Dyess, Rose Mary Eagan, Dawn Fountain, Nija Fountain, Barbara Fournier, Gordon Gaethe, Caroline Gautier, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Margie Gammon, Sändra Grantham, Richard Harrison, Trent Hartzog, James Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Olivia Hood, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Jeff Janus, Ashley Jensen, Fr. Jey Jordan, Lora Jordan, Otis Kaufman, Myra Kittle, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daisie Laborde, Carol Latham, Nelda Latour, Judy Lesso, Mary Lewis, Gordon Mathieu, Shellie McDaniel, Mrs. McKinney, Steve Merkel, Thelma Miller, Iva Misko, Edward Necaise, Donna and Edward Necaise Jr., Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Cody Parker, Scott Parker, Kathy Pasquini, Janice Pepper, The Petitjean Family, Jean Petricca, Judy Picciano, MaraLou Guice Richards, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Julia Sarpy, Jimmy Senac, Courtney Severino, Glenn Sigurnjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Sarah Galle Traylor, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr. Terrie Young and all our Homebound Parishioners.



The Flowers on the Altar are in
Memory of Sr. Nell Murray, MSC
A former Principal of St. Alphonsus School
who passed away October 24th at the age of 95.



November is the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

In the Catholic Church, the month of November is dedicated to remembering and praying for the souls of the deceased, especially those who may be in purgatory. All Saints' Day on November 1st honors all saints, known and unknown. All Souls' Day on November 2nd is a day to pray for all of the faithful departed. This month is a time for reflection on life, death, and hope for eternal life. An excellent way to pray for these holy souls is to offer your time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. These souls need our prayers.

Ways to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory:
-Think of a quick task you do every day and pray for the souls in purgatory while doing it. For example, say an Our Father and a Hail Mary while making coffee or emptying the dishwasher.
-Go to a cemetery this month and pray for the dead to gain a plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory.
-Change your phone screen to the prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory by St. Gertrude the Great: "*Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."*
-Stop in the chapel once a week to pray a rosary for the Holy Souls in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Praying for the dead is referenced in 2 Maccabees 12:46, "Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin."

"Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." St. John Chrysostom

If you currently have a designated Adoration hour on the We Adore Him website and have not been going for three months or more, your name will be removed from the schedule. If you need to try a new hour, please visit stalphonsus.weadorehim.com to view the schedule and choose a new hour.



Classes for Sunday Morning Adult Study are held after the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact Sue Mihal at 601-573-0020 or Anne McClellan at 228-327-4040. All are invited to attend.
November 1: CCC…The Creed Part 3
November 8: No Class – Peter Anderson



The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus are raffling a Luxury Couples Getaway. Three prizes will be awarded:
* Beau Rivage spa day, dinner, and a room with a view
* Beau Rivage his-and-hers spa day
* The President Buffet dinner for four

The drawing will be held Sunday, November 8, 2026, during the Peter Anderson Festival. Tickets are $10 each or three for $20 and are available by contacting Chuck Nannery at 228-875-0267.



Serving at the altar is an honor and an important service to our parish. Youth who have received First Communion are eligible to serve. Hands on training for new and returning servers will be held in the Church from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. with specific training on certain parts of the Mass. Please call the office at 228-875-5419 to register for each specific training session.
Monday, November 9: Holy Communion and Purification of Vessels
2027 TBD: Benediction After Mass and Clearing of Vessels



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER
Mark your calendar and please join us on Monday, November 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

Medjugorje, Our Lady's Message on October 14, 2026 Given to Ivan:
"Dear children!
Today, as you are gathered in this cathedral, I wish to call you again: open your hearts to God!
Little children of mine, the world today is wounded. Many hearts have lost peace, many families have lost shared prayer, and many people live as if God does not exist.
Do not allow fear to be stronger than your faith, nor to let hatred be stronger than love, nor to let the darkness of this world extinguish the light that my Son Jesus wishes to give to you.
Dear children, peace does not begin in the great palaces of the world. Peace begins in your hearts, in your families, in your forgiveness, and in your prayer.
That is why I am calling you: return to prayer! Return to Holy Mass! Return to confession! Return to my Son Jesus, because without Him there is no true peace.
Little children, do not wait for tomorrow to change your lives. Do not wait for the world to become better. Begin today with yourselves.
Be the light where darkness reigns. Be a voice of peace where there is talk of war. Be the hands of love where people are suffering.
I am calling you to pray especially for your families, for the youth who are seeking the meaning of life, for priests, for the Church, and for peace throughout the world.
Have no fear of the future while you are walking with God. Do not lose hope when you see the crosses of life. My Son Jesus has conquered death, and in Him lies your hope.
Thank you for responding to the call to prayer and peace."

Wednesday Night Faith Formation
Next Class will be held on November 4th
Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by
the individual Group Classes at 6:30 p.m.

Edge for 6-8 Grades
Contact Roxanne at 228-235-8923
Life Teen for 9 & 10 Grades
Contact Christy at 228-219-6189
(Confirmation Class: November 11th at 6:30 p.m.)
Contact Kelley at 228-424-6234
OCIA
Contact Jammie at 228-806-2641
Adult Bible Study – Bible Timeline
Contact Beth at 228-324-4188
Adult Bible Study - Walk Through the Mass
Contact Lisa at 228-382-4996



St. Alphonsus Prayer Shawl ministry will meet on Saturday November 14th in the Columbus Club Hall from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.
Everyone is welcome to join and share their joy for knitting and crocheting or to learn a new skill. Please contact Karen Futch at 228-861-9407 if you are interested in joining.



PLEASE JOIN US: You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, November 14th at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection……...……...$8,723.50
Weekly Online Collection……..$4,866.00
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