This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time. Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

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BUILDING on FAITH GROWING to SERVE
St. Alphonsus Capital Campaign

Progress is being made on the front entrance of the church. The steel supports have arrived. The supports for the columns are poured and the slab is to be completed next week.



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

You are invited to join us on Monday, November 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

As a reminder of our duty to pray for the suffering faithful in Purgatory, the Church has dedicated the month of November to the Holy Souls.

Please come join us for the scriptural rosary, confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Every time we, the Church Militant, pray for the Holy Souls, we assist them on their pilgrimage to heaven. We recognize the compassion of the Almighty bestowed upon them through the prayers and the merits of Mary, the Mother of the Poor Souls, and the intercession of St. Joseph.

The Holy Souls are in desperate need of our prayers. We must pray with Our Blessed Mother with all our hearts to help the Holy Souls to see the face of God.



OUR LADY OF SORROWS: You are invited to join us for the 8:15 a.m. Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday of each month. (i.e. November 21st). The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of all souls.



An anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, November 21st at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members who may wish to receive this Sacrament.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16
Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43
6:30 a.m. All Souls
8:15 a.m. Int. Mr. Marco St. John

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17
Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10
6:30 a.m. Mr. Joe Prejean
8:15 a.m. All Souls

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18
Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28
6:30 a.m. All Souls
8:15 a.m. Marie and Irwin Obernuefemann

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19
Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44
6:30 a.m. Fr. Martin Gillespie
8:15 a.m. All Souls

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20
Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48
6:30 a.m. All Souls
8:15 a.m. Mr. Phillip Howard

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21
Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40
8:15 a.m. Int. Mr. Alden Karp
Int. Ms. Carol Wagner
All Souls

4:00 p.m. The Jurich Family

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22
Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Matt 25:31-46
7:30 a.m. All Souls
9:00 a.m. Mr. Bill Gryder
Mr. Neil Gryder
11:30 a.m. Congregation
5:30 p.m. Fr. Dennis Carver



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 all
Deceased St. Alphonsus Parishioners



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.

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.

Sunday Morning Adult Study

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 15: CCC…Conceived by the Spirit
November 22: CCC…Life and Mission of Christ

Altar Society

The Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, November 18th at 9:30 a.m. in the KC Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday Night Faith Formation
Next Class will be held on November 18th
Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by
the individual Group Classes at 6:30 p.m.

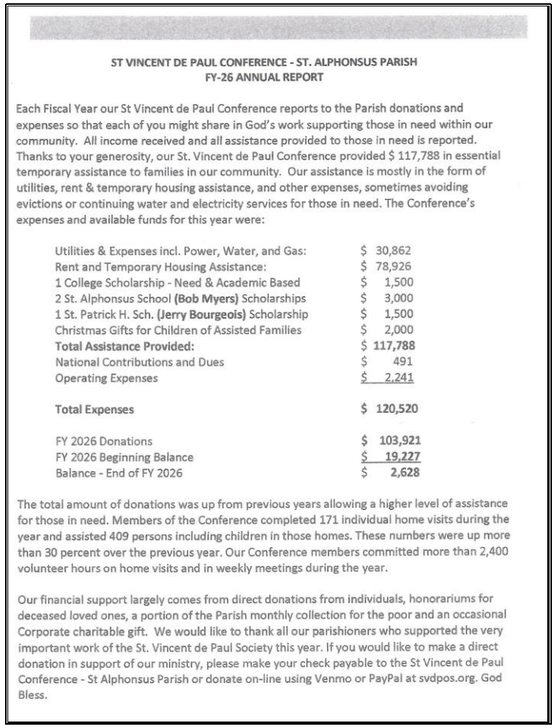
Edge for 6-8 Grades
Contact Roxanne at 228-235-8923
Life Teen for 9 & 10 Grades
Contact Christy at 228-219-6189
Confirmation Class: November 18th at 6:30 p.m.
Contact Kelley at 228-424-6234
OCIA
Contact Jammie at 228-806-2641
Adult Bible Study – Bible Timeline
Contact Beth at 228-324-4188
Adult Bible Study - Walk Through the Mass
Contact Lisa at 228-382-4996



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jerry Fremin, husband of Fran Fremin and brother of Donnie (Debbie) Fremin of this parish, who passed away on November 2nd.

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.





ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE - ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH
FY-26 ANNUAL REPORT

Each Fiscal Year our St Vincent de Paul Conference reports to the Parish donations and expenses so that each of you might share in God's work supporting those in need within our community. All income received and all assistance provided to those in need is reported. Thanks to your generosity, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference provided $ 117,788 in essential temporary assistance to families in our community. Our assistance is mostly in the form of utilities, rent & temporary housing assistance, and other expenses, sometimes avoiding evictions or continuing water and electricity services for those in need. The Conference's expenses and available funds for this year were:

Utilities & Expenses incl. Power, Water, and Gas:	$ 30,862
Rent and Temporary Housing Assistance:	$ 78,926
1 College Scholarship - Need & Academic Based	$ 1,500
2 St. Alphonsus School **(Bob Myers)** Scholarships	$ 3,000
1 St. Patrick H. Sch. **(Jerry Bourgeois)** Scholarship	$ 1,500
Christmas Gifts for Children of Assisted Families	$ 2,000
Total Assistance Provided:	$ 117,788
National Contributions and Dues	$ 491
Operating Expenses	$ 2,241
Total Expenses	$ 120,520
FY 2026 Donations	$ 103,921
FY 2026 Beginning Balance	$ 19,227
Balance - End of FY 2026	$ 2,628

The total amount of donations was up from previous years allowing a higher level of assistance for those in need. Members of the Conference completed 171 individual home visits during the year and assisted 409 persons including children in those homes. These numbers were up more than 30 percent over the previous year. Our Conference members committed more than 2,400 volunteer hours on home visits and in weekly meetings during the year.

Our financial support largely comes from direct donations from individuals, honorariums for deceased loved ones, a portion of the Parish monthly collection for the poor and an occasional Corporate charitable gift. We would like to thank all our parishioners who supported the very important work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society this year. If you would like to make a direct donation in support of our ministry, please make your check payable to the St Vincent de Paul Conference - St Alphonsus Parish or donate on-line using Venmo or PayPal at svdpos.org. God Bless.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection……...……...$13,056.00
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection……...$ 9,440.00

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support