

“Are you
envious
because
I am
generous?
Thus,
the first
will be
last and
the last
will be
first.”

Matthew
20:15-16



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As disciples of Jesus Christ, the Catholic community of St. Alphonsus is committed to knowing, loving, and serving God, and His creation.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 • TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. (<i>Spanish Mass</i>)
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Adoration	5:00 p.m.
1st Friday Mass & Adoration	8:30 a.m.
1st Saturday Rosary	8:30 a.m.

STAFF

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ORGANIZATIONS

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BAPTISMS

are celebrated once per month at a regular weekend Mass. Preparation classes are offered at 6:00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. RSVP with Sara no later than the Thursday prior.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION are celebrated every year in the spring. In order to participate, a child must be enrolled and active in our religious education program. Contact Sara Carey.

MARRIAGE

Our Diocese mandates a period of at least six months for marriage preparation. Please call the office to set an appointment to discuss preparation for this sacrament with Fr. Jim. Attendance at an Engaged Encounter weekend is required. Visit www.dioknox.org and click on marriage preparation for more information.

RECONCILIATION (PENANCE)

The regularly scheduled time for Reconciliation is from 4:15 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. every Saturday. Special Reconciliation services are held during Lent and Advent every year.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/COMMUNION

Call the office to inform us of anyone who is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or otherwise unable to attend regularly-scheduled Masses. Privacy laws prevent us from calling to get information about your condition when you are hospitalized.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents or guardians are primarily responsible for the catechesis of their children, which leads to participation at Mass. All children are required to follow the normal course of religious education classes. A special class for sacraments will be offered for those who have missed a number of years of religious education. Contact Pauline O’Keeffe.

COLUMBARIUM

Please email your questions regarding the columbarium to: columbarium@stalonline.org.

PRAYER BLANKETS

If you would like to pick up a blessed prayer blanket, call or stop by the office during office hours.

TRAVELING

When traveling, visit www.masstimes.org or call 410-676-6000 to find mass schedules/times.

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Please see inside for safety precautions set forth by the Bishop to attend Mass or enter the church & offices.

Saturday, September 19

Mass at 5pm

Sunday, September 20

Mass at 8:30am & 11am

Spanish Mass at 4pm (note new time!)

Tuesday, September 22

Mass at 8:30am

Wednesday, September 23 (raindate 9/29)

Evening with Fr. Sweeney, 4:00pm

Thursday, September 24

Mass at 8:30am

Friday, September 25

Mass at 8:30am

Saturday, September 26

Mass at 5pm

Sunday, September 27

Mass at 8:30am & 11am

No Spanish Mass

Won't you please consider St. Alphonsus in your will or estate planning? Thank you!

Mass Intentions

Sat., Sep. 19	5:00pm	Healing of Judy Howard
Sun., Sep. 20	8:30am	✠Vernon Smith
	11:00am	People of the Parish
	4:00pm	Priests and seminarians
Tues., Sep. 22	8:30am	Thanksgiving for healing of Mary June Matz
Wed., Sep. 23	5:30pm	No Adoration
Thurs., Sep. 24	8:30am	✠Mr. & Mrs. Yao Ka Pun
Fri., Sep. 25	8:30am	✠Clay Carey
Sat., Sep. 26	5:00pm	✠Judy Pluff
Sun., Sep. 27	8:30am	✠Deceased members of Sugden & Pluff families
	11:00am	Police and First Responders (Blue Mass)
	4:00pm	No Mass

The Diocese has established procedures for entering our building and offices.

BE SMART. STAY SAFE. BE RESPECTFUL.

To enter the church office, or to access any part of the building:

If the answer is "YES" to any of the following, **do not enter the facility!**

1. EXPOSURE

- ◆ Have you been told to quarantine/isolate by a health care provider or the health department?
- ◆ Have you had face-to-face contact for 10 or more minutes with someone who has COVID-19?

2. ILLNESS - Are you feeling ill and/or experiencing any of the following?

- ◆ Fever (prior to using a fever-reducing medicine), check daily
- ◆ Cough, shortness of breath
- ◆ New loss of sense of taste/smell
- ◆ Vomiting or diarrhea w/i the past 24 hours

You are invited to attend a gathering on 9/23 on the church grounds. Father Mike Sweeney will assist our parish coming together as a community in celebration of our new church. We will start at 4pm; please bring your lawn chairs and your enthusiasm for our future. Please maintain adequate social distancing and safety precautions.

You can find our **streaming link for Holy Mass** on our Facebook page, or go to our church website and click the blue Facebook icon.

[Facebook.com/StAlphonsusCrossville](https://www.facebook.com/StAlphonsusCrossville)



(You do not have to have a Facebook account in order to access this page.)

Saints for the week

Sunday:

St. Agatha Kim

Monday:

St. Matthew*, Apostle & Evangelist

Tuesday:

St. Maurice & Legion of Thebes, Martyrs

Wednesday:

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest

Thursday:

Our Lady of Ransom

Friday:

St. Firmin, Bishop

Saturday:

Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Next Sunday:

Bl. Brother Scubilionis

*indicates saint or blessed highlighted in this bulletin

Readings for the week of September 20th

Sunday:

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday:

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday:

Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday:

Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday:

Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday:

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Families! We have a plan for you!!

Please join us at one of our orientation/information meetings about our new programs for this year. We hope to make it easier for you to fulfill *your role as your child's primary religious educator*, and we will explain how at these sessions.

Grades PK-4th: Sunday, September 27, at noon.

Grades 5th-12th: Wednesday, September 30, at 6pm.

Contact Pauline or Sara with questions.

Remember: anyone entering the building must wear a mask, have their temperature taken, and answer health questions.



Thank you for your patience!



"Acts of generosity are a source of blessing to the giver as well as the receiver."

- St. John Chrysostom

St. Alphonsus Stewardship Weekend is here.

You should have received information by email or postal service regarding this year's stewardship drive for **our parish**. (Extra copies are available with the bulletins.)

Please return your paperwork as soon as you can, and please be generous in your support of **our parish**. Thank you!

Bishop Stika issues directives for resumption of public Masses—extends dispensation.

“Let me emphasize, if you are vulnerable, elderly, or just not comfortable going to a public Mass, please stay home!”

You can read detailed information at dioknox.org

Instructions for attending Mass:

- The obligation to attend is dispensed; if you are over 65, sick or have been with someone who is sick, have a fever, or have been out of the country, please stay home.
- Face masks must be worn before entering the building.** You must keep your mask on until you exit (except for communion).
- You must enter in single file and be counted; **once we have reached capacity, you will be turned away.** You will be escorted in, seated, and escorted out by ushers.
- More than half of the chairs have been removed, and those remaining are arranged to maintain safe distance. They may not be moved for any reason, nor may additional seats be added.
- There will be no missalettes, holy water, hand-holding during the Our Father, Sign of Peace, Precious Blood, Eucharist on the tongue, or communal singing. We will provide a cantor and music.
- There will be no passing of the basket or Presentation of Gifts. Collection baskets will be in the center aisle and you can drop your donation as you come for communion.
- To receive communion, you will be escorted by ushers, remain in single file, and keep 6 feet of distance between each person. Upon approaching the priest or deacon, you will remove your mask, use the provided hand sanitizer, stand on the “X,” extend your arms to receive the host in your hand, consume the host, replace your mask, and return to your seat.
- When Mass is over, remain seated. You will be escorted out by the ushers row by row and single file. You must leave the building and go straight to your car to depart. **There will be no congregating in the lobby, entryway, or parking lot.**



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Have you volunteered lately? We have some great opportunities available. Tell us what you like to do, and we'll

<p>SACS is looking for a few folks to help (for <u>telephone contact only</u>) with previous clients.</p> <p>Please call John at 931-456-2597 or email: kopmeier@frontier.com</p>	 <p>“DIRT DEVILS” MEET EVERY THURSDAY AT 9AM (right after morning Mass)</p> <p>Join us for some good, clean fun!</p>	 <p>The Green Thumb Club has spots available for immediate adoption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Flower beds at SACS; -Flower beds at the rectory; -In front of the chapel -Weeding everywhere...just go for it!
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your hand. high! Thanks!
a job that needs to be done. We love our volunteers! Wouldn't you like to join us? Yes, you! Don't be shy, raise

match your skills to

This weekend, there are 2 additional baskets for this weekend— *Catholic Home Missions Appeal & Diocesan Deacon Formation Program*

Envelopes are available on the table in the entryway. Please be generous, as this collection benefits our own **Deacon Peter!**

- Quizzically Yours!**
1. Which pope canonized 483 saints, more than the combined tally of his predecessors during the previous five centuries?
 2. After St. Peter, which pope reigned the longest at 39 years, 7 months, and 23 days?
 3. Pope Clement II, who reigned 1046-1047, is the only pope to be buried in which country?
 4. Born in Italy in 1850, who became an American citizen in 1901, and the first American saint when canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1946?
A. St. Sara of Crossville B. St. Karen of the Song
C. St. Monica D. St. Frances Cabrini
 5. In the above question, which are not actual saint names?
 6. What honor does St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680) hold?

St. Matthew the Apostle, also known as Levi, was named in the New Testament as one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. According to Christian tradition, he was also one of the four gospel writers, and thus is also called Matthew the Evangelist.

According to the Gospels, Matthew was a first-century Galilean and the son of Alphaeus. As a tax collector, he was literate in Aramaic and Greek. His fellow Jews despised him, as tax men had the reputation of collaborating with the Roman occupation force. Matthew was called by Jesus to be a disciple, and later witnessed his Ascension.

Later church fathers (such as Irenaeus and Clement of Alexandria) claim that Matthew preached the gospel to the Jewish community in Judea before going to other countries. Matthew is revered as a saint in both Western and Eastern Christian and Orthodox traditions, and he is entombed in the crypt of Salerno Cathedral in southern Italy. In the Roman Catholic faith, he is remembered on September 21st.

Like the three other major evangelists (Mark, Luke, and John), St. Matthew is often depicted in Christian art with one of the four living creatures mentioned in Revelation 4:7. The one associated with Matthew is the winged man. He is also famously depicted by the Italian Renaissance painter Caravaggio in *The Calling of St. Matthew* (1599).

Matthew is the patron saint of bankers.

Don't forget! Luminaria envelopes are now available



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