The First Reading gives us a glimpse into the heart of a prophet, and we see how very human he is. Like all the great prophets of God, he is thrown into the desert, a broken and dispirited man. But like the Israelites of old, he is fed with “bread from heaven.” Even though it is a gift from God it does demand openness on our part.

A Note from the St. Alphonsus Catholic Church St. Vincent de Paul Society: Each year the St. Vincent de Paul Society provides an intern (9) month program to the Parish on our activities at this point in time. We use this occasion as an opportunity to thank the parishioners and regular donors for their continuing support and contributions. For the past nine months, we have visited 128 households in the Ocean Springs/St. Martin communities, and have disbursed $39,467.14 to families or individuals in need of assistance. This assistance included rent, power, gas, water, medicines, food, gas, and a few bus tickets to return home for those stranded in our community. A significant portion of our funds come from the monthly collection for the poor and home for those stranded in our community. We use this occasion as an opportunity to thank money for your generous donations, and ask all of you to support the Knights of Columbus Draw Down this year.

The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul are having a drawdown to raise money to support the many needs in our area. The drawdown will be held on the Gym Saturday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $50 each and admit two. Grand price will be $3,000 in cash. Two tickets will be sold. Tickets may be purchased by calling Carl at 228-327-0066.

For your Parishioners and Friends: Susan Joyce Bradley, Audrey Bos, Gregory Bros, David Brown, Sybil Bunchalin, Hesey Karl Byrd, James Cagle, Barbara Cavalier, Joan Campbell, Lisa Chittock, Christian, Ozga Cruz, John Patrick Curley, Vance DeMoran, Lori Donald, John DeMoran, Jacki Dudley, Ms. Clara McBride, Mr. Nolan Fremin, Ms. Betty Magee, Ms. Betty Magee, Mr. Eldon Cazaubon, Dr. Michael A. Finan, MD

The Flowers in front of the Altar are in memory of Kathi Seymour

The Masses for the Week

**School Subsidy Policy**

St. Alphonsus Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Parish Staff, wishes to extend agratitude to the many people who support the Parish.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Aug 12: First Day of School

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Aug 12: Meet the Teacher Night 6:00 p.m.

Upon This Rock Scripture Study (UTRSS) has begun registration for its fall and winter sessions, “The Book of Isaiah Program Study”, which is offered by Catholic Scripture Study International. The 26 lesson program commentary is written by Fr. Mitch Pacwa and presented by Fr. Patrick Window. Isaiah focuses on the salvation that will come through the Messiah. He is called the evangelical prophet due to his numerous prophecies concerning the coming and character, the ministry and preaching of Jesus, and its fulfillment in the life of Jesus. The program begins Wednesday, September 2, 2015 and will meet each Wednesday morning the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th from 9:00 - 11:00 am at St. Mary Parish's Murray Hall on Woolmarket Road in Biloxi. The fee is $62.00 and includes the Study Set and a DVD presentation. To register please call Sharon Jones at 228-273-4555.

Christopher West will present “Introduction to Theology of the Body” on Sunday, September 20th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Computer Room in the Parish Hall. This presentation is open to all, but adults 18 and over are encouraged to attend. Christopher West is the author of the popular book, “The Theology of the Body: A Christian Theology of the Person”. To register, please call 228-451-0424 or email stpatthy@aol.com.

Religious Education News

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Aug 9: Registration for Religious Education for the coming school year will be held after each of the Masses in the Parish Hall this Sunday only (August 9th). No registration will be available to register today. On September 13th, you may come by the Religious Education Office during regular business hours or you may register on the first day of class (Sunday, September 13). If registering on September 13th, please take your child to his/her classroom first (listed on classroom doors and posters in the halls) and then proceed to the Parish Hall to register your child/children. The suggested donation is $35 for one child and $50 for more than one--this is a donation or more may be paid.

Anyone interested in Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [process for joining the Roman Catholic Church should contact the Religious Education Office to give contact information that is necessary for the upcoming classes. The first class will be held on Thursday, September 10th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. RCIA is open to anyone interested in re-investigating their own religion, joining the Catholic Church, or finding out what this “Catholic” thing is all about.

Check the Good News Bulletin for more or less information or to register.

Youth and Family Calendar

Aug 12: YFM Adoration 5 pm; Mass; Dinner 6:45 pm. August 15: Parent Registration Mtg for 6th-7th Graders, 7 pm

Aug 30: Parent Registration Mtg for 6th-7th Graders, 7 pm

Sept 13: Youth Ministry Kickoff Beach Bash 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priests Cenacale Mass on Thursday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass

The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Saturday, August 16th from 6:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the KC Hall for $6.25 per person. Parent Registration Mtg for 6th-7th Graders, 7 pm

You are also invited to join in our Marian Move...