



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

The Buzz

Forming Faith and Future

Kristy M. Monsour, Principal

December 19, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 20 -**
School Mass /
Christmas Spirit
Dress / 1:00 p.m.
Dismissal - Buses
will Run and No
Aftercare
- **December 23-
January 3 -**
Christmas
Break - No School
- **January 6 -**
Students Return to
School / New
Student
Registration Begins
- **January 9 -**
Report Cards
- **January 10 -**
School Mass /
Re-enrollment
Registration Fees
Increase
- **January 17 -**
School Mass

- **Tomorrow, December 20th, students may wear a red and green shirt and Christmas accessories with spirit dress guidelines. We will have EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:00 p.m. and buses will run. There will be NO aftercare!**
- **Christmas Holidays - There will be NO SCHOOL on December 23rd - January 3rd. Students will return to school on January 6th.**

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 School Year

Re-enrollment for currently enrolled students and new siblings is open now. **Please note:** Enrollment will be completed online. Parents will pay registration online through their FACTS account. We encourage parents to re-enroll students now to secure their spot for the 2025-2026 school year. Re-enrollment is available through the "Family Portal" on RenWeb or by clicking on this link: <https://SA-LA.client.renweb.com/pw/>. Once on the Family Portal, select "Apply/Enroll" and then click "Enrollment/Reenrollment". Only new students will require an application. Please contact Bethany Richard at brichard@stalphonsusbr.org to enroll a sibling.

- [Registration Timeline](#)
- [2025-2026 Tuition & Fee Schedule](#)

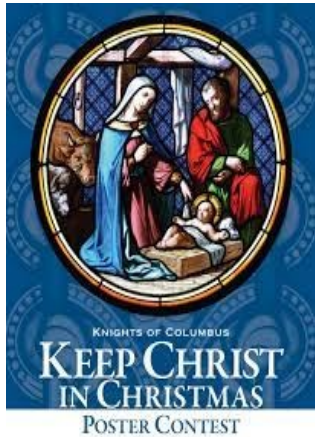
Church Contribution Update

Please remember that in order to receive the "In-Parish" tuition rate for the 2025-2026 school year, your contribution of at least \$300 needs to be included in the **December 22nd** Sunday Mass collection. If you are hand delivering it to the church, it needs to be in the church office by Noon on **Friday, December 20th**. Contact the church office at 225.261.4650 if you would like to set-up automatic contributions.

Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, in order to qualify for the "In-Parish" tuition rate, families will need to contribute a total of \$500 to St. Alphonsus Church in the 2025 calendar year. This rate has not been increased in over 20 years and must be increased in order to meet the higher financial needs of the church. We continue to be grateful for your contributions.



The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest promotes the true spirit of Christmas in homes, schools, parishes and communities. It prompts participants to shift from a preoccupation with materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving.

The entire parish is invited to view all poster contest submissions and vote for your favorites on **December 21st and 22nd** in the St. Francis Room.

The winners will be announced and displayed on **December 28th-29th**.

Last week, our school came together in the courtyard to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a special consecration. For 46 days, a beautiful green cloth mantle was passed among the classes. Each class prayed the rosary during their turn and added a star to the mantle. Fr. Jason led the consecration and blessed miraculous medals, which were then given to each student. It was a beautiful morning God gave to us!



Volleyball Registration

Volleyball registration will close **tomorrow, December 20th**.

Click on the link to register.

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/VDya0M3I>

VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

- Open to girls in 5th-8th grade
- Registration fee is \$85
- Registration closes on December 20th.
- The tentative tryouts/placements will be on January 17th.
- Practice will begin in February and games will be in March, April and May.



Christmas
Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24, 2024
 3:00 PM - Chancel Choir Concert
 4:00 PM - Vigil Mass in the Church
The 4 PM Vigil Mass will be the only Christmas Mass live-streamed on YouTube & Facebook. Mass will also be live-streamed in the St. Francis Room for any overflow from the church.
 5:15 PM - Bell Choir Concert
 6:00 PM - Vigil Mass in the Church
 8:00 PM - Vigil Mass in the Church

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25, 2024
 12:00 AM (Midnight) - Mass in the Church
 8:00 AM - Mass in the Church
 10:00 AM - Mass in the Church



REGISTER BY JAN. 8
www.alphonusus.org




One day
 \$50 per person
 Limit 650 tickets
 Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

DEFENDERS OF THE FAITH
Strengthening the Soul for the Battle

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025
 8:30 AM TO 5:45 PM - CHECK-IN AT 7 AM
 ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER
 1415B FRENCHTOWN ROAD



Guest speaker
FR. CHAD RIPPERGER



Guest speaker
KYLE CLEMENT

This conference will focus on Understanding Diabolical Influence and Spiritual Combat. Join us to learn about angels, the way fallen angels/demons attack us mentally, diabolical influence in our culture, tactics and weapons for combat against it, being open to the flow of grace, and more.

The Mission of St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic School is to form students in the Catholic Faith spiritually, academically, physically, and culturally in an environment of academic excellence.

Armor of God Prayer

I put on the helmet of salvation to guard my mind. I think the thoughts of Jesus.

I put on the breastplate of righteousness to guard my heart. I am righteous in Jesus.

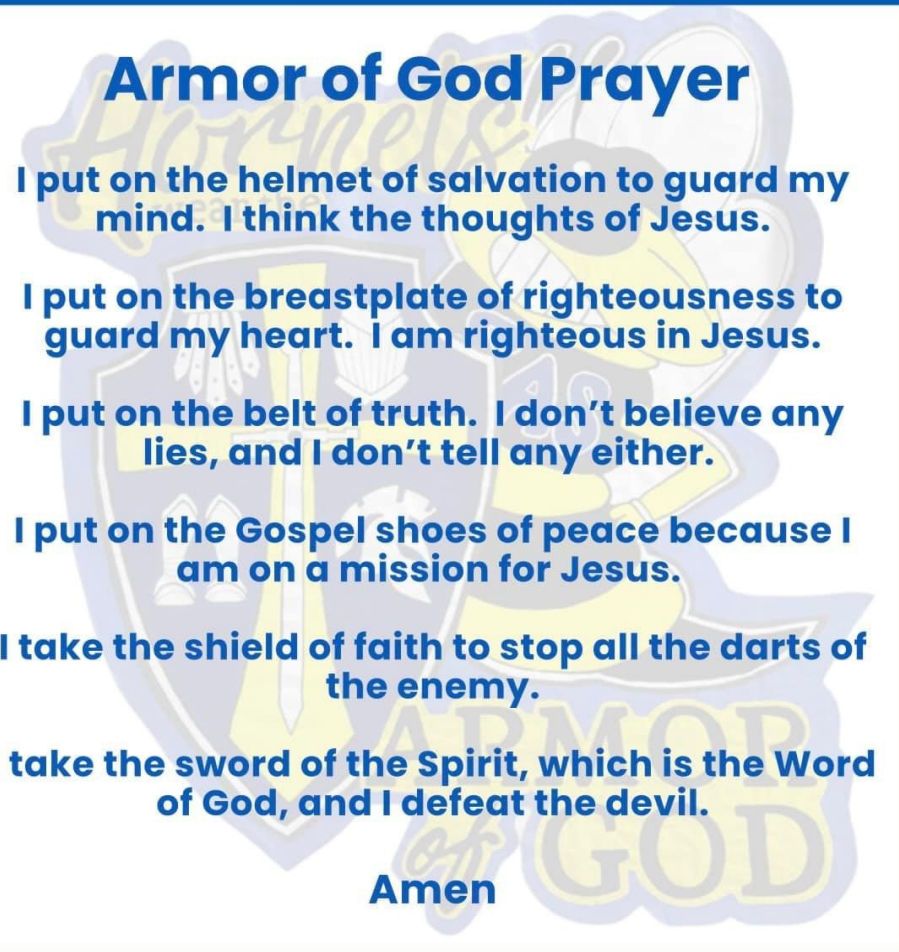
I put on the belt of truth. I don't believe any lies, and I don't tell any either.

I put on the Gospel shoes of peace because I am on a mission for Jesus.

I take the shield of faith to stop all the darts of the enemy.

I take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and I defeat the devil.

Amen





Counselor's CORNER

December 2024

Ms. Morgan Bueche

Note from Ms. Morgan

This week I want to introduce our SAS parents and families to a local foundation, Rain Will Bring Flowers. This foundation was founded in 2023 by parents after losing their son to suicide. The mission of Rain Will Bring Flowers is to prevent youth suicide through awareness, education, and support.

The foundation will be hosting the 2nd annual Planting Seeds of Hope 2025 event on February 12th. This is a great event with a powerful message. If you're interested or would like more information, please check out the foundation's website or contact me.

<https://www.rainwillbringflowers.org/>

Important Links

Counselor Contact Info:

✉ mbueche@stalphonsusbr.org

☎ 225.261.5299

Parent Counseling Referral Form

Student Check-In Form Elementary & Middle School

School Website - Counseling Corner

Happy, Healthy Hornet Tip

It's the most wonderful (& sometimes stressful) time of the year! The excitement, changes in routine, and increased expectations can be overwhelming and lead to stress & big emotions for kids. Here are a few tips to help your child cope with stress & regulate their emotions during the holiday season: 1) maintain routines when possible, 2) prepare your child for what's ahead, 3) give them space to express their feelings, 4) create calm moments, and 5) set realistic expectations. Lastly, enjoy this special time of the year!

<https://kincare.services.com.au/blog/holiday-stress/>





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RAIN WILL
BRING FLOWERS
FOUNDATION



PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE

HOSTED BY RYAN CLARK

6:00 PM • FEBRUARY 12, 2025

PETE MARAVICH ASSEMBLY CENTER

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St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

14040 Greenwell Springs Road
Greenwell Springs, LA 70739-3302
225-261-4650 / www.alphonsus.org

One Family United in Christ Since 1898

December 18, 2024

Dear St. Alphonsus Parishioners and School Families:

Advent Greetings! Fourteen years ago, we began a fireworks sale at St. Joseph Church in French Settlement to pay off the construction debt on a new church built in 2006. Through the years, the fireworks sale allowed us to build a new rectory, two chapels in Port Vincent & Head of Island, and funded other building renovations.

I see this fundraiser as a way that can benefit the St. Alphonsus community, too. While it is illegal to sell or discharge fireworks within EBR Parish, neighboring parishes allow fireworks during the holidays. I offer you the ability to purchase them through St. Joseph Church in French Settlement at our fireworks building, or I can coordinate personal delivery of the product to you on the Livingston Parish side of Magnolia Beach Road. French Settlement is a short, 33-minute drive from St. Alphonsus Church.

There are two ways to make a profit on fireworks: (1) sell smaller quantities at a higher mark-up, or (2) sell high volumes at a smaller mark-up. The normal mark-up on consumer fireworks is 200% - 300%... and there are certain loss leaders (e.g. "Buy 1 get 3 Free") to get you into the store or tent. At check-out, sales tax is calculated on that inflated price. At St. Joseph, we believe in selling ALL of our fireworks at a 114% mark-up which ensures a more modest & transparent profit and it also includes the sales tax, merchant fees (for credit cards or Venmo), and transportation costs from our wholesalers. Therefore, I estimate that you will save approximately 30% on your fireworks if you purchase through St. Joseph Church. If you don't believe me, feel free to bring our price sheet to any fireworks vendor or online merchant and compare... remember, sales tax is already included in our prices!

Our fireworks are stored in a climate-controlled building, so they are not subject to the same moisture and rain days like they would be in a tent. (Gunpowder and moisture do not mix well.) We are staffed by volunteers, not paid workers. Ordering with us is simple. (1) Mark the quantity desired on the price sheet. (2) Fill out the contact information on page two. (3) Take a clear picture of both pages and send it via text to (225) 205-4757. (4) I will contact you with any discrepancies/shortages, arrange payment (we take cash, credit cards, Venmo, etc.), and schedule delivery with you.

42% of your total purchase amount will go to St. Alphonsus School for our future building needs.

Thank you for your consideration and openness to this creative way of fundraising. If you would like to help with the fireworks sale, please call me at (225) 205-4757. As this will be my first time doing this as a joint venture with St. Joseph Church, please be patient as we work out the inventory and supply needs. I see this as a great partnership between St. Joseph and St. Alphonsus for years to come. Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Jason Palermo, Pastor

St. Joseph Church Fireworks

15710 Highway 16, French Settlement

December 20 – January 1, open 1:30-8:00 PM

All prices include sales tax. 3% discount on cash.

Novelty Items

Bottle Rockets: Clustering Bees (6-pack)	\$2
Bottle Rockets: Night Stalker (6-pack)	\$2
Bottle Rockets: Screaming Cracklers (12)	\$4.50
Bottle Rockets: Three Peat (24-pack)	\$9.25
Bottle Rockets: Wild Geese (6-pack)	\$2.25
Burn Rubber (2-pack)	\$7.50
Cat Eyes (Ground Spinners, 3-pack)	\$2
Champagne Party Poppers (8-pack)	\$1
Chicken Blowing Balloon	75 cents
Confetti Blasters/Cannon (24 inch)	\$4
Crackling Balls (18)	\$2
Drone	\$12
Ground Bloom Flowers (6-pack)	75 cents
Hen Laying Eggs	50 cents
Jiggy (Elephant, 2-pack)	\$7
Lady Bugs (Flying Spinners, 3-pack)	\$4.50
Magnum Flashers (Strobes, 5-pack)	\$1
Megacycle (2-pack)	\$5.50
Parachute: Single Day (4-pack)	\$3.75
Parachute: Single Night (4-pack)	\$3.50
Parachute: Fox Paratrooper (Large Chute)	\$6
Parachute: 7 Lantern	\$2.25
Poopy Puppy (Themed Snake Item)	\$1
Roman Candles (10 Ball Basic, 6-pk)	\$4.50
Roman Candles (Boombomb, 6-pk)	\$7
Roman Candles (Black Cat Premium, 4-pk)	\$10
Satellites (Flying Spinners, 12-pack)	\$1.75
Smoke Bombs: Camo Smoke	\$1
Smoke Bombs: World Class (12-pk balls)	\$1.75
Smoke Bombs: Neon Camo Smoke (4-pk)	\$5
Smoke Bombs: Reaper Smoke (Black)	\$3.25
Snakes (6-pack Assorted)	\$1.25
Snap Pops (Black Cat Super Snaps, 50 ct)	2 for \$1
Snap Pops/Torpedoes (Adult Size, 20 ct)	\$1
Sparklers (Morning Glory, Box of 144)	\$11
Sparklers (Black Cat Neon)	\$2.25
Sparklers (36" Black Cat Gold, 4-pack)	\$4
Sparklers (36" Morning Glory, 6 pack)	\$2.50
Sword/Sparkler: Princess/Victory	\$3.75
Sword/Sparkler: Light Saber	\$4.50
Sword/Sparkler: Silencer Gun (2-pack)	\$3
Tanks (3)	\$2
Tank Engine	\$5.50
Ti-Lotus (2-pk Spinners)	\$6.50
Two-Color Spaceships (3-pack)	\$3.75
UAV	\$4.25
Utter Chaos (Flying Spinners, 6-pack)	\$3
Zing! (6 pack)	\$1

Fountains

100 Foot Fountain (Black Cat)	\$15
#4 Turbo Flash Cone (Black Cat)	\$2
Angel's Kiss (Noiseless, World Class)	\$4
Cuckoo (Boomer)	\$1.75
Desert at Night (Fountain + 7 shots)	\$3.75
Fantastic 4 (Black Cat, 4-pack)	\$7
Fire Hydrant Fountain	\$23
Fountastic (Black Cat)	\$4.25
Frisky Starburst (World Class)	\$4.50
Frosty Mug of Beer (World Class)	\$12
Gamma (Black Cat)	\$3.25
Garden in the Spring (Fountain + 7 shots)	\$3.75
Heavy Metal (World Class)	\$12.50
Hello Summer (Bright Star)	\$1.25
Hive Mind (World Class)	\$9.25
Koi Fish (Fox Fireworks)	\$10.25
Little Big Show (Black Cat)	\$10.50
Mad Cat (Black Cat, Spinning Feature)	\$14
Medusa (Black Cat, Fan Effect)	\$10
Neighbor Hater (Black Cat)	\$4.50
Noisy Boys (aka Cracklin' Crawfish, 6 pk)	\$6
Pure Fantasy (w/3 mines)	\$6
Reflection (World Class)	\$4
Shaken Not Stirred (World Class, Fan)	\$7.50
Spider Mania	\$8
Tropical Thunder (2.5 minute, 500 g)	\$24.50
Waffle Cone (Fox Fireworks)	\$16

Artillery Shell Kits

Black Cat Artillery (12 shot, bagged)	\$16.50
Boomer Premium (6 shot, boxed)	\$9
Diablo (Black Cat, 24 canisters)	\$90
Excalibur 4" (24 canisters)	\$75
Excalibur 5" Platinum (24 canisters)	\$90
Koto Collection 5" & 6" (24 canisters)	\$106
Koto Festival 5"-6"-7" (24 canisters)	\$110
Legend Premium Artillery (6 shot)	\$12.50
Pure Venom 6" (World Class, 24 canisters)	\$100
The Patriot 6" Shells (Black Cat, 24 shells)	\$118

Firecrackers

100 Roll of Firecrackers	\$1.25
200 Roll of Firecrackers	\$2.50
500 Roll of Firecrackers	\$6.25
1,000 Roll of Firecrackers	\$12
2,000 Roll of Firecrackers	\$23
16,000 Roll of Firecrackers	\$110
Color Ground Mines (Black Cat, 3-pack)	\$4.25
Ground Mines (Black Cat, 4-pack)	\$4.50
Little Dynamite (100-pack)	\$1.50
M-150 Crackers (12-pack bagged)	\$1.25

200 gram Cakes (Aerial displays)

25-shot Saturn Missile Battery	\$1.50
100-shot Saturn Missile Battery	\$5.50
300-shot Saturn Missile Battery	\$17
Anarchy (49 shot)	\$13.50
Bazaar (12 shot)	\$6.50
Beautiful & Charming (7 shot)	\$6.50
Bling-Bling (Brothers 36-shot strobe effect)	\$16
Bull Run (Black Cat 20 shot)	\$13.25
Bump Bear (16 shot)	\$8.75
Color Pearl Flower (48 shot)	\$1.75
Color Pearl Flower (Ultra 96 shot)	\$3.75
Cowboy (25 shot)	\$16
Crackling Color Palm (16 shot)	\$17.25
Crazy Exciting (World Class, 25 shot)	\$20
Dive Bomb (16 shot)	\$12.25
Feedback (24 shot, screamers)	\$12.25
Fireworks Fiesta (Black Cat, 96 shot)	\$15
God Bless 'Merica (Black Cat, 20 shot)	\$13
Hostile Takeover (World Class, 25 shot)	\$13.25
Ice Cube (Fox Fireworks, 9 shot)	\$4.75
Jet (Black Cat, 9 shot)	\$7.25
Land of the Free (World Class, 20 shot)	\$11.50
Mobile Menace (Brothers, 35 shot)	\$16.50
Premiere (Fox Fireworks, 16 shot)	\$13
Premium Willow (Fox Fireworks, 25 shot)	\$14
Pro 200 (Black Cat, 16 shot)	\$15
Summer Garden (Fox Fireworks, 7 shot)	\$2.75
Super Sonic (Winda, 25 shot)	\$14.25
Super Stock Car (Brothers, 16 shot)	\$17
ThunderMania (2 pack, 32 shot)	\$29
25 Zombies (25 shot)	\$13
28 Shot Finale (Nitro)	\$14
Walkin' Dead (Black Cat, 19 shot)	\$11.50
Whistling Dixie (Winda, 20 shot)	\$13.50

Black Cat Excellent Bag Assortment \$37

Black Cat Party Pack #6 Assortment \$120

Limited quantities, but Fr. Jason can put together a custom assortment for your budget, upon request.

Ordering Information

Please clearly mark your desired quantities next to each item, print your contact info below, take a picture of this form & text it to (225) 205-4757. Fr. Jason will communicate about your order, including any shortages.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Pick-up Date & Time: _____

We kindly ask that you schedule pick-up of your order **before December 29th, as the last three days of the fireworks sale are an extremely busy time for us.**

500 gram Finale Cakes (Aerial displays)

Absolute Destruction (Black Cat, 49 shot)	\$44.50
America's Pastime (World Class, 63 shot)	\$59
Bent Rail (World Class, 47 shot)	\$60
Blond Joke (Brothers, 36 shot)	\$48
Caribbean Palms (Black Cat, 20 shot)	\$46
Club 54 (Fox Fireworks, 54 shot)	\$47
Courtesy of the Red White & Blue (9 shot)	\$28.50
Crazy Creatures (Brothers, 36 shot)	\$52
Crazy Exciting on Steroids (WC, 16 shot)	\$59
Diamonds in the Sky (Fox, 30 shot)	\$23
Gold Digger (World Class, 9 shot)	\$32
Gunfighters from Hell (Black Cat, 49 shot)	\$44
High Falutin (Brothers, 49 shot)	\$40
Hit the Road Jack (Brothers, 49 shot)	\$39
Light Brigade (Brothers, 42 shot)	\$34
Loud & Proud (World Class, 9 shot)	\$35
Man Cave (Winda, 36 shot)	\$56.50
Mythical Creature (Fox, 25 shot w/mines)	\$27.50
Oktoberfest (Brothers, 36 shot)	\$54
One Bad Mother in Law (WC, 16 shot)	\$55
One Minute Ride (Bright Star, 42 shot)	\$37
Outlaw Justice (Fox Fireworks, 36 shot)	\$30
Party Island (Black Cat, 20 shot)	\$33
Perfect 10 (Fox Fireworks, 10 shot)	\$54
Pyro Tsunami (Winda, 25 shot)	\$49
Ride the Pyro (Fox Fireworks, 16 shot)	\$41
Sassy (Brothers, 600 shot zipper cake)	\$65
Step Mutha (Powder Keg, 16 shot)	\$55
Super Stunt (Winda 12 shot, large breaks)	\$67
Time Travel (Fox 63 shot, 2 minutes)	\$43.50
Venom (Powder Keg, 49 shot)	\$54
War Hero (Brothers, 30 shot)	\$48

Finale Box Sets (Full Displays in a Case)

Anniversary Combo (4 classic finales)	\$199
Mob Madness (4 finales, 49 shot each)	\$180
Zippity Do Dah (4 finales)	\$170

The fireworks sale provides 13% of St. Joseph Church's annual revenue and helps to fund our youth ministry program, the Rosary Group, Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters. It also benefits St. Alphonsus School's building efforts. If you are a parishioner at St. Alphonsus, please let us know at check-out.

Your prices stay low as we are all volunteers. Our fireworks are kept in a climate-controlled building away from humidity and bad weather. Shop around with our price sheet & see for yourself that we are hard to beat! We appreciate your business and your support. Sincerely, Fr. Jason & Fr. Taylor