



**Congratulations and best wishes to the St. Alphonsus Senior High Students!**

Front row: Anne Schnicker, Madison Williamson, Mary West, Alec Gardner, Justin Watznauer, Fr. Paul.  
Back row: Tristan Scovel, Sadie Carrasco, Nick Tansey and Reese Gardner.

### 5th Sunday of Easter

“I give you a new commandment: love one another.” With these words, Jesus sums up the law and the prophets in one concise phrase. Love one another. After 2,000 years, you’d think we’d have it figured out by now! But all too often we fail in this commandment. Perhaps we mistake “love” for mere “common decency.” Perhaps we’ve been betrayed, or our own visions of love have been tarnished or misrepresented in our lives. Blessedly, Jesus doesn’t leave us without a guide.

“As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” Jesus himself modeled what this love should look like. So what are some of the characteristics of the love of Christ? Humility, for one. St. Paul writes that Jesus “emptied Himself.” In becoming man, Jesus puts aside the full splendor of the Godhead. Not only does he become human, but he takes on many of the mundane privations of human life. He spent most of his life in relative poverty - especially by our standards - as a common laborer. When he began gaining popularity as a preacher, he still traveled on foot and spent nights in other people’s homes or outdoors.

Jesus’ love is generous. He was always available to the crowds and to being interrupted by people in need. He invested time in his disciples and patiently taught them about the kingdom of God. The love of Jesus is also courageous. He encountered many people deemed less worthy of human respect, due to being public sinners or having a physical or mental disability. Jesus was brave in breaking these social boundaries to show care and concern to the outcast. These traits are possible for us to imitate! Indeed, we are hardly identifiable as Christians without them. “This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

### Parish Staff

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**Weekend Mass Schedule...** Saturday 5:30 PM  
Sunday 8:00 and 11:00 AM

**Daily Mass Schedule...**Monday NO Mass,  
Tuesday—7:00 AM, Wednesday—5:30 PM,  
Thursday and Friday Noon Mass

**Confessions...**Saturday 4:30 PM or by appointment.

### Eucharistic Devotion:

Friday Adoration: 9:00 AM to Noon

Monthly Adoration: 1st Thursday Noon to 9:00 PM

**Rosary: Led by KC Members, 7:30 AM Sundays**

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MASS SCHEDULE AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK				
	Mass time	Mass Intention	Saint of the Day	Readings for the day
Mon, May 20	NO MASS		Weekday	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tue, May 21	7:00 AM	Ruth Douglas †	Weekday	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wed, May 22	5:30 PM	Pauline Morrow †	Weekday	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thu, May 23	12:00 PM	Paul Mertens †	Weekday	Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Fri, May 24	12:00 PM	LeAnn Miller †	Weekday	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Sat, May 25	5:30 PM	Toby Shanahan †		
Sun, May 26	8:00 AM	Gary Sammons †	6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
	11:00 AM	For Parishioners		

**Memorial Day Mass, May 27**  
**9:00 AM at St. Alphonsus Cemetery**  
 Bring your lawn chairs.  
 If the weather is bad, Mass will be held at Church.

**Inspiration for the Week**

How do people know that you are a disciple of Jesus Christ? Some folks prefer to keep their faith a secret and rarely mention their belief in Jesus. Others are more vocal and readily tell people that they are Christian. For Jesus, there is another way to recognize whether one is a disciple. He tells his friends that all will know they are disciples if they have love for one another. The love to which Jesus calls us to is not just an earthly love. It's not just about doing nice things for people or even keeping positive thoughts about others. Jesus' love is divine love. Put simply, Jesus became human so that we can become divine. We are called to look at the world, people, and ourselves as God does. This requires unconditional compassion and a whole lot of mercy and forgiveness. We cannot do this alone. That is why the risen Christ remains with us, especially through the Eucharist, to help us become who he is. If done correctly, there will be no question about who has our allegiance.

**MINISTERS FOR MAY 25 & 26**

**LECTORS**

- 5:30 PM Jerry Keeley
- 8:00 AM Theresa Rose
- 11:00 AM Mary Lou Perry

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 5:30 PM Team G Paul Maher
- 8:00 AM Team H Ted Mountz
- 11:00 AM Team I Mary Shy

**SERVER**

- 5:30 PM Andi Scott/Ximena Ortiz
- 8:00 AM Jordan Watznauer/Julia Kinzer
- 11:00 AM Thanh/Hoi Phung

**USHERS**

- 5:30 PM Marc/Maureen Lindeen
- 8:00 AM Jeep Grilliot/Tim Lohmann
- 11:00 AM Robb/Reece Gardner

**GREETERS**

- 5:30 PM Cathy Lampe/Karen Stevens
- 8:00 AM Judy McNeill/Vicki Lohmann
- 11:00 AM Greg/Rosemary Peck

<b>Offertory for May 11 &amp; 12</b>	
Envelopes.....	3096.00
Offertory.....	<u>349.45</u>
Total.....	3445.45
Thank you! Your donations make our ministries possible!	

**We will be cleaning Manning Hall kitchen on Tuesday, May 21 at 8:30 AM. All help is needed!**

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE						
Sunday, May 19	Mon, May 20	Tues, May 21	Wed, May 22	Thurs, May 23	Fri, May 24	Sat, May 25
Rosary, 7:30 am Mass, 8:00 & 11:00 am KC Breakfast, 9:00 am  Homebound Ministers-Team 1	NO MASS	Men Scrip, 6:00 am Women Scrip, 6:00 am Mass, 7:00 am Cleaning Kitchen, 8:30 Prayer Shawl, 2:00 pm Quilters, 6:00 pm OT meeting, 6:00 pm VBS meeting, 7:00 pm	Women Scrip, 9:30 am Mass, 5:30 pm	Mass, Noon	Adoration 9 am-Noon Mass, Noon Widow/Widowers Luncheon following Mass in Manning	Confessions— 4:30-5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm
Sunday, May 26 Rosary, 7:30 am Mass, 8:00 & 11:00 am Finance donuts, 9:00 am Williamson family in Manning Homebound Ministers-Team 2	Memorial Day Mass, 9:00 am at cemetery, bad weather at church.  Office Closed	Tues, May 28 Men Scrip, 6:00 am Women Scrip, 6:00 am Mass, 7:00 am Rosary Makers, 2:00 pm Quilters, 6:00 pm Parish Council, 6:00 pm	Wed, May 29 Women Scrip, 9:30 am Mass, 5:30 pm	Thurs, May 30 Mass, Noon	Fri, May 31 Adoration 9 am-Noon Mass, Noon	Sat, June 1 Confessions— 4:30-5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm

**Old Thresher's Committee**

Anyone interested in joining the Old Thresher Committee—come to the meeting on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 PM in Manning Hall. Join the OT committee and help plan for this September.



Save the date !!  
Vacation Bible School  
week of July 22nd to July 26th.



There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 PM in the library. Anyone interested in helping is welcome.

**The Widow/Widower's Luncheon--Friday, May 24th.**

All widows and widowers who would like to attend, please call the parish office @ 385-8410.

**Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 2nd**

All are invited to attend our Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 2nd. On that day there will be one Mass at 10:00 AM followed by a potluck in Manning Hall. The Knights of Columbus will be grilling the meat, leaving salads and desserts for parishioners to bring. We will also be celebrating the retirement of our staff members: Vicki, Margi and Ted.

**Sending Some Love to our Seminarians**

We, the St. Alphonsus Church Family are sending care packages to the 13 Seminarians from our diocese to show our support and love. We invite you to take part by donating an item or items to put in their boxes.

**We will be collecting items until May 26th.**

There is a collection box in the gathering space to drop off your donations. Some ideas include:

- Hot chocolate/juice packets
- Snacks
- School supplies
- Toiletry items
- Homemade goodies (May 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Games
- A note of encouragement

Thank you for your generous support!  
St. Alphonsus Vocational Ministry Team

**Keep in Your Prayers**

Our condolences to Judy Bergman/the Cherie Watznauer family and family and friends on the passing of their husband/father/grandfather, Dennis Bergman. May Dennis be welcomed into the everlasting life.



**Pictured:**  
Phil Tone, Grand Knight,  
Reece Gardner,  
Mary West,  
and Fr. Paul.

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Reece Gardner and Mary West, who received the Knights of Columbus scholarship.

**Thank You!**

The Senior Graduation Mass and breakfast was a wonderful way to celebrate our students! THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus (delicious meal!), and our junior class friends and parents (tables were beautiful!). Thanks to Fr. Connolly, Vicki Lohmann, MaryAnn Messer for the flowers, Diane Magnani for coordinating and all who were involved to make this event special. We appreciate, especially, our St. Alphonsus Parish family and your prayers.

The Carrasco Family

**May is Mental Health Awareness Month**

We pray for all those who face discrimination and stigma due to mental illness, that they will find welcome and inclusion as branches of Jesus' vine. More information can be found at the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, [www.ncpd.org](http://www.ncpd.org).

**Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments**

I was recently reading an article about the real aspects of true love. The psychologist writing the piece said that many people hide behind the words "I love you." They can start believing that if they say it enough times, it simply becomes true.

Jesus claimed that the world would know his disciples by the fact that they loved one another. In the Church, we speak of loving one another quite frequently. I hope that someone can tell that I am a disciple of Jesus by the way I love others. However, that hope is something I have to keep in the center of my mind because I fear too often that I speak more of love than act out of love.

As Christians, we can find ourselves hiding behind our words. History, unfortunately, has shown us that our witness of action has not always been profound enough. The world will surely know whom it is we serve if we love like Jesus, we act like Jesus, and we serve others like Jesus. Our stewardship will bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ, and we will bring others to him. Our love will be an instrument of our evangelization. Our words will become true, not because we said them enough, but because they are true.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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