



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

The Buzz

Forming Faith and Future

Kristy M. Monsour, Principal

November 13, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 14** - School Mass
- **November 19** - Spirit Dress
- **November 20** - Kindergarten Thanksgiving 9:00 a.m.
- **November 21** - Grandparents' Day 5th-8th Grade - 12:00 p.m. Dismissal 5th-8th Grade Only
- **November 24-28** - No School - Thanksgiving Break
- **December 1** - Students Return
- **December 5** - School Mass
- **December 8** - School Mass - Immaculate Conception

Thanksgiving Holidays - NO SCHOOL on November 24th-28th. The school office will be open on Monday, November 24th from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We will return to school on December 1st.

Petsgiving

We're excited to host our first ever Petsgiving! On **Thursday, November 20th**, families are invited to bring their four-legged family members through **morning carpool** for a special Petsgiving treat. It's our way of celebrating the season of gratitude with our beloved pets. We can't wait to see all the wagging tails and happy faces!

Grandparents' Day 5th-8th

Grandparents' Day for students in 5th-8th grades will be on **Friday, November 21st**. The students will meet their grandparents at St. Alphonsus Church to begin their visit. Mass begins at 8:30 a.m. Refreshments will follow in the Family Center. Parking is available between the church and the Family Center or behind the Family Center. 5th-8th grade students must either be checked out by their grandparents after the reception, or we will do a mini carpool for these students at 12:00 p.m. All 5th-8th students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m.

***Students in PK through 4th grade have a full day of school and will not attend Mass on Grandparents' Day.

Save the Date - Enrollment for the 2026-2027 School Year

Re-enrollment for currently enrolled students and new siblings will begin on **Thursday, December 11th**. Click [HERE](#) for the Registration Timeline for the 2026-2027 school year.

***Please note:** Enrollment will be completed online. Parents will pay registration online through their FACTS account.



St. Alphonsus Catholic School The G.R.A.C.E. Program

Giving Religious Access for Children with Exceptionalities

Now Enrolling Students in Kindergarten – 2nd Grade for the 2026-2027 School Year

The G.R.A.C.E. Program is a faith-centered, inclusive special education program designed to meet the needs of exceptional learners in a nurturing, Catholic environment. Our goal is to help every child grow academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally.

Exceptionalities Served:

- Autism
- Intellectual Disability (Mild-Moderate)
- Multiple Disabilities
- Down Syndrome
- Other Health Impairments
- Specific Learning Disabilities
- Traumatic Brain Injury (ambulatory students)

Program Benefits:

- Individualized placement and small-group instruction
- Opportunities for mainstreaming when appropriate
- Access to related services as available
- Engage with age-level peers and Big Buddies to assist in social skills development
- Supportive, Christ-centered learning environment

Interested in Learning More?

We would love to meet with you to discuss admissions and determine whether the GRACE Program is the right fit for your child.

Contact:

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We're Hiring! Join Our Team

Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of students with special needs? We're looking for dedicated professionals to join our team:

- [Special Education Teacher](#)
- [Special Education Assistant](#)

October Fruit of the Spirit Breakfast

During the month of October, we focused on the Fruit of the Spirit - Self-Control. We are so proud of these students who continue to grow in faith and show self-control in their words and actions each day.

**Congratulations to all of our
October honorees!**





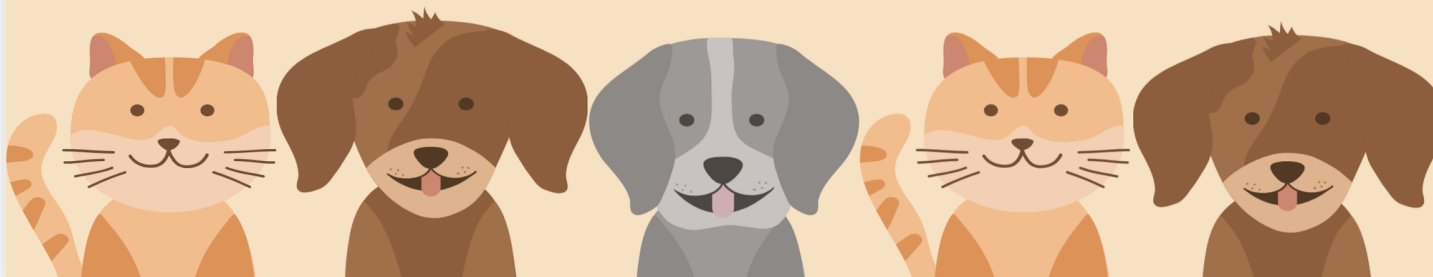
St. Alphonsus

PETSGIVING

**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 20TH**



**BRING YOUR FOUR-LEGGED FAMILY MEMBER THROUGH
MORNING CARPOOL FOR A SPECIAL "PETSGIVING" TREAT!**



***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.***

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER

Dear Holy Spirit,
Thank You for living in my heart.
Help me grow Your beautiful fruits:

Love - so I care for others
Joy - so I smile even when life is hard
Peace - so I stay calm and trust in You
Patience - so I don't get upset
Kindness - so I treat everyone like a friend
Goodness - so I choose to do what's right
Faithfulness - so I always follow You
Gentleness - so I use soft words
Self-control - so I make good choices

Help me be more like Jesus every
day. Mary, Mother of God, pray for
me. All you holy angels and saints,
pray for me too. Amen.





TIPS FOR HELPING KIDS UNDERSTAND THEIR EMOTIONS

Why It Matters

We all experience many different emotions each day. Being able to recognize and identify these emotions make it easier to:

- Control and manage our emotions
- Identify the emotions of others
- Tell others how we feel
- Be compassionate to others
- Remember that emotions don't last forever
- Understand what you like and don't like
- Feel comfortable with the different emotions you have

Activity Ideas

- Choose a "feeling of the day/week." During that time period, talk about what might cause someone to feel that way and when you've felt that way. Then, have each person in the family try to really pay attention to when they feel that way during the week. You can also try to notice when the people around you are feeling that way.
- Make a feelings chart with your child. Together, think of different feelings and draw, or have your child draw, pictures of each one. You could also make a feelings chart with photos of your child acting out each emotion.
- Make it a habit to do a feelings check-in as a family. You can do this any time, or during regular routines like before bed, during dinner, or while you're in the car.
- Look at characters in books, movies, and shows and talk about how you think they are feeling. Talk about why you think they are feeling that way.



Talk About It

Here are some discussion questions to help your child grow in this area:

- "It seems like you might be feeling _____. Is that right?"
- "How are you feeling right now?"
- "Why do you think it's important to know how you're feeling?"
- "Is it easy or hard for you to talk about how you're feeling?"

Other Tips

- Model this skill for your child. When appropriate, share how you're feeling and why.
- The best time to work on helping your child understand their emotions is when they are calm. This makes it easier to practice and become more comfortable with the skill.

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[Parent School Counseling Request Form](#)
[Elementary Student Check-In Form](#)
[Middle School Student Check-In Form](#)



Special
LIGHTKEEPERS'
Youth Night

@ **MAIN EVENT**

*Bowling, Laser Tag, Zip Lining, Rope Course,
Limited Time Arcade Games, Pizza & Drink*

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 - 4:00 PM - 8:00PM

Bus leaves at 3:45pm and will return at 8:30pm

Register and Pay by 11-20-25 →

\$25.00 pp

Remembering Our Children
Candlelight Service

Join us on Sunday,
December 14, 2025
Beginning at 6 PM
St. Alphonsus Liguori
Catholic Church

JOIN US FOR OUR
**CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

❄️ **DECEMBER 5-6, 2025** ❄️
FRI 12-7 PM ★ SAT 11 AM-8 PM

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER
14158 FRENCHTOWN ROAD ★

CRAFT SHOW featuring 30+ vendors

CONCESSIONS sold by Catholic Daughters
Jambalaya, hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, sweets, and more

FR. JASON'S CHRISTMAS VILLAGE DISPLAY

KIM CHRISTMAS PARTY - SAT. 12-4 PM

Still accepting vendors!
Apply today. ★

**Lady Warrior Volleyball
Holiday Clinics**

Scan to Register

November 24 & 25	December 29 & 30
Clinic I	Clinic I
Serving	Setting & hitting
8am-9am	8am-9am
\$45	\$45
Clinic II	Clinic II
9am-11am	9am-11am
\$100	\$100

4th-8th grade students