Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 4, 2023: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. (Jn 3:17)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri	8:30 AM
Wed	6:00 PM
Sunday	9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 (Spanish) and 5 PM

Alphonsus Academy & Center For the Arts

Friday	8:30 AM or as announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM

Confessions

Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM
Saturday	11:00—12:00 PM

**Or call one of the priests for an appointment*

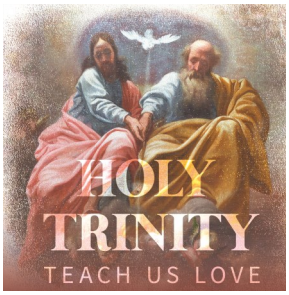
Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6/Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8/Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
William Ahearn
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Judy Fredrickson
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania



Welcome to the Parish!

Richard Brendza
Marjorie Silha
Melissa and Brad Wiss Owen
Andrea Cortes and Steven Gutierrez
Laura and Nick Edquist Christina
Christopher and Jenna Neely
Theresa McSorley



WEDDING BANNS

Nicole Jugovich
and
Nikola Filipac

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218
Offertory for 5/28: $14,619

Please remember to help the poor. Donations to the poor box in the narthex go to our St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Owen Michael Bernardi
Lucille Howard
Josephine Mali Krywko
Theodore Thomas Krywko

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 4
9:00 AM +Marcia Schroeder
11:00 AM +Richard Meindl
12:30 PM +Florentina Ornelas
+Delfina & Dolores Gutierrez
5:00 PM +Ruth Paras

Monday, June 5
8:30 AM +Barbara Elliston

Tuesday, June 6
8:30 AM Josephine Krywko

Wednesday, June 7
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, June 8
8:30 AM +Albert and Gertrude Fick

Friday, June 9
8:30 AM +Colette Marie Morris & Family

Sunday, June 11
9:00 AM +Carol Richard
11:00 AM The St. Alphonsus Graduating Class of 1956
5:00 PM +Colette Marie Morris & Family

Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal June 4

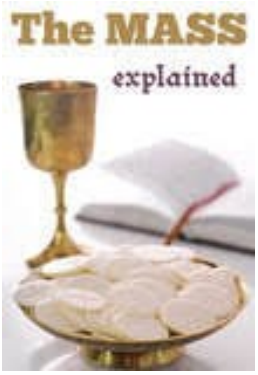


This Sunday, the Little Sisters of the Poor visit St. Alphonsus to share their vocation of hospitality to the elderly. St. Mary's Home in Chicago is one of 162 Homes for the elderly poor operated by the Little Sisters in 31 countries around the world.

Acute and considerable continues to be their need for financial support. Virtually all of the current Residents of St. Mary's Home qualify for Medicaid, and a few receive meager pensions. But these modest funds cover, at best, about half of the annual expenses. The Little Sisters have ministered to thousands of elders in Chicago for 145 years. Your support will enable them to continue their mission of caring for the neediest seniors of every race and religion in a spirit of reverence and of humble service. God bless you! www.littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org

News and Events

Teaching Mass and Q&A— Tuesday June 6 at 6:30 PM



Have you ever wondered where certain parts of the mass come from and how the mass as it is now became to be? Have you ever wanted to ask why the priest adds water to the wine? What does the sign we make before the Gospel mean? Now is your chance to learn and ask questions!

Our pastor Father Steven Bauer will be hosting a Teaching/Explanatory mass. The event begins at 6:30 PM and will begin with a brief explanation of the history of mass. We will then worship with daily mass, but Father Steve will stop at appropriate times during the mass to explain what he is doing and why. After mass, we will open the floor to questions you may have that were not covered. All questions are welcome. This is a great time for everyone to learn more about mass and I guarantee at least one other person is wondering the same thing you are! Depending on what time we finish, we will be having a social with drinks on the roof of St. Alphonsus after the event. This event is open to everyone at the Parish, so feel free to invite anyone, young adult or not! This is a unique event, so be sure to come!



June 11— Corpus Christi

Sunday June 11 is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). There will be a Eucharistic procession going around the block of the Alphonsus campus. **The 11 AM Mass this Sunday will be bilingual and there will not be a 12:30 PM Spanish Mass that day.** There will be a reception afterwards in the Festival Hall.

Fr. Gorman Going Away Reception— Sunday June 25 after 9 AM Mass



As many are aware, our Associate Pastor Fr. Patrick Gorman will be starting a new assignment in the Archdiocese as the Director of Chicago Seminarians and Director of the Spirituality Year beginning July 1st. Our parish Friends Through Faith and Knights of Columbus leaders are planning a hospitality reception after the 9 AM on June 25. All are welcome to say farewell and Thank You to Father Pat as he starts his new chapter of ministry!

CircEsteem Gymnastics Exhibition— Thursday June 29 at 6 PM

CircEsteem is bringing a FREE circus show back to St. Alphonsus. They are excited to be presenting their 4th annual "CircEsteem Around Chicago Summer Tour," bringing entertainment and education all across the city. CircEsteem strongly believes in bringing the circus into neighborhoods, providing them with opportunities to gather and build community. Bring out the whole family to enjoy a 45-minute performance featuring acts of juggling, acrobatics, unicycle, aerial silks, tightwire, and more. After the show, they'll invite the youth of the audience to step into the circus ring for a 30-minute workshop where they can try their hand at some of the skills taught.

Faith Formation

Spring Your Kids Into Totus Tuus Summer Camp!



We are excited to again offer Totus Tuus Summer Camp here at St. Alphonsus! Totus Tuus is a week-long summer youth retreat for young people in 1st through 12th grade. Participants will grow in their faith through skits, games, songs, the celebration of the sacraments, and engaging interactive teaching.

Day Program: Grades 1-6 Monday July 24– Friday July 28 9 AM-2:30 PM $75 per child (yes, really!) Register on our parish GiveCentral page at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/32872
Highlights include: 11:15 AM daily Mass (parents welcome to attend), outdoor recess, silly skits, Friday water fight. Sack lunches & water bottles required for students

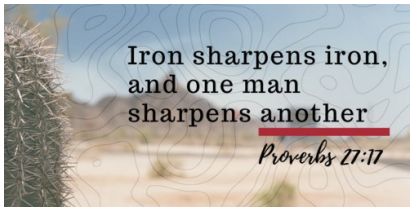
Night Program: For middle school and high school students entering Grades 7-12
Sunday July 23– Thursday July 27 7 PM-9 PM $20 per student
Highlights include: New friends, fun games, an evening of Adoration with our Lord, conversations about how to live out faith in high school and college, Thursday night social. Register online at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/37193

What is Totus Tuus?
For more information, please visit
vocations.archchicago.org/events/totus-tuus/what-is-totus-tuus

Any parent or parishioner interested in volunteering with Totus Tuus should contact Connie Del Toral, cdeltoral@alphonsusacademy.org

St. Alphonsus Men's Group

Thursday Evenings



St. Alphonsus Men's group meets Thursday nights to pray the liturgy of the hours, have fellowship, and to propose challenging topics to discuss.

When great conversations happen, synergy that creates connections and helps values be shared develops. *Proverbs 27:17* describes this as two iron tools being sharpened and made more effective. The same applies with friends coming into contact, sharpening and encouraging each other to greater service.

We meet every Thursday night at 7 PM in the rectory. Food and drinks provided. All men are welcome, with most men being in their 20s and 30s. Access can be gained at the west facing rectory door in the parking lot.
For questions or more information, contact Men's Group at our new email, divineofficers@gmail.com

Eucharistic Adoration: A Source for Peace:
Sometimes our weeks can be quite hectic, making it hard to find quiet time to pray. If this sounds familiar, join us for Mass on Wednesdays at 6 PM., followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 6:30-7:30. This can be a great way to re-center yourself in God and experience the peace that only Christ can give.

Wednesday Evening Men's Vespers
Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday at 8:15-9 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door) It's a great way to take your spiritual life a step further as we enrich our knowledge of the faith, encourage each other in life's challenges, and grow in fortitude together.



We chant the Liturgy of the Hours, share reflections on the upcoming Sunday gospel reading, followed by a social with refreshments, fellowship, and conversation. All men of the parish are invited.
Questions or more info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com



Congratulations AACA Class of 2023!

Asher George Albrecht
St. Ignatius College Prep

Aliya Mar Arthurs
DePaul College Prep

Scarlet Ava Belknap
Amundsen High School

Ronan William Binney
DePaul College Prep

Dylan Mario Boras
Walter Payton College Prep

Adele Frances Bradley
St. Ignatius College Prep

Aila Dinknesh Brennan
St. Ignatius College Prep

Eva Margarethe Buhler
Trinity High School

Sophia Karolyn Buquid
St. Ignatius College Prep

Isabella Amelia Casciola
St. Ignatius College Prep

Brogan Daniel Chinlund
St. Ignatius College Prep

Christopher Joseph Chittaro
St. Ignatius College Prep

Liam Paul Collins
DePaul College Prep

Christophe Matheo de Wijkerslooth
Jones College Prep

Catalina Ray Diesfeld
DePaul College Prep

Bridget Joy Dilling
St. Ignatius College Prep

Myles Forde Dilling
St. Ignatius College Prep

George Trilla Farrell
DePaul College Prep

Liam Seth Filan
DePaul College Prep

Colin Murray Giles
St. Ignatius College Prep

Campbell Evan Hahn
St. Ignatius College Prep

Alexandra Daria Jug
DePaul College Prep

Maxwell James Kerber
DePaul College Prep

Michael Patrick Kerber
DePaul College Prep

Christopher John Lake
St. Ignatius College Prep

Ryan Murphy Leonard
DePaul College Prep

Jordan Riley Malaga Lim
DePaul College Prep

Jackson Michael Martin
Loyola Academy

Shane Walter Martin
Loyola Academy

Quinn Hines McClain
DePaul College Prep

Keaton McClay Murphy
DePaul College Prep

Emma Grace Neiman
St. Ignatius College Prep

Audrey Eleanor O'Brien
DePaul College Prep

Liam Thomas Perreault
St. Ignatius College Prep

Maxwell Martin Pilliod
DePaul College Prep

Jake Elliott Riley
DePaul College Prep

Alexander Stephen Michael Rossi
Lincoln Park High School

Ethan Christopher Sacks
Notre Dame College Prep

Brady Robert Sciachetano
DePaul College Prep

Declan Charles Scheiner
Loyola Academy

Nathaniel James Schram
Lane Tech College Prep

Daniel Kevin Shutler
St. Ignatius College Prep

Caroline Jacqueline Smith
DePaul College Prep

Zachary Howard Stewart
DePaul College Prep

Holden William Thomas
DePaul College Prep

Lauren Trinity Tynan
DePaul College Prep

Hudson Charles Ward
DePaul College Prep

Ryan John Waters
St. Ignatius College Prep

Christopher Allen Ziesemer
St. Ignatius College Prep

Know Your Faith

Venerable Father Patrick Peyton

This week, we highlight a holy man in the process of canonization. We hope this story inspires your faith!

Venerable Fr. Patrick Peyton was born in Ireland near the Ox Mountains on January 9, 1909, to a devout Catholic family with nine children who prayed the rosary together every single day. Despite his early interest in a priestly vocation, Patrick's rebellious side prevailed and he dropped out of school at an early age, shifting his focus to working on his family's farm. He worked hard on the farm during his youth and teenage years until two of his sisters, who had already immigrated to the states, sent for him and his older brother, Thomas, to join them. The young men immigrated to Scranton, Pennsylvania in 1928 when Patrick was 19 years old. They moved in with their sister Beatrice and her husband.

Originally hoping to embody the American dream and find a job to bring him and his family wealth, Patrick eventually landed as the sexton, or as he referred to the job — "a janitor" — in St. Peter's Cathedral under the guidance of Monsignor Paul Kelly. This job, which had Patrick in the Cathedral and among other religious daily, reignited Patrick's interest in a vocation. As he was lacking his high school education, Monsignor Kelly instructed him to pursue his education first and then investigate joining a novitiate. Soon after this directive, both Patrick and his brother entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in Notre Dame where they finished their high school education and went on to study at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

During his second year at the university, Patrick was diagnosed with tuberculosis and had to leave school to be transferred back to Notre Dame for more intense long-term care. During his time in their infirmary, he dedicated himself to constant prayer, seeking the help and intercession of Mary, Mother of God. It was this devotion to Mary that he credits for the miraculous healing of the disease. His lungs eventually cleared and healed completely so he returned to the university to finish his studies and take his vows as soon as he could. He was ordained on June 15, 1941, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame, along with his brother Thomas, as priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

For his first priestly assignment he was sent to Albany, New York, as a chaplain of the Holy Cross Brothers of the Vincentian Institute. While there, Peyton began the Crusade for Family Prayer. He wrote letters to bishops, Catholic laity leaders, and other Catholic groups promoting the importance of praying the rosary together.



Due to his life-long dedication to the Holy Mother and the rosary, he became known as "The Rosary Priest." He coined the now popular phrases — **"The family that prays together stays together"** as well as **"A world at prayer is a world at peace."**

Father Patrick's hope was to inspire 10 million Americans to pray the rosary together in their homes — a goal he would eventually meet and exceed many times over. As his efforts were being made during a time when the world was at war and anxiety was high among American families, he continually preached that prayer would lead to peace and safety saying, "The rosary is the offensive weapon that will destroy Communism — the great evil that seeks to destroy the faith."

His efforts with the Rosary Crusades were duplicated around the world and promoted in countries from Brussels to Brazil! As post World War II peace felt continually threatened by the Cold War, the Holy See recognized Patrick's efforts and spread his message even further across the world. In 1947, Father Patrick founded Family Theater Productions, which still exists today, and made himself a major pioneer of mass-media evangelism often rubbing elbows with celebrities, artists, and famous leaders. This mastery of media caused his Rosary Crusade to attract millions of people as he traveled around the world with his message of peaceful prayer. In fact, anyone on the planet who has access to the internet can still participate in a daily recording of the rosary that is livestreamed by an organization called Family Rosary. Founded by Fr. Patrick, Family Rosary livestreams a Mass and rosary on the Family Rosary Facebook page every single day to over 1,325,000 followers!

Father Patrick Peyton died peacefully in 1992 at age 83 while holding a rosary in his hands. Pope Francis declared that Father Patrick Peyton lived a life of heroic virtue on December 18, 2017, and gave him the title of venerable.

How to Pray: The Rosary

"The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints ... it is a prayer from my heart."

POPE FRANCIS

The Rosary is a meditative prayer comprised of five decades. In this devotion, we walk with Mary and Jesus through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous, and Glorious Mysteries of Christ's life to meditate on God's love for us.

The Church traditionally prays certain mysteries on certain days of the week, as follows:

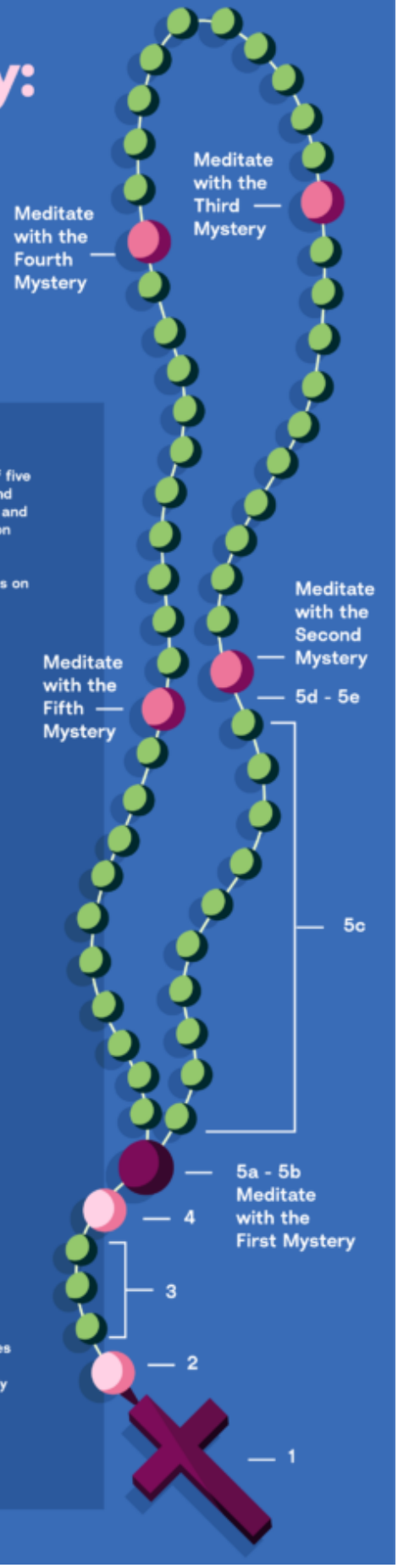
MON	TUES	WED
Joyful	Sorrowful	Glorious

THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Luminous	Sorrowful	Joyful	Glorious

STEPS TO PRAYER USING ROSARY BEADS

1. On the crucifix - Pray the Apostles' Creed
2. On the first bead - Say an Our Father
3. Next three beads - Say a Hail Mary
4. Pray a Glory Be
5. Pray the first decade
    - 5a. Announce the mystery
    - 5b. Large bead - Pray an Our Father
    - 5c. 10 small beads - Say 10 Hail Marys
    - 5d. After each decade - Say a Glory Be
    - 5e. Pray the Fatima Prayer

    O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.
6. Repeat this pattern for the remaining decades
7. After the 5 decades, conclude with "Hail, Holy Queen."
8. Close with prayer and the Sign of the Cross.



Baptisms



Baptism is a fundamental sacrament for Christians. It is a sacrament of initiation that unites us to Christ's mystical body, incorporates us into the Church, and marks the beginning of the Christian journey. Without baptism we cannot participate in the full sacramental life of the Church. In the sacraments we concretely and most visibly encounter God's grace—life reunited with life.

If you are interested in having your child baptized at St. Alphonsus, please contact Kaitlin Holyk, weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church For adult baptisms contact Brooks Robinson, brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Marriage at St. Alphonsus



The love between two people is a gift from God. The commitment you make to be together for the rest of your lives is sealed before the community and God during the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. If you are recently engaged and planning to get married (either at St. Alphonsus Church or out of town) please review the Marriage page on our website and reach out to Kaitlin Holyk, weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church

Making Sense of the Doctrine of the Trinity

The doctrine of the Trinity is one of the most essential teachings of the Christian faith, namely that God is One, and at the same time Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we invoke God using this kind of trinitarian language, but unfortunately, it is easy to take its mystery and meaning for granted.

Ever since the age of the Apostles, Christians have been contemplating the meaning of the Trinity. Yet, sometimes when trying to articulate the mystery of it, the language can stray into a theological error. Through the early centuries of the Church, councils of bishops and theologians gathered together to compose language and terminology with which they could talk about the Trinity. In our church here, atop the pillars are statues of the early Doctors of the Church, some of whom helped craft the language of the doctrinal teaching we now have.

But because of the depth of the mystery is the very nature and essence of God, no language is perfect. Nevertheless, drawing upon the texts of Sacred Scripture and guided by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, the Church eventually developed a way to articulate the doctrine. Since summarizing such a mystery can lead to confusion, what follows here is part of the official teaching on it from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (§ 249 - 256).

III. The Holy Trinity In The Teaching Of The Faith

The formation of the Trinitarian dogma

249 From the beginning, the revealed truth of the Holy Trinity has been at the very root of the Church's living faith, principally by means of Baptism. It finds its expression in the rule of baptismal faith, formulated in the preaching, catechesis and prayer of the Church. Such formulations are already found in the apostolic writings, such as this salutation taken up in the Eucharistic liturgy: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Cor 13:14).

250 During the first centuries the Church sought to clarify her Trinitarian faith, both to deepen her own understanding of the faith and to defend it against the errors that were deforming it. This clarification was the work of the early councils, aided by the theological work of the Church Fathers and sustained by the Christian people's sense of the faith.

251 In order to articulate the dogma of the Trinity, the Church had to develop her own terminology with the help of certain notions of philosophical origin: "substance", "person" or "hypostasis", "relation" and so on. In doing this, she did not submit the faith to human wisdom, but gave a new and unprecedented meaning to these terms, which from then on would be used to signify an ineffable mystery, "infinitely beyond all that we can humanly understand.”

252 The Church uses (I) the term"substance" (rendered also at times by "essence" or "nature") to designate the divine being in its unity, (II) the term "person" or "hypostasis" to designate the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the real distinction among them, and (III) the term "relation" to designate the fact that their distinction lies in the relationship of each to the others.

The dogma of the Holy Trinity

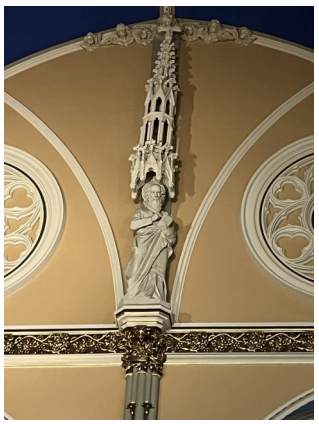
253 The Trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the “consubstantial Trinity.” The divine persons do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire: "The Father is that which the Son is, the Son that which the Father is, the Father and the Son that which the Holy Spirit is, i.e. by nature one God.” In the words of the Fourth Lateran Council (1215), “Each of the persons is that supreme reality, viz., the divine substance, essence or nature."

254 The divine persons are really distinct from one another. "God is one but not solitary." "Father", "Son", "Holy Spirit" are not simply names designating modalities of the divine being, for they are really distinct from one another: “He is not the Father who is the Son, nor is the Son he who is the Father, nor is the Holy Spirit he who is the Father or the Son.” They are distinct from one another in their relations of origin: "It is the Father who generates, the Son who is begotten, and the Holy Spirit who proceeds.” The divine Unity is Triune.

255 The divine persons are relative to one another. Because it does not divide the divine unity, the real distinction of the persons from one another resides solely in the relationships which relate them to one another: “In the relational names of the persons the Father is related to the Son, the Son to the Father, and the Holy Spirit to both. While they are called three persons in view of their relations, we believe in one nature or substance.” Indeed "everything (in them) is one where there is no opposition of relationship.” “Because of that unity the Father is wholly in the Son and wholly in the Holy Spirit; the Son is wholly in the Father and wholly in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit is wholly in the Father and wholly in the Son.”

256 St. Gregory of Nazianzus, also called “the Theologian,” entrusts this summary of Trinitarian faith to the catechumens of Constantinople:

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St. Gregory of Nazianzus
the third statue on the south side of our church (directly above the mission cross)

"Above all guard for me this great deposit of faith for which I live and fight, which I want to take with me as a companion, and which makes me bear all evils and despise all pleasures: I mean the profession of faith in the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. I entrust it to you today. By it I am soon going to plunge you into water and raise you up from it. I give it to you as the companion and patron of your whole life. I give you but one divinity and power, existing one in three, and containing the three in a distinct way. Divinity without disparity of substance or nature, without superior degree that raises up or inferior degree that casts down. . . the infinite co-naturality of three infinites. Each person considered in himself is entirely God. . . the three considered together. . . I have not even begun to think of unity when the Trinity bathes me in its splendor. I have not even begun to think of the Trinity when unity grasps me."

Stewardship—First Fruits

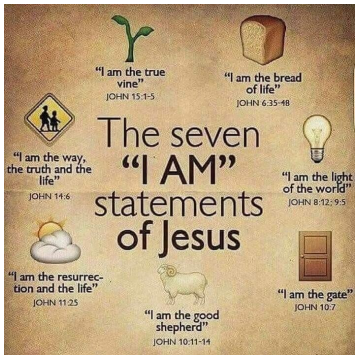
FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

We want to invite all parishioners who want to participate in online giving to do so by enrolling through GiveCentral and setting up your donation via the First Fruits campaign (weekly Mass offering).

A huge thank you to those that are already giving online. Please consider making St. Alphonsus an extension of your home and family when contributing.

Sign up at *www.givecentral.org/location/39*

Want to Get More Involved at St. Alphonsus? Time and Talent Survey



To carry out our mission that God has graciously invited us to participate in, we must be stewards of the temporal goods. By giving up our time, talent, and treasure, we are able to respond to the call of our why in our "whats" and "hows." This means, we baptize, we see others face-to-face, we draw in, we invite in, we create spaces of deep hospitality that we are able to accompany others as they seek to discover how God has been already present to them. In other words, as Henri J.M. Nouwen reminds us in, *A Spirituality of Fundraising*, stewardship, fundraising, and generosity are all concrete ways we help the Kingdom of God come about.

We invite you to join us in responding to the vocational call of our shared baptism. Please go to tinyurl.com/stalphonsusttt and consider the ways in which you may be generous with your time, talent, and treasure for the sake of the Kingdom of God and the mission with St. Alphonsus.

Echo Retreat 2023

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THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CAMP

ECHO is a dynamic and immersive Catholic retreat experience of St. John Paul II's landmark teaching called the Theology of the Body. This year, ECHO Chicago is geared towards young adults. ECHO is not just an intellectual exercise, but a journey into the heart where we discover the "distant echo" of God's plan for life and love from the very beginning.

Focused on identity, prayer, vocation, relationships and the Catholic Church's teachings on human sexuality, participants are invited into a new level of freedom to be the gift that God has called them to be. ECHO Chicago will be an overnight retreat that begins on **Friday evening, June 23 and concludes on Sunday evening, June 25. St. Alphonsus pastor Rev. Steven Bauer will be chaplain of the ECHO retreat.**

WHEN: June 23-25, 2023
Where: Casa Iskali, Our Lady of Guadalupe Campus, 9430 W. Golf Rd. Des Plaines
For more info and to register, visit
https://pvm.archchicago.org/human-dignity-solidarity/respect-life-chastity-education/events

June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 *Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal at Masses* **6:00 PM** YAM Board Meeting **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**5** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **4:00 PM** AACA School Board Social **6:00 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:30 PM** Knights of Columbus Rooftop Social	**6** **6:30 PM** YAM- Teaching Mass w/ Social afterwards **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**7** **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts—1st **7:00 PM** Young Adult Book Club **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**8** **9:15 AM** AACA Spelling Bee **6:00 PM** Leonine Forum Chicago Mass **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Small Faith Group	**9** *AACA— Last Day of School* **10:00 AM** AACA Variety Show at Athenaeum **11:00 AM** Girl Scout Lunch— Daisy Troop	**10**
11 *Corpus Christi— No 12:30 PM Mass Eucharistic Procession at Noon* *Priest's Health and Retirement— Special Collection* **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**12** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **3:00 PM** Junior Scouts— 4th **6:00 PM** Women's Faith Group	**13** **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**14** **7:00 PM** Young Adult Book Club **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**15** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Small Faith Group	**16**	**17** **9:30 AM** Catholic Church Tours
18 *Father's Day* **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**19** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group	**20** **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**21** **7:00 PM** Young Adult Book Club **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**22** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Small Faith Group	**23** *Archdiocese ECHO Retreat*	**24**
25 *Father Gorman Farewell Reception after 9 AM Mass* **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting *Archdiocese ECHO Retreat*	**26** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group	**27** **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum **7:00 PM** Parish Finance Council Mtg.	**28** **7:00 PM** Young Adult Book Club **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**29** **6:00 PM** CircEsteem Gymnastics Exhibition **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Small Faith Group	**30**	

Joining St. Alphonsus Parish

St. Alphonsus welcomes all community members on their faith journey! Just moved in the area? Coming back to practicing our Catholic faith? You will want to learn about all the events going on at our parish. If you are not receiving our weekly parish newsletter in your email, contact Mario Serrano at mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.church

You can officially register to join the parish at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors

Contact

Sacramental Information

Contact our parish office (773) 525-0709 for information regarding celebrating sacraments including Baptisms (infant and adult), Reconciliation (confession), Eucharist (Communion), Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick. For information regarding Funerals, please first contact the funeral director of your choice to begin making arrangements.

How to Offer a Mass Intention

Did you ever notice that every Mass said here at St. Alphonsus is offered for a special intention? The entire congregation prays for that intention during the petitions (Prayers of the Faithful) when we say, "For those who have died, and for the intention of this Mass: (named intention)"

You can make a Mass Intention request here. Masses are often offered for family, friends and relatives that have died. Praying for the dead is a Spiritual Work of Mercy. Offering a Mass for someone that has died is an especially comforting gesture to the family. Mass can also be offered to commemorate joyful occasions and to give thanks to God for blessings received.

The customary offering for a Mass here is $15. However, any amount that you would like to offer is completely acceptable. You can request Masses by visiting the Parish Office during office hours or calling the Parish Office at (773) 525-0709.

You can ***register in the parish*** by coming to the rectory office or going online at *www.stalphonsuschicago.org*. The advantage to registering is that we know who you are and can better plan our programs by knowing whom we serve.

Want *to find out what is happening in the young adult community?* Join the St. Al's Young Adult Listserv. We send out monthly emails to let people know about our upcoming events. To register for the listserv, contact *stalphonsusyam@gmail.com*

The ***Knights of Columbus*** are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. For more information, visit *www.stalphonsusknights.com*

St. Alphonsus Social Media

Choose to participate in meaningful engagement! Having an attitude of engagement challenges us to love our digital neighbor as ourselves. You can find St. Alphonsus' Facebook and Twitter by going to the parish website and clicking the icons at the footer of the page.

Directory

Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
9:00 AM— 7:30 PM Tue, Thurs

School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
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School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

Rev. Steven Bauer, Pastor
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Brooks Robinson, Pastoral Associate
Brian Bloye, Director of Music and Organist
Erica Cook, Coordinator of Religious Education
Daniel Szymanski, Director of Operations
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager
Kaitlin Holyk, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator

School Staff

Gerit McAllister, Principal
Angela Kladis, Assistant Principal
Mary Bodlak, Director of Admissions
Kim Wallett, Secretary
Connie Del Toral, Administrative Assistant