Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 16, 2025: THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Blessed are you who are poor,

for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:20)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

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

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: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Michael and Elizabeth Velten
Fidel Mercado Chavez
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Michael Aldape
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania
Leslie Salimi
Jason Jamero
Rosemarie Cordero
Gary Masterson
Ramona Colon
Michelle Renee Moya
Vera Wilkinson
Ernest Nora

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.

Men's Vespers– WED evening
Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday from 8-9 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 and 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

Welcome to the Parish!

Joseph Aquino & Nicole DiOrio
Jessica Merdes & Dominic Pasquesi
Grace Gallagher & Nick Fahrney
Nicole Villanueva
Kathryn & Cory Osekowski Reese
Mary Nevins
Claire Van Der Bosch
Izaiah Alicea
Patrick & Lindsey Fiely Adeline Silas
Monica Harris
Dulce Munoz

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Eder Ismael Villa
Santiago Jonathan Villa
Beckett Michael Ryan
Eliza Dawson Shasky

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 16
9:00 AM +William Henry Remmes
11:00 AM Jonathan & Grace Gilana (Birthday Blessings)
12:30 PM +Serafin Jaime-Gonzalez
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, February 17
8:30 AM +Geraldine Remmes

Tuesday, February 18
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, February 19
6:00 PM +Frances Wagner

Thursday, February 20
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, February 21
8:30 AM +Kelly Downey

Saturday, February 22
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, February 23
9:00 AM +Christian Kebr
11:00 AM +Phil Piazza
12:30 PM +Genaro Corral, Esteban Corral y Genaro Corral Casillas
5:00 PM +Barbara Elliston

News and Events

Ash Wednesday Schedule

7:00 AM **Service,** with distribution of ashes (English)

12:00 PM **Service,** with distribution of ashes (English)

6:30 PM **Mass (Bilingual in English and Español)**



Ash Wednesday is March 5!

Please note the Ash Wednesday evening Mass will be Bilingual. On this date, there will not be Adoration and Reconciliation after the Mass compared to our regular 6 PM Wednesday evening Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Volunteers Needed!

Children's Liturgy of the Word is returning to St. Alphonsus Parish! This is an offering for 4-7 year olds to hear the Word of God proclaimed in a way that they can understand. Join the Children's Liturgy Team and help the children enter into prayer, leading them to an encounter with Our Lord!

We are looking for the following Volunteer Positions:

- **Prayer Leaders** – Provide a Child-Friendly Reflection and Conversation on the Day's Readings, bringing the Scriptures to Life
- **Lectors** – Read Aloud the Day's Readings and the Prayer of the Faithful
- **Music Ministers** – Sing the Responsorial Psalm or Provide Accompaniment on the Piano
- **Assistants** – Help Maintain a Prayerful Atmosphere by Soothing and Caring for the Children

All Volunteers need to be VIRTUS Certified (*required to work with children in the Archdiocese*) and attend one Children's Liturgy of the Word Training Session to be prepared. If you are unable to attend a group training session date, reach out to schedule a private training. Sign-Up to volunteer for one Sunday or for them all! Your time and talents are appreciated and a gift to the children.

Questions? **Contact Emily Ember, Coordinator of Religious Education**, at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church

DATES: (at the 9AM Mass on Sundays)
March 9th
March 30th
May 4th
June 1st

Volunteer Training Session:
Thursday, February 27th @ 6:00 PM – Festival Hall



Indoor Volleyball League at St. Alphonsus—Starts This Thursday!

Looking for a fun activity? All young adults aged 21-39 are encouraged to check out Catholic Sports Leagues annual indoor volleyball league, held here at St. Alphonsus' gym on Thursday evenings from February 20 to April 10. Similar leagues around the area are typically $100 or more, but their registration is only $65! (And includes post-volleyball merriment at Southport Betty's...)

Sign-up for their Bowling League at Waveland Bowl in April is now open too! Visit catholicsportsleagues.com



Faith Formation





On Saturday, March 15, our parish is hosting a Lenten Morning of Reflection. All current Liturgy volunteers, including Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Cantors, Ushers, and Altar Servers are highly encouraged to participate! The morning will start with 8:30 AM Mass and then move into the Festival Hall. Contact our Associate Pastor, Rev. Jesus Raya Custodio, jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church for more information.

Walking With Purpose— Women's Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 AM; Evenings at 6:00 PM

Come as you are. You are welcome here. Make authentic connections with other women. Refuel and refresh. Learn more about God!

walking with purpose

Reclaiming Friendship: God's Plan for Deep Connection explores what it takes to stay close to friends for the long haul, what to look for in a friend, and how to navigate toxic relationships.

Let God reshape how you see and experience intentional relationships, and become a woman who is capable of the lifelong bond of true friendship.

Meetings take place every Tuesday on the 2nd Floor Common Room in the parish rectory. For questions and more info, please contact Marianne at mariannek36@yahoo.com

St. Alphonsus Men's Group

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 email, divineofficers@gmail.com

"Come to me all you are labored and burdened and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28

More News & Events

Welcoming Maggie Piery to Our Parish Staff!



Hello, my name is Margaret Piery but most people call me Maggie. I was raised in South Milwaukee, WI and grew up attending Divine Mercy Parish. My parents instilled values of faith and volunteering; however, I do not think we could have predicted the impact it would have on me. They would often have me tag along while they volunteered at pancake breakfasts and other parish events. As I got older, and as my faith deepened, I became an altar server and became involved in youth ministry.

I attended the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with aspirations of working in the legal field. I moved to Fond du Lac, WI to work at a women's prison before realizing I was much more suited to the non-profit world.

In August, I took a leap of faith and moved to Chicago. It was a BIG change and I am still adjusting. St. Alphonsus has eased the transition. I am grateful to Fr. Bauer for trusting me and giving me an opportunity to start as a temporary employee and transition to full-time.

If I have not had the pleasure of meeting you, please feel free to stop me and introduce yourself. I look forward to growing and working with you!

Art & Soul 2025: Save the Date!



Since its kickoff, Art & Soul annually brings together 350+ guests and generates $ for our school through sponsorships, tickets, and exciting silent and live auctions. It is the school's most successful fundraiser and ensures a quality education for Alphonsus Academy's 500 students.

We are seeking donations for this upcoming fundraiser. Successful packages in the past have included vacation stays, ticketed experiences (sporting events, concerts), bourbon and wine priced $30+, and gift certificates. For more information, please contact Assistant Principal, Angela Kladis, akladis@alphonsusacademy.org

Baptisms at St. Alphonsus



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.

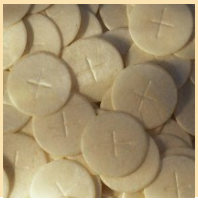
If you are interested in having your child baptized at St. Alphonsus, please contact Kathryn Kibler at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church
For adult baptisms, contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Weddings 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 Kathryn at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church

Low Gluten Hosts Available



If you are allergic to wheat or have celiac disease, or for any reason can't tolerate gluten, we have hosts available for you. Low gluten hosts are available at every Mass, even daily Masses. To receive a low gluten host at Mass, all you have to do is get in the Communion line for the celebrant, and then just point to the little ciborium that the priest sets on the communion rail. These hosts have 0.01% gluten. We can provide further information about their content upon request.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way." Luke 6:24–26

Beatitudes and Woes

Luke 6:20–49 offers us a shortened version of the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew's Gospel. Luke's version of this sermon takes place on a plain, "a stretch of level ground." The teachings in the two Gospels are very similar, despite their difference in length. Luke's teaching on the Beatitudes adds the "woe to you's" quoted above, which are not found in Matthew's version.

The early Church Father Saint Bede comments that Saint Luke's version of the "woes" are meant for those who are "uninstructed hearers" because they "must first be brought by terrors to good works." He goes on to say that the first part of the Beatitudes, the "blessings," are meant for the "perfect" because they "need but be invited by rewards" rather than fear of punishment. The fact that Saint Luke includes a teaching for both the sinner and the saint should lead us to the conclusion that we can benefit from both approaches in our spiritual lives.

When your spiritual life is strong and you are consistently avoiding serious sin, it might be more helpful to reflect regularly upon the blessings found in the Beatitudes. This will have the effect of drawing you into greater perfection as the desire for the reward of holiness becomes the object of your hope.

When your spiritual life is weaker and you are regularly struggling with more serious sin, it might be more helpful to reflect upon the woes of the Beatitudes. This will have the effect of deterring you from the cycle of sin you struggle with, on account of the fear of the consequences of those sins.



In the end, the Beatitudes and their subsequent woes are meant to point us interiorly to the desires of our hearts. We must become more and more aware of what occupies our thinking and desires. Ultimately, wealth or poverty, hunger or satisfaction, worldly praise or persecution do not matter. What matters is that our hearts are detached from the desires identified in this sermon so that we more fully desire only God and His holy will, regardless of the circumstances of life we find ourselves in.

Reflect, today, upon your own spiritual and moral life and first consider whether you are blessed to be living a life that more imitates the saints or whether you more often reflect the serious struggles of the sinner. From there, try to choose which form of teaching you need the most. Do you need to ponder the rewards of seeking even greater beatitude in life so as to grow deeper in holiness? Or do you need Jesus' clear condemnations to help you break free from the cycle of sin with which you are struggling? Humbly identify that which is most helpful to you right now in your spiritual life and allow this full sermon of Jesus to help you on your journey to the Kingdom of Heaven.

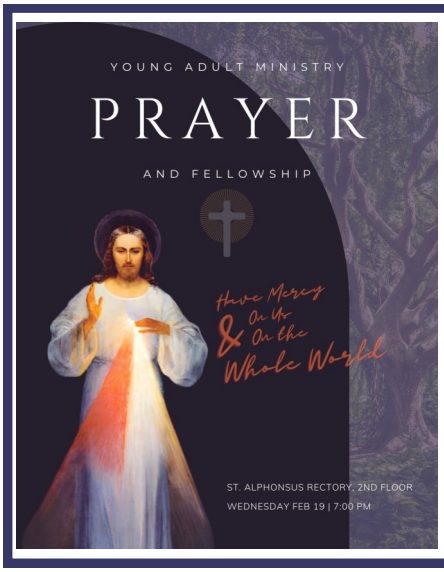
Lord of holiness, I do desire to follow You and become truly holy. Please free me from my sin so that I am able to avoid the consequences of those sins. Please help me to also desire the heights of holiness so that I will receive the great rewards that You promised to the saints in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Boot Tray

Many of us have a boot tray near the door so that we can avoid placing the boots covered with snow on the floor. But the tray accumulates water from the melting snow. Thus, when you take the boots out of the tray, the bottoms are wet and the floor gets soiled. To avoid this, put some small stones into the tray and the boots will be suspended above the puddle of water. Then when you put the boots on for your next trip outside, the bottoms of the boots will be dry.

Young Adult Ministry



Faith & Fellowship Prayer Night— Wednesday, February 19

Join us in the St. Alphonsus Rectory's 2nd floor Common Room as we gather for prayer and fellowship!

This is a new series delving into a type of prayer together each month. This month we are going to reflect with the Examen and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together.

After prayer, stick around for some homemade goodies and we encourage you to bring some snacks to share.

Doors open at 7 PM and we will start at 7:30 PM. Hope to see you here!

YAM Game Night— Saturday, February 22 at 6 PM



On Saturday, February 22, our Young Adult Ministry will be hosting a game night for the community! Come enjoy a fun evening playing classic such as Euchre, Sorry!, and Monopoly or bring your own favorite game to introduce the community to. This event will be "stock the bar" style in which attendees will be asked to bring a beverage you enjoy, alcoholic or not, to share and stock up the YAM fridge for future events such as Speed Dating!

We will have multiple tables set up in Festival Hall to accommodate the group and we encourage everyone to invite a friend and have a great time with YAM! For questions, please contact us at stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

YAM 3x3 Basketball— Saturday, March 8



3-on-3 Basketball is back! Come join St. Alphonsus' Young Adult Ministry (YAM) for its annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament. Grab some friends and join us for one of our most exciting events of the year!

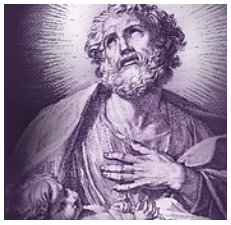
The tournament will be a round-robin group play followed by a single elimination tournament for the top 6 teams. Each team is guaranteed 3 games in the group play. There is not a separate tournament for men and women so teams can be co-ed. There will be a limit of 16 teams, so sign up before all of the spots are full. Teams are limited to 5 players. If you do not have a team and want to sign up individually without a team, we will place you with other individual sign ups to create a team. Please specify "Individual" in the team category at the registration link.

Sign up here: www.givecentral.org/location/39/33436

As part of the event, we will provide snacks and drinks. All are welcome to come and watch the event for free if not part of a team. For those watching the event who are not part of a team but would still like to partake in the food and drink we ask that you make a $5 donation.

Date: Saturday March 8th; Location: St. Alphonsus Gymnasium
Time: Starts at 10:00 AM ; Cost: $15 per person; each player must sign-up individually.

Adoption and Foster Information Night



Have you been thinking about adopting or fostering? Do you have questions for people who have been there and professionals who work in the field?

Join for an Adoption and Foster Information Night at Old St. Patrick's Church. There will be brief presentations from people who have adopted both in and out of state and through the foster program, as well as representatives from DCFS, an adoption agency, and an adoption consultant. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Sunday, February 23, 6— 7 PM at the Old St. Pat's Rectory dining room, the third floor of 718 W Adams, Chicago, immediately following the 5:00 Mass. RSVP w/Rachelle Lindo rachelle.lindo@gmail.com

Volunteer w/ Mission of Our Lady of the Angels!



Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, 3808 W. Iowa St. (via the Franciscans of the Eucharist) provides hope to the poor on the west side of Chicago via food pantries supporting 3000 families a month, after-school programs, seniors programs, community meals, and much more!
Sister Stephanie Baliga is looking for talented individuals who are willing to come help on a certain day/time of the week each week (or every other week) + commit to a routine task. Example: Clean 2nd floor of school, do weeding in the convent front yard, clean the school bathrooms etc.
If you are interested, let her know your availability/ interest + she can get you set up! E-mail Sr. Stephanie at olamission@gmail.com

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QUIGLEY DAYS

February 22, 2025

High school age men are invited to enjoy a day of hiking, prayer and fun.

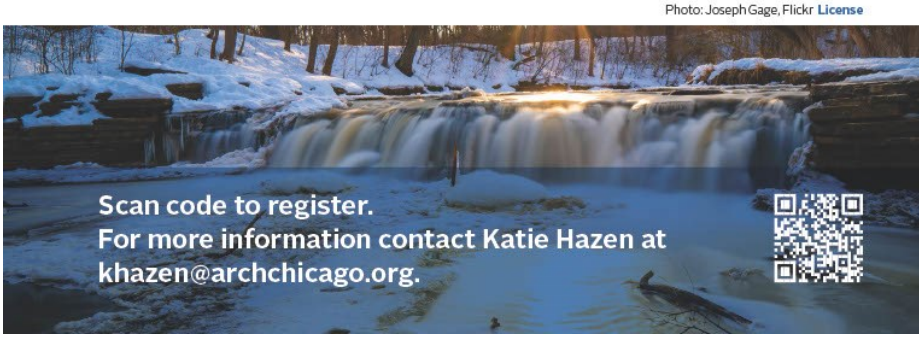
Pick-up: 7:30 a.m.: Mother of the Americas (10-person limit)
7:30 a.m.: Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish (6-person limit)

Breakfast and Hike at Waterfall Glen, Downer's Grove

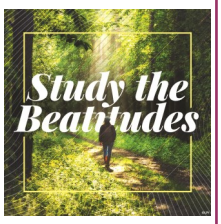
Prayer at Poor Clare Monastery of the Immaculate Conception, Palos Park

Depart: 11:30 a.m.
Drop-off: 12 p.m.: Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish
12 p.m.: Mother of the Americas

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Beatitudes and their meanings



#1 **Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** (Be satisfied with what you have. Share the good things we have with others because God wants us to.)

#2 **Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.** (Comfort those who are suffering. Help others feel better about themselves after a loss.)

#3 **Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.** (Humility-a true sense of who you are. Get the ego out of the way.)

#4 **Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.** (Do what is fair for everyone. Think WWJD)

#5 **Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.** (We forgive those who are unkind to us. Look for ways to show kindness to others.)

#6 **Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.** (We do what is right just because we know it is the right thing to do.)

#7 **Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.** (We try to bring God's peace to the world. We control our behavior so people can see Jesus in us.)

#8 **Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** (We are willing to stand up for God's laws even if we are teased or insulted.)

Youth Free Throw Competition

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level for the 8th annual Free Throw Championship sponsored by the St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus. The local competition will be held on **Saturday, February 22, 2025 in the St. Alphonsus parish gym starting at 10:00 AM**.

Sign-up at stalphonsusknights.com/freethrow/

Volunteers Needed! To volunteer, please contact Logan at lcobell@gmail.com

COMPETITION FORMAT:

Each contestant receives three warm-up tosses followed by 15 consecutive Free Throw attempts from the appropriate age-designated foul line. To break a tie, contestants take a second round of five free throws. No warm-up tosses are permitted for the tie-breaker rounds. Successive rounds of five free throws each continue until a winner emerges.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.9 million members in 17,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated over 70 million volunteer hours and $170 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, culture of life, families and youth.

RULES:

- All children must be pre-registered in order to compete.
- ONLY GYM SHOES are allowed in the gym, no marking shoes are permitted.
- VIRTUS trained adults will be on staff to run the event
- No food or drink allowed on basketball court.

Save the Dates! Lenten Fish Fries!

Our parish Knights of Columbus council are planning TWO Fish Fry events this year, on March 14 and March 28 respectively. More details to come!

February is Boost Self-Esteem Month

Boost your self-esteem

Self-esteem refers to how we think about ourselves. People with high self-esteem tend to have a strong sense of self-worth, and they tend to see the good in themselves and their lives. Fortunately, you can cultivate your own self-esteem.

- **Replace negative, critical self- talk.** Practice telling yourself positive, self-affirming statements. Celebrate your successes and acknowledge your strengths.
- **Have self-compassion.** Be kind to yourself and minimize your flaws. Everyone has imperfections, and it is important to focus on your positive qualities.
- **Avoid comparing yourself to others.** Social media can often portray an unrealistic picture of people's lives. Focus on your own journey and progress.
- **Learn from everything.** Every experience, both positive and negative, offers valuable lessons. Use setbacks as opportunities for growth and development.
- **Surround yourself with positive, supportive people.** Let them inspire and uplift you, and give back by celebrating their achievements as well.

Are you ready to serve local moms?

The St. Alphonsus Safe Families for Children Ministry is looking for volunteers!

safefamiliesstals@gmail.com

Volunteer With Safe Families for Children!

When a single parent experiences a crisis (hospitalization, loss of housing, unemployment, etc.) and has no support system to lean on for childcare, they can call Safe Families for Children.

Safe Families works by connecting families in crisis with compassionate background-checked families to care for their children until the parent(s) are back on their feet.

Learn more at safe-families.org or contact us safefamiliesstals@gmail.com

Stewardship— First Fruits

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.

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Offertory for 2/9: $17,971

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

Left QR code for GiveCentral; Right QR code for Venmo

For Mass donations via Zelle, please submit to general parish email account, parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Stewardship Reflection

"Blessed are you when people hate you…exclude and insult you, and denounce your name…on account of the Son of Man." - Luke 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

Annual Catholic Appeal— February 23



Next week, we will ask you to consider making your gift to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers us an opportunity to join with others and affirm that ***"Together We Bring Hope***." In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. For example, Appeal funds support priest development, low-income parishes and schools and initiatives for peace, justice, and respect for life. As we consider God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude in using and sharing those gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you for your continued generosity!

You can make a contribution at
www.annualcatholicappeal.com

Contact

Sacramental Information

Contact our parish office at (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

Have you ever noticed 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 is $15. However, any amount that you would like to offer is 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

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