Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 23, 2023: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



This mosaic of the Supper at Emmaus adorns the front panel of the altar in church.

"Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how He was made known to them in the Breaking of the Bread."

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: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
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
Mary Perisin
Judy Fredrickson
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania
Juanita Ramirez

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 4/16: $12,177

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

Theodore Sawczenko
Adrian Nicolas Montenegro
Madilyn Kay Wall
Scarlett Rose Camper
Harper Nowinski
Blakely Nowinski
Beau Warren Valentyn

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

Love. Grow. Serve.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 23
9:00 AM +Bronius Stankavich
11:00 AM +Neil Patrick Herald
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM +Dr. Anthony Caruso

Monday, April 24
8:30 AM John Holyk

Tuesday, April 25
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, April 26
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, April 27
8:30 AM +Dorothy Klotz

Friday, April 28
8:30 AM +Tabitha Elle Sossei Shields
+Colette Marie Morris

Sunday, April 30
9:00 AM +Ukrainian women, Maria, Iryna, Kateryna, Anna, Maria, Stefa, Sophia
11:00 AM +Betty Roberts
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM +Paul Eck

News and Events

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 at weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church
For adult baptisms contact Brooks Robinson at 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 at weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church

Serve as a Wedding Coordinator!

Are you looking to get more involved in our parish? St. Alphonsus is currently looking for wedding coordinators to join our team. Being part of the Wedding Ministry is a rewarding opportunity, fun, and all volunteers receive a stipend for their time. For more information contact Kaitlin Holyk

Friends Through Faith

Our newly formed Friends Through Faith Adult Social Group is beginning to foster essential faith-filled connections and build our St. Alphonsus community through fellowship and fun. Connecting with other parishioners can lead to lasting friendships, fruitful ministries, or even just a friendly wave and smile the next time you attend Mass.

We are creating small groups, charity/service opportunities, outings and friendships out of this community and would love more parishioners joining us. If you'd like more information, please email Amy amykeefner@gmail.com

We meet the last Sunday of every month following the 11 AM mass in the Rectory. **To register for the April 30th gathering, please email Amy Keefner**.

Recovery Programs at St. Alphonsus

If you or loved ones you know have a problem with alcohol/substance abuse, please seek help! Our parish hosts two AA programs. Daily Reflections meet on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM in the rectory Common Room. Contact Lauren Merrill Sammis, lauren.merrill@live.com for more information. There is also a Young People's Big Book AA group that meet Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the Festival Hall. You can contact one of the coordinators, Samuel, samuelaaronmosley@gmail.com for more info.

Volunteer at St. Alphonsus!



Our Cleaning Angels Ministry will be serving our parish on **Saturday, May 6 from 9–10:30 AM**. All parishioners are invited to join us as we help to clean and beautify our Saint Alphonsus Church! It is our duty as good Catholics to be of service to our faith community and our local parish! All cleaning products provided; no online sign-up; simply come to the Church in the morning.

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*

Faith Formation

Spring Your Kids Into Totus Tuus Summer Camp!



For all families looking forward to summer, we've got the perfect thing for your children to do: the Archdiocese is bringing the Totus Tuus summer camp back to St. Alphonsus, July 23-28. It's like a week-long vacation Bible school, only way more fun and active. Each session is limited to only 50 participants. All safety protocols will be followed to ensure the health & safety of all participants and volunteers. For more information, please visit vocations.archchicago.org/events/totus-tuus/what-is-totus-tuus

The price is only $75 per child for an entire week!
Register on our parish GiveCentral page at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/32872

Any parent or parishioner interested in volunteering with Totus Tuus should contact Erica Cook, ecook@stalphonsuschicago.church

Walking With Purpose Women's Group

Tuesday mornings/evenings



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

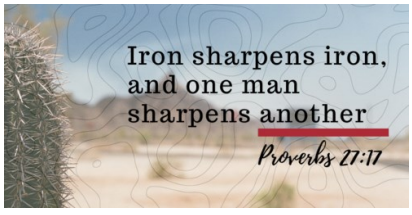
We live in a self-centered culture that all too often leaves us feeling empty and dissatisfied. A fuller view of God and His glory is the perfect antidote— find this during our journey through the Beholding Your King Bible study.

We'll study King David, select psalms, the temple, and many Old Testament prophets and see the ways in which they all point to the coming King of Kings, Jesus Christ. This Nine-Lesson Bible study is the second part of a two-part series and is ideally completed after Beholding His Glory.

Our new Beholding Your King bible study group meets ***Tuesdays from 9:30—11 AM and 6:30—8 PM***. Questions? Contact Susan Combes at suecombes@hotmail.com

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 Peter Tigue, peter.tigue@gmail.com

Chicago's Got Sisters



Chicago's Got Sisters will be held in-person on Friday, May 19 beginning at 5 PM. through Saturday, May 20 at 7 p.m. This is a discernment opportunity for single Catholic women ages 18-40 interested in exploring religious life. Participants have the chance to visit four convents and spend time with sisters from several communities, hear their stories and ask questions. There will be prayer, personal reflection, service, shared meals and conversation. Overnight accommodations are provided. To register, visit bit.ly/3ZyZGdd. Questions? Contact Sr. Jess Lambert jlambert@archchicago.org

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Speed Dating!



Young adult (21-39 yrs old) speed dating will take place on **Saturday, April 29** with registration check-ins beginning at 6:00 PM.

Cost per individual ticket is $50. You must pre-register for the event. **Final day to register is this Wednesday, April 26**!! At the door sign ups are not allowed, to ensure everyone is able to meet their matches for each round.

Women's Sign-up: www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/36787
Men's Sign-Up: www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/36788
Participants will be asked to please create a profile. More info on the GiveCentral registration page.

Join us for a tremendously fun evening of quality conversations with great dates, food and drinks included! Don't wait to register! Seats go super fast. All ticket sales are final, limited number of tickets available so buy yours now before they sell out.

Follow-up questions can be sent to stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

Cocktails After Mass



This Sunday, after the 5 PM Mass, all young adults in our parish are invited to meet at The Pony Inn, 1638 W. Belmont for some drinks and socialization.

Praise and Adoration

April 28 7:30 PM—9 PM



Next Fri, spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration in the church. We'll spend the first 15 minutes in silent adoration, and then our musicians will lead worship in song. Confession will also be available! The hour will conclude with benediction, and fellowship at Lincoln Tap after!

Gospel Reflection

Who Travels With You?

Pope Benedict XVI suggests that "Emmaus is really everywhere, the road that leads there is the path of every Christian, indeed, every human being." From the time we develop the gift of reason, our journeys are adventures that seek to understand the past, find joy in the present, and plot the course for the future. We are constantly in dialogue with ourselves, others, and God. We try to put together the pieces of the past so that we can understand how we came to be where we are today and what we need to do in order to face tomorrow. We reach for voices that can help us interpret and learn from events and circumstances that have affected us, helping us make sense of where life has brought us. We need to listen to the right voices as we ponder a pivotal question: where is the road of my life going to end? If we are not cautious, we can easily be deceived.

When we are walking through life with our heads held high, spunk in our step and eyes twinkling bright with glances to heaven, all is right with the world, it is easier to see God's hand. God's glory dances in myriad ways around us and the hand of His loving presence holds ours as we exhale songs of praise. When life's disappointments, challenges, and difficulties are in recession and the warmth of joy's rays are shining on our face, it is easier to see God's love and guidance. Everything is in sync. But, when sorrow, failure, disappointment, and fear weigh us down, our eyes are fixed downward, and we walk through life looking downcast. We carry heavy burdens. We see not what is above but what is below and easily tire from the sacks we carry. It is harder to see God's love when we are hurting and feeling betrayed or abandoned. Finding meaning in life's ugliness can be an arduous task indeed. We need a discerning eye.

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Gospel Reflection

Is God a real Being or simply an idea that we entertain? Often, we reduce God to a set of ideas, rules, expectations, theories, and principles and neglect seeing him as a Real Presence who walks with us. What are we expecting God to do? If we are expecting God to rearrange and fix the disjointed and broken furniture of our lives, then we may end up very disappointed. Even the disciples on the Road of Emmaus suffered from this myopic shortsightedness. They were expecting Jesus to put Israel back together, save it from the Romans and redeem it! That's what they were hoping for! Instead, he was killed, and they were seemingly left alone with all of their broken furniture. Their misconceived expectations blinded them to what was really going on. We lose our sight, too. Our hope gets displaced.

God's Word wonderfully keeps it all in balance. It holds together life and death, suffering and healing, grace and sin, joy and despair, justice and injustice, and faith and doubt. The Word, who was with God from the beginning bursts forth into the Word made flesh with creative love, sustaining and creating all things for all times and in all ages. The Word, captured in the pages of Scripture, is the only thing that can interpret our lives and help us find the presence of God. The Word alone helps us lift our eyes from what is below and fix them on what is above regardless of time and circumstance. It is the Word who helps us walk with purpose and determination reminding us how foolish we are not to believe all that has gone before us. We need to trust that our companions in faith, whose lives of fidelity and witness abound in Sacred Scripture, are here to help us and interpret all that is happening.

We are called to walk with purpose and listen to and notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct and inspire us! The incarnate Mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, which is where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed him? We can become too preoccupied with ourselves and forget which kingdom is the one to which we must give our allegiance. We forget that we travel a road whose destiny ends here but whose end is in eternity. Sometimes, our slowness to understand is intentional as we struggle with whether it is our will or God's will that is supposed to be done. We allow all of the busyness to rob us of the silence needed to simply "be" and understand.

There is something mystically, simply, majestically, and profoundly beautiful and centering about the Eucharist. There is a presence discovered there in the simplicity of some of God's most basic gifts: flour, water, and fruit. It's almost so simple that we find it hard to believe.



Wouldn't God want to make a grander and more spectacular entrance into our lives? God choses to walk as we walk, beside us and with us, feeling as we feel. It is an incredible moment of connection when we "take and eat," becoming one with all of our brothers and sisters and one with our God, who is our Emmanuel (God with us). There as we take and eat our eyes are opened as we stand before the cross and death, the grave and life. It is there where not with words or thoughts but with the profound language of our souls we give voice to our faith that God is here and all is well. The eyes of our hearts are lifted high above the cross, beyond the tensions and tragedies of life. And, for a moment it all makes sense, we see clearly, and all is well. We must rest, and learn to see with the eyes of our souls.

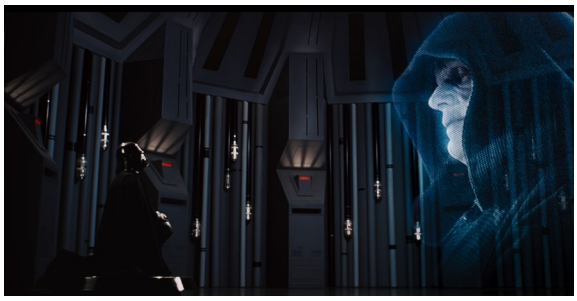
In listening deeply to the enlightenment that comes from the Word made flesh and the written word of Sacred Scripture and the nourishment and encounter that is discovered in the Eucharist, we become more like Christ. In becoming more like Christ, we gain confidence and are able to walk through whatever life brings with head held high. Our traveling companions of faith, hope, and love are with us.

—Fr. Mark Suslenko

PRAYER
My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me and
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself and the fact that I think
I am following Your will does not mean
that I am actually doing so.
But, I believe that the desire to please You
does in fact please You.
And, I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And, I know that if I do this
You will lead me by the right road
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore, will I trust You always,
though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for You are ever with me and
You will never leave me to face my perils alone.
Amen.
—Thomas Merton









St. Alphonsus Parish to Celebrate "National Star Wars Day"!

On May The Fourth (invoking every fan's favorite pun), St. Alphonsus Parish, in collaboration with the Athenaeum Center for Thought & Culture, will host a special screening of *Star Wars: Episode V— The Empire Strikes Back,* in the Athenaeum's historic main stage at 7 PM. Costumes are definitely encouraged!

Purchase a special access ticket to a Star Wars trivia contest at 6 PM and put your Jedi mind tricks and galactic knowledge to the test!

Movie and Trivia tickets are now on sale at athenaeumcenter.org/events/2023/may-the-fourth-2/

May the Fourth Be with You!

Safe Families for Children

Today is Safe Families Sunday!



This year marks 20 years of the Safe Families movement. Founded here in Chicago in 2003, the Christian nonprofit Safe Families for Children has grown from one humble man's vocation to an international effort to unleash Christian hospitality and surround families in crisis with caring, compassionate communities.

Safe Families is a truly ecumenical effort. Hundreds of different Christian churches have united to participate - Catholic parishes, small house-churches, well-established Lutheran congregations, non-denominational communities... you name it! We've all come together to work as God's hands and feet and support families in crisis in our communities.

Thank you to all St. Alphonsus parishioners who have so generously participated in our ministry's service! Please visit our info table in the narthex to learn more about how you can get involved. God Bless!

Get involved with Safe Families today! www.safe-families.org/
Follow us on Facebook @safefamiliesstals

Catholic Charities

Art of Caring Fundraiser

The Catholic Charities Women's Board of Lake County hosts this signature fundraiser on **Saturday, April 29** from 6—11:30 PM, bringing together civic, philanthropic, and community donors to support Catholic Charities and its critical programs and services throughout our region.
6 PM – Cocktails
7 PM – Dinner, live auction, paddle raise, and dancing to the sounds of LFC Entertainment

Cocktail attire for this event. Get tickets and check out the Live Auction packages at
www.catholiccharities.net/events/art-of-caring/

Blossoms of Hope Brunch

The Blossoms of Hope Brunch supports the Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) Program, providing support services for individuals and families who have lost a loved one to suicide.
Sunday April 30, 11 AM – 2 PM
Location: Drury Lane
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181

This annual brunch brings together the LOSS community to remember and celebrate those we have lost, as well as recognize the resilience and love of survivors.

To purchase tickets or learn more, visit
www.catholiccharities.net/events/blossoms-of-hope-brunch/ or contact Cristin Clifford,
cclifford@catholiccharities.net or (312) 948-6864

Know Your Saints— Ven. Maria Consuelo Sanjurjo Santos



Venerable Maria Consuelo Soledad Sanjurjo Santos was born in Puerto Rico on November 15, 1892. By the time she was nine years old both of her parents had passed away. Extended family then placed her and her sister Antonia in a boarding school run by the Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick. It was there that she grew up and spent her adolescence, befriending and learning from the Sisters about their way of life. Maria was so attracted to the religious life that she entered the Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick as a postulant as soon as she turned 16. Even as a child she was known to have deep devotion to Jesus.

Since the Servants of Mary didn't have any houses for formation in Puerto Rico, Maria had to begin her postulancy in Madrid. After four years she was transferred to Cuba where under her new name, Maria Soledad, she took her perpetual vows on April 30, 1921. She remained in Havana and in 1929 she became the Secretary and Conciliar of the Congregation of the Servants of Mary. After 10 years in that position, she became Mother Superior of a couple different houses following which she was appointed the Provincial Superior of the Antilles which included Haiti, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic.

Now, leading the Servants of Mary in the Caribbean, Mother Maria Soledad set her heart on scaling up the apostolic work they were doing in that area of the world. She founded communities for the Sisters all over the islands. She especially hoped to begin a novitiate program in her home island, Puerto Rico, so when young women wanted to enter into the congregation they wouldn't have travel, like she did, to Madrid first. This hope was realized in 1954 upon the opening of a novitiate in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

After 40 years of serving at her congregation's headquarters in Cuba, Mother Maria Soledad moved the Provincial House of the Servants of Mary to Puerto Rico in 1962. Cuba had become unstable, and she concluded that it would be safer for the Sisters to continue their work with education and with the sick from a Provincial capital in Puerto Rico instead. Following a heart attack, she completed her time as Provincial Superior in 1966 and went on to embrace a simple life of love of God and service to her congregation. She spent her time focusing on sewing clothes for her sisters, daily prayer, and assisting the sick.

After 62 years of consecrated life, Mother Maria Soledad died on April 23, 1973, in San Juan and was recognized for her heroic virtue by Pope Francis on January 15, 2019, and named Venerable. She is now one step away from beatification.

Alphonsus Academy

Blessings In A Backpack



At Alphonsus Academy, we encourage our students to live out their faith every day as part of being responsible citizens and Christians. One way we do this is to engage students in service to others that extends into and beyond our community in a way that contributes to our students' sense of themselves as people who can create change in the world.

Did you know that our AACA students partner with Blessings in a Backpack to provide meals for students at a partner school throughout the school year? 1 in 5 American children do not know where their next meal will come from. In Cook County, more than 250,000 children face food insecurity. During the school week, these children are fed by the free and reduced meal program at school. Blessings in a Backpack is a nationwide organization that helps feed hungry elementary school kids. Blessings provides weekend food bags for students who receive free lunch and breakfast at school every day of the school week and so are at risk of going hungry on the weekends. With the help of parent volunteers, our students pack up a month's worth of shelf stable meals & deliver to the children.

Our 3rd grade classes recently teamed up to pack over 350 bags for our partner schools, Manierre and Jahn Elementary! A very special thank you to the Lew Family for their generous donation of 700 entrees for the packing event. Our students and families are working together to help area children learn, grow, and achieve!

Wizard of Oz Musical

Wednesday April 26



Journey with us, April 26 at the Athenaeum, down the yellow brick road for AACA's spring musical, *"The Wizard of Oz!"* The performance begins at 6:30 PM. There will be a social w/cake and other refreshments afterwards in the Festival Hall. Admission is free, but you can make a free-will donation to support our parish school's Musical Program. www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/36953



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Around the Archdiocese



Pinwheels for Prevention Prayer Service

The Archdiocese of Chicago and the Office for the Protection of Children & Youth invite everyone to the Healing Garden, 1080 W. Roosevelt Rd in Chicago, on April 27 at 11 AM for the annual Prayer Service for Child Abuse Prevention. Bishop Robert Lombardo will preside and Superintendent Greg Richmond will also be in attendance. All are welcome.

A Happy Death: Monastic Wisdom for the End of Life



For 1500 years, Benedictine monks have been practicing the art of living well and dying well: their stories and example have much to teach us today.
The Benedictine monks of Chicago invite you to a morning of spiritual wisdom and practical counsel to confront the difficult question of our own mortality. Topics will include the Catholic Church's teachings on the dignity of the human person, suffering and death, funerals, and burial.

Saturday, April 29, 10 AM to noon; hosted by the Benedictine monks of Chicago at the Monastery of the Holy Cross, 3111 S. Aberdeen St.; free and open to the public; free off-street parking available; registration required; visit www.eventbrite.com/e/a-happy-death-monastic-wisdom-for-the-end-of-life-tickets-576226568177 or call 773-927-7424 , ext. 202.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Shred Chicken with A Hand Mixer

The most common technique for shredding chicken is to use two forks, but that can be time consuming and doesn't always shred the chicken uniformly.

Use a stand mixer. Turn the mixer on at low speed and leave it for a few minutes until it shreds the chicken.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

ANNUAL VOCATIONS APPEAL

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Sunday, April 30

We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church. Please pray for an increase in vocations in the Archdiocese of Chicago!

Mass and Adoration with Cardinal Blase Cupich
Friday, May 12, 5:30–7 p.m.
Holy Name Cathedral

All are invited to pray for vocations and all those who will be ordained.

If you have questions regarding your vocation, please contact Fr. Tim Monahan at 847.531.0148 or **tmonahan@archchicago.org**.

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*

Our parish has received permission to once again host important sacraments. Please be patient as the pandemic created a scheduling backlog regarding Baptisms and Weddings. You can find more info at:

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/baptism

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/marriage

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

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