Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 21, 2024: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

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

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: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17 -19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
Michael and Elizabeth Velten
Fidel Mercado Chavez
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Magdalena Gonzalez
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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $14,890

Offertory for 1/14: $13,838

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

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Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Lonan Eugene Rieger



The FREE Catholic Prayer, Meditation, and Scripture App. Listen to Daily Gospel Reflections, Pray the Rosary, and Enjoy Guided Examinations of Conscience, Bedtime Stories, and more!

¡Hay oraciones en español también! Descárgalo ahora y comienza a rezar el Rosario, la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia y otras oraciones favoritas como el Ave María y el Padre Nuestro.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 21
9:00 AM +Veronika Stankeviciene & Alfonsas Venckus
11:00 AM +Susan Duffy
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM +Tim and Madeline Vaughn

Monday, January 22
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, January 23
8:30 AM Keaton Pellino (Birthday Blessings)

Wednesday, January 24
6:00 PM R.K. Miller (Birthday Blessings)

Thursday, January 25
8:30 AM Max Schmidt

Friday, January 26
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Saturday, January 27
8:30 AM +Stephen Graham

Sunday, January 28
9:00 AM +Kathleen Golden Weiss
11:00 AM +Erlinda Alban
12:30 PM +Manuel & Mario Naula
5:00 PM +Ceneca T. Perez

Alphonsus Academy

Art & Soul 2024



Art & Soul is Saturday, February 24. This wonderful soirée brings together 350+ guests and generates support for our Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts school through sponsorships, tickets, and exciting silent and live auctions. It is our parish school's most successful fundraiser and ensures a quality education for our 500 students.

Ticket and table sales are live at e.givesmart.com/events/A2J/ We are also seeking volunteers and donations to our auction. Successful packages in the past have included vacation stays, ticketed experiences (sporting events, concerts), bourbon and wine priced $30+, and gift certificates.

If you would like to join our planning team or have any questions, please email Assistant Principal, Angela Kladis, akladis@alphonsusacademy.org

As Catholic school educators, **our primary purpose is to serve God and our school's mission.**

As part of **Catholic Schools Week kickoff**, our AACA school children's choir will be singing at the 9:00 AM Mass on January 28. After the Mass, our school will be having an admissions Open House for all parents interested in our school! You can sign up at AACA's Linktree at linktr.ee/alphonsusacademy



On Sunday, January 28, there will be a give back event at Crosby's Kitchen, 3455 N. Southport, from 4-9 PM (10% of each bill goes back to our parish school, and it's just up Southport!)

Community News

Free Ice Sculpting Event



Saturday, January 27th: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, January 28th: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Organized by Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce, enjoy a live ice sculpting outside St. Alphonsus to liven up your weekend. Watch master ice carvers make winter magic happen as they sculpt a block of ice into a beautiful creation of the audience's choosing! That's right — bring your ideas, as the ice sculptor will ask the audience for suggestions of what to create.

LRVCC will provide food trucks on both days of the event, offering complimentary beverages and bites to help keep attendees warm. This event is free and open to the public, with no registration required, and is a great event for the whole family or the perfect stop on a romantic winter date!

Save the Dates— Upcoming Events at St. Alphonsus!

FISH FRY
St. Alphonsus

Youth Free Throw Shooting Contest in parish Gym— Sunday, February 18 at 1:00 PM Sign-Up Coming Soon!

Lenten Fish Fry— Friday, March 8, 6:00-9:00 PM sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council.

Pancake Breakfast— Sunday, March 17

Red Cross Blood Drive— Sunday, April 7

Our parish Festival Hall will be utilized as a Polling place location on Tuesday, March 19 and for the Presidential election on Tuesday, November 5.



Religious Education

NET Missionaries — Housing and Meals STILL Needed!



Looking for a way to give back to your community and invest in the faith of the next generation? Provide for a NET Missionary!

From Jan 30th - Feb. 1st, 10 NET Missionaries are coming to St. Alphonsus to host retreats for our Confirmation students at AACA and in Religious Education!

We are looking for 4-6 families to provide a roof over the heads of these missionaries while they are here. We are also in need of food donations (bagged lunches, gift cards, etc.) to provide meals for the missionaries as well.

By supporting the missionaries, you are helping to spread the faith and inspire the hearts of our youth! If you can help in *any* way, please contact Emily Ember at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church for more information.

Spread the Faith
Inspire Hearts
Make a Difference

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

This Monday on January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. More information: respectlife.org/january-22

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living the Gospel of Life," © 1998 USCCB

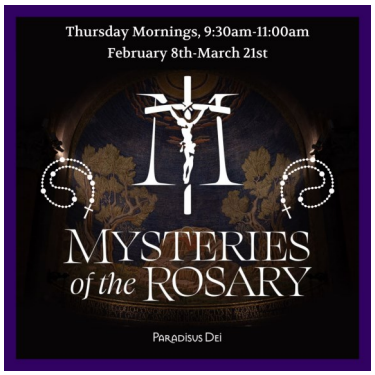
Sunday, January 28— Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America!

Comparte la Fe
Apoye la Iglesia en América Latina
usccb.org/latin-america

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america

Mysteries of the Rosary— The Sorrowful Mysteries Lenten Study

Thursday Mornings, Feb. 8— Mar. 21, 9:30 AM-11:00 AM, in the Rectory



Enter into the Mysteries of Christ and Rediscover the Power of the Rosary!

An authentic encounter with Christ leads to our transformation and sanctification. This Lent, join us for a 7 Week Series, diving deeper into each Sorrowful Mystery and the power of this spiritual weapon for our times.

Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this series will make the Rosary come alive in your heart and mind.

The call to pray is urgent. Join us for one session or come to all!

Questions? Email Emily at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church for more info.

"There is no problem no matter how difficult it is; physical or above all spiritual in the personal lives of each of us, of our families that cannot be solved by the Rosary."

~Sr. Lucia of Fatima

Parent Formation Class

Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30 PM in Festival Hall (Church Basement)



Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone.

Join us for our first Parent Formation Class to share snacks and stories and to hear the advice and struggles of other parents who are trying to raise faithful kids just like you.

Stewardship— First Fruits

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

We 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*
You can also text *Sunday* to (773) 570-7600

Stewardship Reflection

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."- Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to *"follow me"* is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

Faith Formation

Walking with Purpose
Women's Group— Tuesday mornings and evenings
9:30-11 AM or 6:30-8 PM



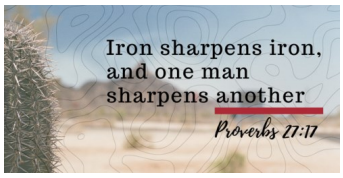
Come as you are. You are welcome here. Make authentic connections with other women! Refuel and Refresh! Learn more about God!

The **Touching the Divine** Bible study focuses on qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality.

Saint John referred to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved," and as we study, John will teach is how much Jesus loves us and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls. Questions? Contact Susan Combes at smbcombes51@gmail.com

Our group is on a short break and will meet again starting February 6!

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

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 PM. 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 from 8:15 PM-9:00 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





Señor de Esquipulas— Thank You!

Our annual celebration of the Black Christ of Esquipulas on Sunday, January 14 was a big success! The dark crucifix in the south shrine, next to the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, is venerated with special fervor in Guatemala, and we venerate as such here with our Latin-American community.

A warm Thank You to Olga DeLeon and all who have built up this tradition at St. Alphonsus ever since the cross arrived from Guatemala to our parish back in 1985!

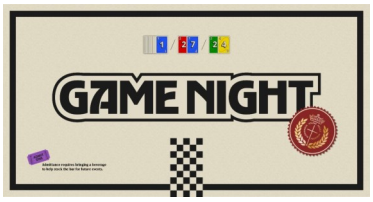


Young Adult Ministry

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is one of St. Alphonsus' most active parish groups! YAM is led by a volunteer board and is guided by Pastoral Associate, Brooks Robinson. Stated simply, the ministry's mission is to help one another participate in Christ's mission, that we, as young adult Catholics, may be effective disciples, evangelists, and agents of charity in all that we do. YAM provides many social, intellectual, service, and spiritual opportunities for growth.

Visit the St. Alphonsus YAM Facebook page, *www.facebook.com/AlphonsusYoungAdult*
or contact the YAM board at *stalphonsusyam@gmail.com*

Game Night!! Saturday, January 27 at 7:00 PM



Come one, come all to our Young Adult Ministry Game Night! This event will be a "stock the bar" theme. To gain admittance, please bring a beverage you enjoy (alcoholic or not - beer, seltzers, wine, soda, or soda water) to enjoy and leave behind to help us stock our YAM drink supply for future events.

We will have tables set up in the Festival Hall (the large gathering space under the church) and board games, card games, puzzles, and bingo for everyone to enjoy. Please consider joining us for a night of fun that will help us supply drinks at future YAM events!

Eucharistic Revival Retreat in February



The Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian Life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1324) and the Catholic Church teaches that the bread and wine we bring to the altar are transformed into Christ's body and blood. And yet, in an age when we seem to need Christ more and more every day, barely 31% of American Catholics believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Last year, the bishops of the United States initiated a Eucharistic Revival movement to encourage the faithful to rekindle a relationship with Christ.

As part of this movement, we are excited to announce our retreat early this year. On **February 24th**, everyone 18-39 years old is invited to join us at St. Alphonsus for a half day retreat focusing on the Eucharist and our relationship with Christ. This event will kick off at 9AM and end at 1PM. We will be joined by Fr. Derek Ho, who will offer talks on the Eucharist and lead us in small group discussions. Additionally, confession and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be available.

The cost to attend this event will be $15/person. Coffee and Bagels will be available in the morning with light food available throughout the retreat. We ask that you sign up in advance so we can get an accurate count of attendees. Please register at our parish GiveCentral event page at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/39058

More Young Adult News and Events

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS
Working in Witness for Christ™

Young Catholic Professionals Chicago will have their next Executive Panel Discussion on **Tuesday, February 6** at St. Bonaventure Oratory, 1641 W. Diversey Pkwy. The topic will be ***Working at Love and Loving at Work***. Executive Panel Discussions are events promoting focused conversation about living virtuously in the workplace. Four panelists will lead the discussion on the virtue of love and what it means to practice it in daily life. YCP Members receive FREE admission. Cost for non-YCP Members: $10
RSVP at ycp.glueup.com/event/ycp-chicago-2024-epd-working-at-love-and-loving-at-work-93683/



Calling all volleyball players! St. Alphonsus will be hosting **Catholic Sports League's annual volleyball league on Thursdays at 7:30 PM starting Feb 22 through April 18!** No games during Holy Week, but the rest of the weeks will be filled with some good old fashioned (and friendly!) competition!

Eight weeks of fun indoor volleyball! Registration is only $60 until February 1. Sign up now at www.catholicsportsleagues.com

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you – for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart."



St. Therese of Lisieux



*"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a **participation in the blood of Christ?** The bread which we break, is it not a **participation in the body of Christ?** Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."* *(1 Cor 10:16-17)*

When did Christ institute the Holy Eucharist?

"Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the night before He died." *(Baltimore Catechism #344)*

The Last Supper was a ceremonial meal also known as the Passover. Jews celebrated this feast yearly to commemorate their Exodus and freedom from slavery in Egypt. The principal sacrifice for this meal was a **Paschal Lamb**. During the Last Supper, God provided Himself the lamb *(Genesis 22:8)* and **Jesus, the Lamb of God**, *(John 1:29)* gave His own Body and Blood to His apostles under the appearances of bread and wine just as He now gives Himself to us in the Eucharist.

"This He did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until He should come again, and so to entrust to His beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of His death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, **a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'"** *(CCC 1323)*

"By the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all." *(CCC 1326)*

What is a Eucharistic Revival?

The National Eucharistic Revival is a nationwide, three-year initiative, culminating this summer at the National Eucharistic Congress taking place in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024. The U.S. bishops responded to a need they saw in their flock: that the world is hurting, yet most of us are separated from our strength, Jesus in the Eucharist.

The Revival is "a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery" of our Eucharistic Lord and to recognize the wondrous gift God has given us: Himself. *(eucharisticrevival.org)*

The Lord desires to heal our broken hearts. Let us draw near to Him in the Eucharist.

FORMED— Just Press Play!

St. Alphonsus Parish has purchased a subscription to FORMED so that you, yes YOU! can receive FREE access to Bible Studies, Family Programming, Classic Spiritual Books, and more! Deepen your relationship with God as you grow in knowledge, wisdom, and understanding.

Programs include: Studies on the Eucharist and the Gospels; Sacred Art; Catholic Commentary on the popular series, The Chosen; Lives of the Saints; Children's Shows and Films; Books written by Pope Benedict XVI, Fulton Sheen, and Peter Kreft; and Audio Talks by Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Scott Hahn, Dr. Brant Pitre, Trent Horn, and more! **¡Hay programas en español también!**

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1) Go to formed.org/signup
2) Type in Zip Code 60657
3) Choose St. Alphonsus
4) Fill out your Name and Email
5) YOU'RE IN!

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News and Events

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion



Our parish is in need of faithful Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion. EMHC's should be fully initiated and practicing Catholics having received baptism, confirmation, and first Eucharist. If you would like to volunteer for this important ministry at Mass, please contact Harvey Levin, harveylevin@rcn.com

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

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.

Apply to be a "Host Family" or "Family Friend" today! https://sfcms.net/apply/

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

- General Closet Needs: Diapers, sizes 1,2,3,5,6 (<- we're low on diapers!!!), Pull-ups, sizes 3T-6T, Baby 3-in-1 body wash, Baby/toddler/kid clothes sizes: 18mo, 2T, 3T, 4T

If you can help provide any of these items (or equivalent gift card), please either leave the items in the narthex/ parish office Safe Families donation bins, or reach out to safefamiliesstals@gmail.com to coordinate a drop-off time. Thank you for your generosity!

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE
APRIL 8 – 17, 2024

Join us for a 10-day tour which includes visits to Ars-sur-Formans, Shrine of St. John Vianney, Chartres, Lisieux, D-Day beaches, Paris and more! Hosted by Vocation Director Fr. Timothy Monahan. **Cardinal Blase Cupich** will join us April 12 for the remainder of the pilgrimage.

Round-trip airfare from Chicago and first-class (3- and 4-star) hotels for 8 nights are included, along with daily breakfast and five dinners. Sightseeing includes a professional tour manager and applicable entrance fees.

Cost is $4,269 per person, based on double occupancy ($879 supplement for a single room).

For more information, visit **vocations.archchicago.org/events/pilgrimage-to-france**. The inquiry form is at **bit.ly/3qrcGWS**.



Health and Wellness

Eating well for your mental health

Nutrition & mental health are interconnected. The foods we eat affect our mental health, and our mental health status affects what and how well we eat. A healthy diet benefits your overall wellbeing, and consuming brain-healthy foods may help reduce your risk of depression and/or anxiety. Look for recipes that include these ingredients and incorporate them into your meal planning.

- ***Whole Grains**: oatmeal, whole-wheat bread, corn tortillas, barley and quinoa can reduce inflammation, aid the brain's neurotransmitters, and lessen depression symptoms.*
- ***Fish**: salmon, trout, tuna, and herring are good sources of omega-3 fatty acids, which the body uses to build brain and nerve cells.*
- ***Berries**: blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries consumed two or more times per week may contribute to peak brain health.*
- ***Nuts and Legumes**: walnuts, cashews, almonds and peanuts are rich in amino acids, which may benefit mood regulation.*

Recovery Programs at St. Alphonsus

Among the 138.5 million Americans who are current alcohol users, 61.6 million people (or 44.4%) are classified as binge drinkers and 17.7 million people are classified as heavy drinkers.

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 and Young People's Big Book AA Group. Daily Reflections meets on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM in the rectory 1st Fl. dining room. You may contact Lauren Merrill Sammis at lauren.merrill@live.com for more information.

Young People's Big Book AA Group meets Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the Festival Hall. Contact coordinator Samuel at samuelaaronmosley@gmail.com for more info.

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

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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www.stalphonsuschicago.org
parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon- Fri

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1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
(P): 773-892-1397 |
www.alphonsusacademy.org

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

Rev. Steven Bauer, Pastor
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Brooks Robinson, Pastoral Associate
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Daniel Szymanski, Director of Operations
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager
Kathryn Kibler, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator/Parish Secretary

School Staff

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Angela Kladis, Assistant Principal
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