Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 4, 2025: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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

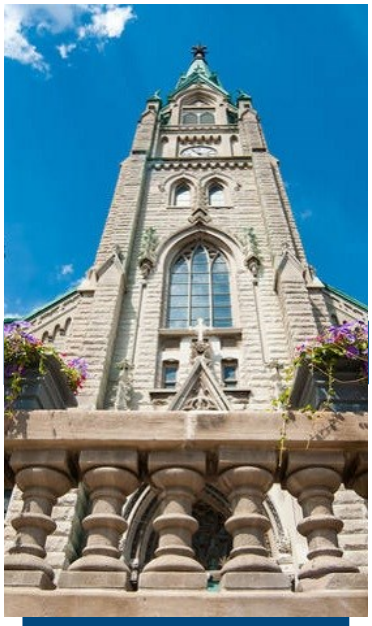
Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 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 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
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
Ramona Colon
Michelle Renee Moya
Ernest Nora
Albert Meier

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



WEDDING
Grace Gorman and Paul Porcaro

Wedding Banns

II. Rachael White and Daniel Dever
II. Amy Clapp and Patrick Ward
I. Jessica Palarczyk and Rohan Vashi

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Kaiser Kelvin Rodriguez
Reese Denbow Osekowski
Lucy Eileen Travers

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 4
9:00 AM +Irene Graham
11:00 AM +Natividad Velasco
12:30 PM +Juan Gonzales
5:00 PM +Charlotte Macha

Monday, May 5
8:30 AM +Rosario Anzelmo

Tuesday, May 6
8:30 AM The Evangelization Efforts of St. Alphonsus Parish

Wednesday, May 7
6:00 PM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Thursday, May 8
8:30 AM +Charles & Shirley Feeney

Friday, May 9
8:30 AM Volunteers that prepared the church for Triduum & Easter

Saturday, May 10
8:30 AM +Adela Cristina Rojas Crespo

Sunday, May 11
9:00 AM +Maureen Herdegen
11:00 AM Monica Fernandez, +Luz Capio
12:30 PM +Juanita Ramirez
5:00 PM +Sheney Ousley, +Melvin Dean, +Jerry Harris

GENERATION TO GENERATION **AFTER MASS RECEPTION THIS WEEKEND**



All are invited to attend a Generation to Generation gathering **after Mass**!



Come meet new parishioners, learn about our campaign projects, ask questions, and received your campaign materials.

The Generation to Generation campaign, strengthened by prayer, will enable us to address urgent parish needs as well as support spiritually renewing our parishes, supporting our priests, and assisting vulnerable communities.

St. Alphonsus will receive 50% of the pledges made and fulfilled by our parish families up to our assigned goal of **$1,120,000**, and even more if we reach our stretch goal of **$2,240,000**.

We hope you join Father Bauer and your fellow parishioners at this event.

Please join us after both morning masses this Sunday, May 4th! The Generation to Generation volunteer team will be available to answer any questions and provide your campaign materials. Please reach out to Father Bauer at sbauer@stalphonsuschicago.church with any questions!

Scan this QR code to learn more!

GENERATION TO GENERATION: **ANSWER THE CALL**

ST. ALPHONSUS' CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Assigned Goal: $1,120,00

Stretch Goal: $2,240,000

Dollars raised: $879,503

78.5% of Assigned Goal;

39.3% of Stretch Goal

# of Gifts: 46

Average Gift: $19,120

OUR PRIORITIES

- Save the Veranda
- Restore Our Shared Home
- Restore the Organ
- Campus Beautification & Upgrades

To better understand the need for the organ's restoration, all are encouraged to go to www.stalphonsuschicago.org/generation-to-generation and check out a video in which our music director shows what it can and cannot do.

Stewardship— First Fruits

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

Make your Easter offering if you have not yet done so!

Throughout the year, many already support St. Alphonsus with your time, talent and treasure. Thank you again for your continued support of our church! Your spirited generosity ensures our parish continues our mission and good works throughout our community and beyond for years to come!

Sign up at *www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/527*
You can also text *Risen* to (773) 570-7600

Our parish now offers a donation option for Zelle users as well!
parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Sunday Offertory for 4/27: $13,817

It's not too late to add your donation. Prayerfully consider support for your St. Alphonsus Parish this Easter season!

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Stewardship Reflection

"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:17)

How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all were made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.

Support the Mother's Day Collection for Catholic Charities— May 11

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Archdiocese of Chicago

Your support today can create stability for generations! Make your gift to the 2025 Mother's Day Appeal today to support mothers and children across Cook and Lake counties. Your generosity helps us serve more than 61,000 moms and families every year with supports that promote long-term growth and well-being.

Please support the 2nd Collection on Mother's Day, May 11 or anytime at catholiccharities.net/mothers.

Mama Meetup Ministry

Upcoming Events

Happy Hour: Come unwind with a Mom's Happy Hour at Las Tablas (2942 N. Lincoln Ave.) on **Wednesday, May 7 from 4 PM—6 PM!** Take a break from your mom duties and join other new and first time moms for drinks and socializing! Email kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church with any questions and to RSVP!

Coffee After Mass: Join fellow mothers on **Sunday, May 18,** after the 11 AM Mass for coffee and light snacks in Festival Hall! This will be a casual gathering and a chance for moms to connect and socialize.

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. Members range in age from 21-39 years old.

Our YAM group is made up of 4 main pillars, Spiritual, Intellectual, Service, and Social.

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

BE SOCIAL
BE SPIRITUAL
BE CHARITABLE
BE INTELLECTUAL
BE CATHOLIC



Two Nights of Adoration This May—
Friday, May 9 and Friday, May 30 @7:30 PM

On Friday, May 9th, spend time with our Lord in silent Adoration and Confession within the St. Alphonsus church. While this event is hosted by the St. Alphonsus Men's Group, all are welcome to join us! The hour will conclude with Benediction, and we will gather afterwards at a local establishment for fellowship. If you have any questions or interest, please send an email to DivineOfficers@gmail.com

On Friday, May 30th, spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration in the church. We'll spend the first 30 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 our Young Adult Ministry will lead a group for fellowship and drinks at a local bar after!

More Young Adult Events Around the Archdiocese



Casa Iskali, 9430 W. Golf Rd. in Des Plaines is hosting a young adult retreat from May 16-18. Iskali's initiation retreat is a three day faith awakening retreat for young adults. It is a unique opportunity to reflect on your own life with regards to your relationship with Christ, family, friends, and yourself. Everyone is welcome, including those who are not Catholic. Iskali is built on the foundation of three pillars: authentic friendship, authentic acceptance, and the joy of the Gospel. Come have an opportunity to have a personal encounter with Christ along with our Spirit-filled young adult servers. Give yourself just three days to step away from the noise, to pause, breathe and reconnect with God. You don't have to have it all figured out. You don't have to come with perfect faith, come as are. The registration fee is $125. Learn more and register at https://linktr.ee/iskali

Gospel Reflection

When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. John 21:4–6

One Hundred & Fifty Three Large Fish

Recall the first time there was a miraculous catch of fish in the Gospels. In Luke 5:1–7, Jesus was preaching to the people on the shore from where He sat in Peter's boat just a short distance away. After preaching, Jesus told Peter, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Peter did so and there was such a large catch of fish that the Apostles needed help to haul it in. In today's Gospel, some three years later after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples from the shore and instructed them to cast their nets "over the right side of the boat." They did so and caught 153 large fish. In commenting on these two passages, Saint Augustine teaches that the first miraculous catch was a sign that the Gospel would be preached to all people, which is indicated by Jesus simply saying "lower your nets." But after the Resurrection, Jesus specifically tells the disciples to cast their nets "over the right side" to indicate that grace is now given to those who stand on His right side and are separated from the condemned who are on His left. Thus, this second miraculous catch symbolizes the end of the age when the good and the bad are judged.

Saint Augustine also notes that the 153 large fish, caught off the right side of the boat, are a symbolic representation of those who conform not only to the Ten Commandments but also receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit by grace. He explains that 10 + 7 = 17 and if you add all the numbers together between 1 and 17 you arrive at 153. Thus, these 153 fish represent everyone who receives His gift of grace and obtains salvation. The boat represents the Church, and the gift of salvation is offered by Christ through His Church.

One clear message we must take from Saint Augustine's interpretation is that grace and mercy are offered to all, but not received by all. At the end of our lives and at the end of the world, judgment will take place. Those who responded to the offer of grace and mercy, repented of their sins and gave their lives to Christ will eternally share in the Resurrection. But those who refused to follow His Commandments and closed themselves to the transforming power of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will be separated from eternal joys.



Facing the reality of hell is not pleasant, but it is a message that must not be ignored. It is a message that is real and, therefore, hell is a possibility for us all. Therefore, it is important to remind ourselves from time to time of this spiritual truth. Are you among those 153 large fish found on the right side of the boat? Do you allow the ministers of Christ within the Church, represented by the disciples in the boat, to draw you to Christ through preaching and the Sacraments? Though all of us might quickly answer "Yes" to that question, we should never fail to be attentive to the fact that salvation requires action on our part. It requires that we accept Christ Jesus by following His Commandments and live by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit as it is dispensed by the Church.

Reflect, today, upon the symbolism found in this Resurrection account. Consider the fact that the Gospel has, indeed, been shared with you. Have you listened to the Word of God as it is preached by the Church? Do you immerse yourself in the grace given through the Sacraments? Do you follow the Ten Commandments faithfully? Do you continually open yourself to the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit? Seek to be among that catch of fish caught on the "right side." Never doubt that hell is real and possible. For that reason, never waver from your fidelity to Christ, so that you will remain firmly grounded in His grace and share one day in His Resurrection.

My resurrected Lord, You have offered Your grace and mercy to all, but not all have responded. I pray that I will always be among those who continually respond to Your invitation. I repent of my sin, dear Lord. Please help me to stay faithful to Your commands of love and to be daily immersed in Your transforming Spirit. Jesus, I trust in You.

News and Events

Mozart Requiem Concert— Friday, May 16 at 7:30 PM



Family friendly performance of Mozart's iconic masterpiece. Don't miss this exciting and delightful concert experience with world-class soloists!

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Enjoy the outstanding musical artistry of Camerata Chicago and its choir performing the famous *Requiem* by Mozart!

- Four wonderful soloists conducted by Maestro Drostan Hall including Robin Wiper, Lauren Decker, Martin Luther Clark and Wm. Clay Thompson.
- Elite orchestra and choir with top Chicago area musicians.
- Entertaining and educational musical anecdotes about the music and its vivacious composer.
- Generously supported by Deby and Jamie Fellowes.

Holy Land Artifacts Sale

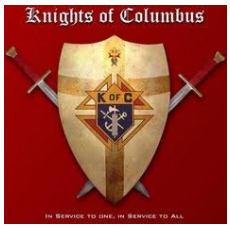


This Sunday, our parish hosts representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land who will be displaying handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles. Due to the political conflict and the reduction of tourism, the Catholic Community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles abroad to survive and to keep their faith and Christian presence in the holy land. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect faith and love for the Lord. Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you. The handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles will be available for purchase after all Sunday Masses.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is now at St. Alphonsus! Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who serve the Church and their neighbor on a voluntary basis. The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. Members participate in the life of the parish through volunteering and evangelizing activities sponsored by the parish. Interested in becoming a Legionary? Meetings in English take place on Fridays at 5 PM in the Rectory. For more information, please contact Fr. Jesus at jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church.

Knights of Columbus



Happy Easter season!! Vivat Jesus! Our next meeting will be on **Monday, May 5 at 7:30 PM in the parish rectory**. Open to all practicing Catholic men! Please come out and join us! Contact parishioner Ray San Agustin at raysanagustin15158@gmail.com for more info.



"Behold, I make all things new." The Legion of Mary is hosting a Novena devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each week before the 6pm Wednesday Mass, starting at 5:45pm. This novena was a tradition at Saint Alphonsus first prayed at the church over twenty years ago. Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is an integral part of Redemptorist spirituality, the spiritual fathers that once served this community. All are welcome!

Community News

Keeping Lakeview Beautiful, Safe and Fun!

SSA 27 has funded critical services to West Lakeview for over 20 years since its formation in 2003. SSA 27's current term is set to expire on 12/31/2025, and must undergo a renewal process entitled Reconstitution to continue providing services. Should SSA 27's reconstitution process fail, West Lakeview will lose crucial SSA services & would take a major toll on taxpayers and property values in the area.

St. Alphonsus would be incredibly saddened to lose the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony or Ice Sculpting events that SSA 27 grants provide!

To renew our services, SSA 27 will require signatures representing 20% of all Property Index Numbers (PINs) in West Lakeview, a total of 530, by August 1st. As you can see, it's of great importance that we reach as many people as possible. Learn more by going to their website and contacting Robert at robert@lrvcc.org



Alphonsus Academy

Teacher Appreciation Week!

Teacher Appreciation Week is Monday, May 5th through Friday, May 9th. We know that we have the BEST teachers in the world. They do so much for our school and students and we want to let them know how grateful we are.

we ♥ our teachers

ALPHONSUS ACADEMY & CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Our highly anticipated Ducky Derby is coming up on Thursday, May 8th and Friday, May 9th during school hours! This fun-filled event is a great way for our students to celebrate spring and raise money for Mothers' Club and our 8th grade student's charity of choice - Misericordia.



Faith Formation

Walking With Purpose—Women's Bible Study

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

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

Become a true , dynamic disciple of Jesus Christ.

Passionate Discipleship is a Bible study focused on equipping women to know Christ and to make Him known. Study 2 Timothy verse by verse as we immerse ourselves in Paul's last and deeply personal letter to his beloved friend and mentee, Timothy.

walking with purpose

Come learn how to live as disciples of Christ, living with Him as the center of our lives and entrusting this message to others who can pass it on as well.

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



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children ages 4-7 are invited to join us during the 9 AM Sunday Mass for Children's Liturgy of the Word! The children will hear the Word of God proclaimed in a way that they can understand, enter into prayer, and learn how to actively participate in the Mass! No sign up required. Children will be called up to the front of the Church near the beginning of Mass for a blessing, and Parents may accompany shy/hesitant children to make them feel more comfortable. **Upcoming CLOW Dates are May 4th & June 1st.** Questions? Contact Emily at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church

Religious Education Registration—Coming Soon!



Keep your eyes peeled! Registration for Religious Education opens this Spring! Classes will be open for enrollment for Grades 1-8. Our program is held on Tuesday Evenings (Sept. thru May) from 6:15 PM-7:30 PM.

Did you know that preparation for both First Communion and Confirmation is a 2 year process? First Communion preparation typically begins in 1st Grade and Confirmation preparation typically begins in 7th Grade.

If you have a child that is older than 2nd Grade and has not yet received First Communion or a child that is older than 7 years old and has not yet received Baptism, contact Emily Ember, Coordinator of Religious Education: eember@stalphonsuschicago.church

St. Alphonsus Parish & The Knights of Columbus

FOOD DRIVE

Benefitting Mission of Our Lady of the Angels and the Little Sisters of the Poor (LSOP)

SATURDAY, MAY 17
10 A.M. - 1 P.M.



DROP OFF INSTRUCTIONS

Please drop off food at the Church parking lot. The week before the food drive, collection bins will be located inside the Church entrances.

All non-perishable, unexpired food items are appreciated. Thank you for your donations!

DROP-OFF LOCATION

St. Alphonsus Church
1429 W. Wellington Ave.

Want to donate, but need your food donation picked up? Contact:

David Pechi (davidpechi2000@gmail.com)
Ray San Agustin (raysanagustin15158@gmail.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

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 Instagram by going to the parish website and clicking the icons at the footer of the page.

Directory

Parish Office

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parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM– 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
9:00 AM– 7:30 PM Tues, Thur

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(P): 773-892-1397 |
www.alphonsusacademy.org
info@alphonsusacademy.org

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

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Parish Staff

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