Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025: TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.' (Lk 16:31)

All 2025 Oktoberfest Merch (including the Stein shown here) can be found at the tent near the Fest main entrance next to the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture



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*

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday	5:45 PM

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Richard Wagner
Frances Buscemi
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
Brian Krembs
Margaret Nichols
Leslie Salimi
Jason Jamero
Carol Kania
Eileen Koutnik
Rosemarie Cordero
Michelle Moya
Ernest Nora
Albert Meier
Dan Clark
Kevin Combs
Norma Ehrenberg
Janet Dahm
Mary Ziko

Welcome to the Parish!

Erica Mehandru
Devan
Maya

Alissa and William Edge
Annabelle Rose

Katherine and Ryan Lindgren
Bernadette

Timothy Carlson
Winifred

Sean and Jordan Hart
Cillian

Nancy and Joseph Minardi

John and Christie Shanahan

John and Abby McKune

Taliesin Dancox

Kevin Manna and Jessica Livas

Patricia Mendoza and Arthur Acevado

Madeline Cescato and Jacob Mantel

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/info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Theodore Joseph Klingler
Logan Louise Hoyer
Eleanor Min Chen Kissling
Gabriela Maria Escobar

Wedding Banns

II. Kaitlyn McCormick and Robert Frasor
II. Anna Grubisich and Ryan Downs
II. Brooke Capone and Michael Mandera

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 28 (Oktoberfest)
9:00 AM Dino Swan (Birthday Blessings)
11:00 AM +Ed and Mary Gobat
12:30 PM The People of Saint Alphonsus
5:00 PM Patrick Zapf (Health)

Monday, September 29
8:30 AM +Michael Bucher

Tuesday, September 30
8:30 AM Brian Krembs (Health)

Wednesday, October 1
6:00 PM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Thursday, October 2
8:30 AM +Ed and Katherine Dorsen

Friday, October 3
8:30 AM +Joseph and Geraldine Boin

Saturday, October 4
8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Sunday, October 5
9:00 AM +Robert Ludwig and Michael Bucher
11:00 AM +Rev. Erasmo Ramirez, O.P
12:30 PM The People of Saint Alphonsus
5:00 PM +Frank Slowen

News and Events

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion



To elevate our experience of beautiful liturgies here at St. Alphonsus, we are inviting more people to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. EMHC's should be practicing Catholics in good standing who have received Confirmation. If you would like to volunteer for this important ministry at Mass, please contact us at parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

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 go to our website and scroll under the Sacraments tab, click on Baptisms and complete the form online. Our Sacraments ministry coordinator will be in contact to schedule the date.

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

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.

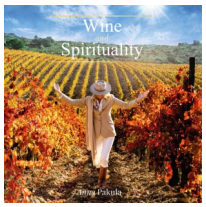
Interested in becoming a Legionary? Meetings in English take place on Fridays at 5 PM in the rectory. Meetings in Spanish are on Mondays at 6 PM. For more info, please contact Fr. Jesus Raya, jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church

Altar Server Training



Inviting all 4th—8th graders! Altar serving is a calling from God, have you thought about it? Try it! Training for new altar servers will take place on Monday, September 29 at 6:30 PM. Please contact Associate Pastor, Rev. Jesus Raya (Fr. Chuy) at jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church

Wine and Spirituality Social—
Monday, September 29 at 6:30 PM



Whether you are a wine aficionado or not, we are sure you would like the book, *Wine and Spirituality*, by Anna Pakula, an international wine consultant and parishioner of St. Alphonsus. Anna will have copies of her book available for purchase and happy to sign. This event will take place in the 2nd floor Common Room.

Mama Meetup Ministry

Join us for an outing to the Hamlin Park Farmer's Market on Sunday, Oct. 12 at 10 AM! Bring the babies for a stroll through the vendor tents with other moms, and enjoy the Fall morning! We will meet at the park entrance on Damen, closest to where the market is set up.

This group is geared towards new and first time moms with kids under 18 months, but any mother looking for community and a safe space to discuss the joys and difficulties of motherhood is welcome. We look forward to seeing you!

St. Francis Day and the Blessing of Pets

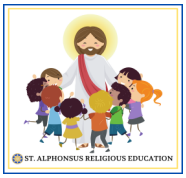


Saint Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) is famous for many things, the most popular things of which were his love for Jesus, care for the poor, founding the a religious order referred to as the Little Brothers (a.k.a., the Order of Friars Minor), his love for the beauty of God's creation and the ability to preach to animals.

To celebrate his feast day, we will be having a special Blessing of Pets next Saturday, October 4th at 9:30 AM for the faithful outside on the Veranda of the Church. Make sure that all pets are appropriately leashed (or caged), and "walked" before arriving, please and thank you!

Faith Formation

Register Your Children for Religious Education!



Registration for our Religious Education program is open for the 2025-2026 school year for grades 1st-8th on Tuesday nights at 6:15 PM. Please register at the link on our Religious Ed page, www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education

Are You Ready to Become Catholic?

Registration is open for The Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults (O.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The OCIA program is the study of the Catholic Faith and the process of introduction into the faith community.

This class is offered for adults in three situations:

1. Un-baptized adults who desire to be baptized in the Catholic Church.
2. Baptized non-Catholic Christians who desire to be formally admitted into communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed and desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Adult baptism (and if applicable, Confirmation and First Holy Communion) takes place at the Easter Vigil (Evening before Easter Sunday). It is one of the highest celebrations in the Catholic Church's liturgical year! If you or someone you know is interested in taking the class, please contact our pastoral associate, Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

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 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

Walking With Purpose

Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays



Walking w/ Purpose is a modern woman's guide to the Bible! Join us this fall as we help you enjoy a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, nurtured through personal Bible study and small group discussions created just for women!

Come as you are. You are welcome here. Make authentic connections with other women. Learn more about God! Walking w/ Purpose continues a new bible study, Grounded in Hope on Tuesdays from 9:30—11AM or 6:30—8PM.

In a world where levels of despair, addiction, and suicide are rising, we need more than clichés or positive thinking. ***Grounded in Hope***, based on the book of Hebrews, will help you encounter Jesus in such a powerful, comforting, and stabilizing way that He can become your lifeline. Hebrews contains some of the most beautiful passages you'll find in Scripture. It will comfort you and challenge you. Every word of it has a treasure to mine, and those who are willing to make the effort will be richly rewarded.

For questions about WwP, please contact Marianne at mariannek36@yahoo.com

Oktoberfest is Happening!



Providing additional fun for families and children, this Sunday features a special "Kinderfest" area! Our talented Alphonsus Academy students' Advanced Band will kick off the fun with an interactive concert at 12 PM. Other fun offerings will include face painting, crafts and activities, and a kid-friendly Kinderfest meal available for them to enjoy! Parents can hang out and enjoy a delicious brat and beer while watching the afternoon games on a Jumbotron. Kids should also keep an eye out for a limited "oktoBEARfest buddy" for sale.



All little ones are encouraged to enjoy the *Kinderzug* Train Ride from 12:15-6:30 PM this Sunday! Tickets will be $3 for children/ $5 for adults at the merchandise tent.

Baby Bottle Project



This October, our parish will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting Aid for Women.

Aid for Women was founded over 44 years ago on the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church. Aid for Women operates four pregnancy resource centers throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. Services include pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams and confidential counseling. Aid for Women's residential programs, Heather's House and Monica's House, help women whose decision to choose life is further complicated by lack of adequate housing.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you next weekend. Fill it with your spare change and return it to church in October. Thank you for your support!

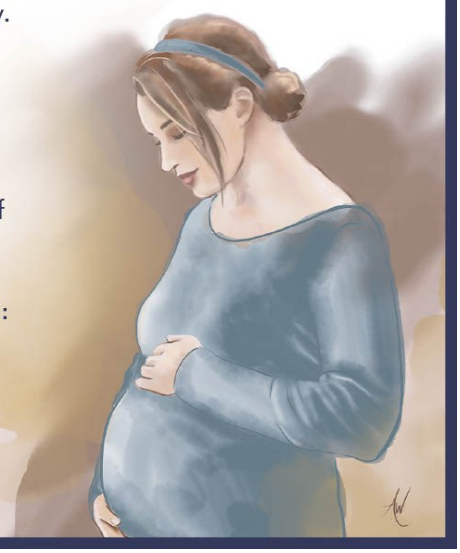
Aid for Women®

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

BEGINS OCTOBER 4TH/5TH

Your donation will make a difference in the lives of a mother and her baby. Aid for Women provides the emotional, practical, and spiritual support that a woman needs to choose life for her unborn baby and to create a brighter future for herself and her child.

Learn more, and donate online here:



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ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE

At Alphonsus, we offer our students a rigorous academics, supported by an arts-integrated curriculum, within a supportive Catholic community.

Please join us to discuss important application information, make introductions, and tour our wonderful school.



Open Houses will be hosted on:

- Friday 10/3 at 9am
- Friday 11/3 at 9am
- Monday 12/1 at 9am
- Friday 1/9 at 9am
- Sunday 1/25 at 10:30am following 9am Catholic Schools Week mass



Open Houses are designed for adults and require advance registration for security purposes. We also invite families to schedule private tours to better suit their needs. We look forward to meeting you!

Reach out to our Director of Admissions for more information:

Madeleine Durkin
mdurkin@alphonsusacademy.org
or visit linktr.ee/alphonsusacademy

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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Sunday Offertory for 9/21: $10,681

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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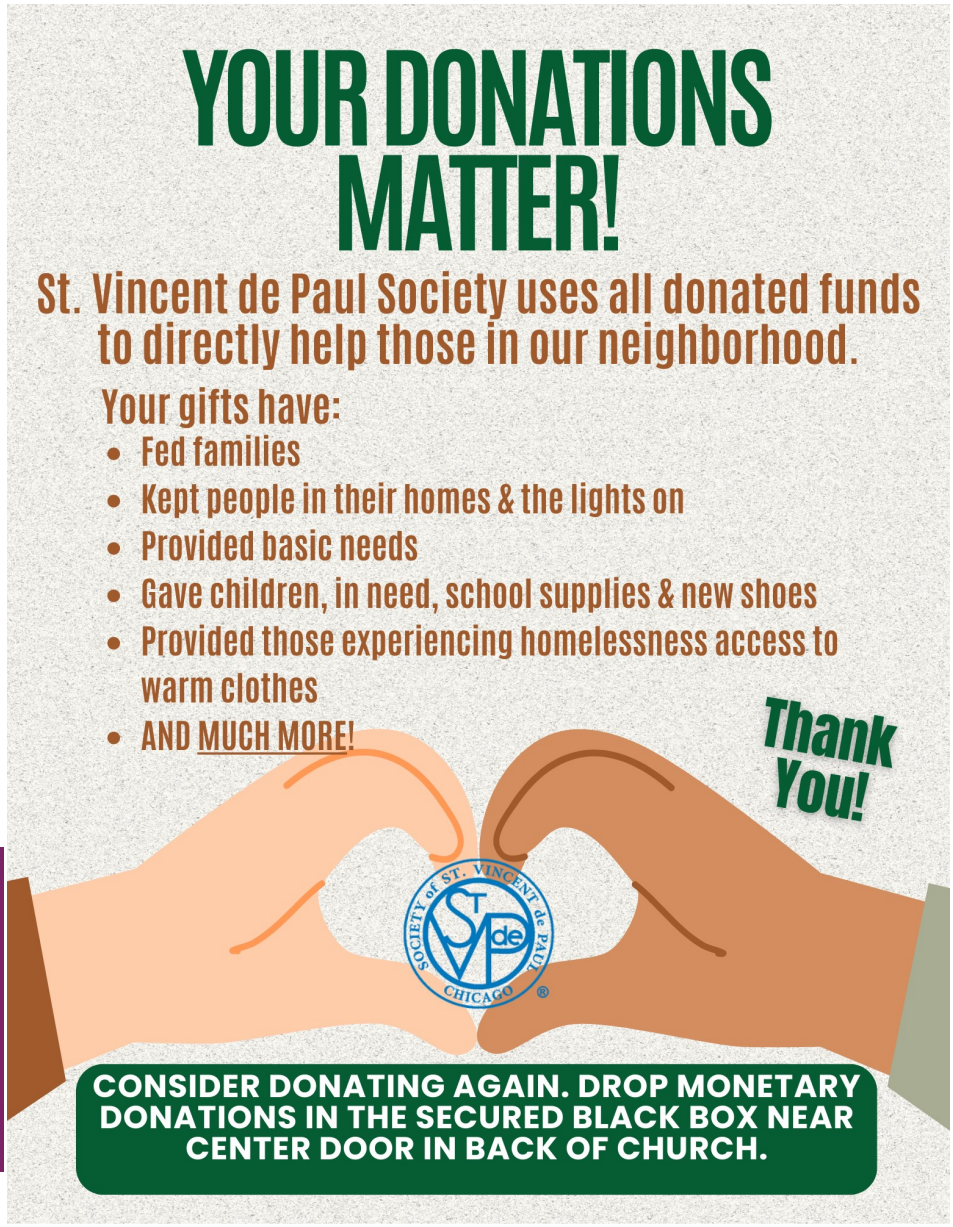
Raíces Que Inspiran – Roots That Inspire Us
St. Rose of Lima (Perú)

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
September 15-October 15

Santa Rosa dedicó su vida a la oración, el servicio y el cuidado de los enfermos. Era conocida por su profunda humildad y gran devoción a Cristo. “Cuando servimos a los pobres, servimos a Jesús.” Detrás de cada historia de éxito hay una base de fe, familia y educadores que creyeron.

St. Rose dedicated her life to prayer, service, and caring for the sick. She was known for her deep humility and strong devotion to Christ. “When we serve the poor, we serve Jesus.” Behind every success story is a foundation of faith, family, and educators who believed.





Gospel Reflection

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham." Luke 16:19–22

Spiritual Riches

No rational person would want to go to hell. The rich man in this parable certainly did not desire hell, but his actions led him there. Most people, however, do want to be rich in this world. In fact, many people would think it irrational not to desire wealth. It is very rare to find a person who chooses to live in simplicity as a means to deeper spiritual fulfillment and as a preparation for the riches of Heaven. But one clear message from our Gospel story today is that the life that Lazarus lived on earth was far better than that of the rich man. So which life do you prefer here and now? While it is true that the rich man's riches were not the exclusive cause of his eternal damnation, it is also true that his riches imposed upon him a temptation toward selfishness and indifference to the needs of others, which ended in his eternal demise.

Imagine that you won many millions of dollars. What would you do with it? As a good Christian, you might immediately profess that you would use that money for good, to help the poor and make a difference in the lives of others. What would the ideal response be to winning many millions of dollars? Would it suffice to give away ten percent and then use the rest for yourself? Probably not.

One thing that this parable teaches is that material wealth not only adds nothing of value to our eternal reward, it also adds much temptation to our lives. True, if you received a lot of money and then used that money exclusively for good in accord with God's will, that would be a holy act of charity on your part and good for your eternal soul. But doing so would be very difficult. It would be very difficult to resist the temptations that come from material wealth.

Is it good to be rich? It is certainly good to be able to take care of your basic needs in life and those of your family. Having money helps you do that. But once our basic needs have been met, the money left over is far more of a temptation than it is a blessing. We have to believe that. And if you are among those who want to become rich so that you can help others, consider this scenario. If that is your motivation, and if you did win a large amount of money, would it be possible for you to continue living the way you are living now? Imagine staying in the same home, driving the same car, having the same lifestyle, and using all the money you obtained 100% for the glory of God and the good of others. That would be hard to do. But if you could do it, not only would it be good for others, it would be exceptionally good for your own soul. Though this Gospel story has many valuable lessons in it, one of the clearest messages is that earthly poverty benefits a soul far more than earthly wealth. Many people will find that hard to accept.



Reflect, today, upon the stark contrast between Lazarus and the rich man. One dined sumptuously every day, was clothed in fine linen and purple garments and then spent eternity in the netherworld where he was tormented. The other longed to eat the scraps from another's table, had no home, was covered in sores, but spent eternity in Heaven after being carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. Choose to imitate Lazarus rather than the rich man. If you have many material possessions, work hard at being detached from them. Live simply, be generous, and never neglect those in need. If you have very little, do not covet more. Eliminate envy, don't despair, trust in the providence of God, and rejoice that, like Lazarus, you are able to build up eternal riches within your soul that will remain with you forever.

Lord of true riches, the spiritual wealth of true virtue, charity, faith and hope are all that matters in life. Material possessions mean little in this life and are a source of many temptations. Please free me from the desire for wealth. Free me from greed, selfishness and envy. Fill me with a spirit of detachment and generosity, and help me to build up true treasure in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Trivia Night— Saturday, October 11



Are you the friend whose schtick is sharing random factoids? Or, the one with the most fun party conversations? Well, calling all you trivia fans and friends, alike, to come join us, in the St. Alphonsus' Festival Hall (basement), on Saturday, October 11 from 6 PM-9:30 PM because St. Alphonsus YAM Trivia is back!

The cost of tickets is $25 per person (it is a fundraiser!). Sign up on our parish's GiveCentral, www.givecentral.org/location/39/38222

Teams of 5-6 people can register individually or together.

For anyone registering as a team, simply list the names of everyone in the "Comments" section of the GiveCentral link, during your purchase. Light refreshments, beer and wine are included in the event cost. We will have prizes for 3rd, 2nd and 1st place winning teams.

Don't know anyone or don't have 6 people on your team? Fear not! You may also register individually or in a smaller group (2-4 people). We will assign you to a team. All are welcome!

***Please note: pre-registration with payment through the GiveCentral link is required to attend. No walk-ups will be allowed since we have teams. The deadline to sign-up will be Thursday, October 9 at 11 PM.

For any questions or concerns, please reach out to the YAM social team at: stalsyamsocial@gmail.com



YAM Fall Retreat-Sent Forth from the Jubilee— Oct. 18

Join us for a day of prayer, reflection, and renewal as we conclude the Jubilee Year and prepare to carry its graces into our daily lives. We will be joined by Fr. Tim Anastos, director & chaplain of the St. John Paul II Newman Center at UIC, who will help us explore what the Jubilee has meant for us, how we can live it moving forward, and how we are called to share it with others.

The retreat will take place on Saturday, October 18 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The day will include talks, small group discussions, lunch, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the opportunity for Confession.

Cost: $15 per person. You can register at www.givecentral.org/otp/41828

We ask that you sign up in advance so we can get an accurate count of attendees, but walk-ins are also welcome at the door.

October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 **7:00 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	2 **8:15 AM** Blessings in a Backpack **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group	3 **5:00 PM** Legion of Mary	4 **9:30 AM** Blessing of Pets on Outside Veranda of Church

October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 ***Respect Life Sunday— Baby Bottle Appeal Through October*** **2:30 PM** OCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**6** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Legion of Mary (Español) **7:00 PM** Baptismal Prep Class	**7** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum **7:00 PM** Parish Finance Council	**8** **1:45 PM** Junior Scouts—5th **6:30 PM** Book Club Meeting **7:00 PM** AACA H.S/ College Prep Fair **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**9** **3:00 PM** Daisy Scouts **5:30 PM** Leonine Forum Mass **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Oktoberfest Volunteer Appreciation Party	**10** **5:00 PM** Legion of Mary **7:30 PM** Men's Group Holy Hour	**11** **6:00 PM** Young Adult Trivia Night
12 ***Bank of America Chicago Marathon*** ***USCCB Mental Health Sunday*** **10:00 AM** Mama Meetup @Hamlin Park Farmer's Market **2:30 PM** OCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**13** ***Columbus Day— AACA Closed; Parish Office Open*** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Legion of Mary (Español)	**14** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **6:00 PM** RE—Parents 1st Communion Mtg **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**15** **1:45 PM** Daisy Scouts— 1st **6:30 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**16** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group ***AACA Rocket Run Fundraiser***	**17** **5:00 PM** Legion of Mary	**18** **10:00 AM** Young Adult Fall Retreat
19 ***World Mission Sunday Collection*** ***Boy Scouts Popcorn Sale After Mass*** **8:00 AM** RE— NET Retreat **12:00 PM** Family Pumpkin Carving sponsored by KoC **2:30 PM** OCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**20** **8:00 AM** AACA—NET Retreat (8th) **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Legion of Mary (Español)	**21** **8:00 AM** AACA—NET Retreat (7th) **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**22** **8:00 AM** RE NET Missionary Team Day **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 2nd **6:30 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**23** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group	**24** **5:00 PM** Legion of Mary **5:30 PM** AACA Trunk or Treat	**25** **10:00 AM** Cub Scouts Raingutter Regatta
26 **2:30 PM** OCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**27** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Legion of Mary (Español)	**28** **9:30 AM** WwP **6:15 PM** RE Program **6:30 PM** WwP **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum **7:30 PM** Finance Cl.	**29** **6:30 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**30** **8:15 AM** Blessings in a Backpack **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group	**31** ***Halloween*** **5:00 PM** Legion of Mary	

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

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