Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 13, 2023: THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter said to him in reply,

"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

He said, "Come."

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. (Mt 14:28-29)

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: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: *Vigil*: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/ Lk 11:27-28 *Day*: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Elyse Christine Shaffer

Felix Fay

Arlo Fay

Wells Jackson Eastman

Lucas Noel Hernandez

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
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
Judy Fredrickson
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania
Leslie Salimi



Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $14,890

Offertory for 8/6: $16,094

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

Honor the Memory of a Loved One

Even though our Catholic faith can offer us comfort and consolation, losing a loved one is never easy. Memorial bequests – or remembering St. Alphonsus Parish in your will – can be a very spiritually meaningful way to honor the life of a loved one who has gone to be with the Lord. To make a bequest, visit our parish's Give Central page at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/28307 or contact our Parish Operations Director, Daniel Szymanski, dszymanski@stalphonsuschicago.church or by calling 773-525-0709 ext. 2110.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 13
9:00 AM +Frederick Y. Zamora
11:00 AM +Floro Espinosa
12:30 PM +Delfina & Dolores Gutierrez
+Florentina Ornelas
5:00 PM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, August 14
8:30 AM Magdalena P. Orillaza (Healing)

Tuesday, August 15
8:30 AM Priests, Sisters and Alumni of SJW Class of 1967

Wednesday, August 16
6:00 PM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, August 17
8:30 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, August 18
8:30 AM +Julius Evangelista
+Joel Lim

Sunday, August 20
9:00 AM +Colette Marie Morris
11:00 AM +Arlene Huinker
12:30 PM +Martha Madrid
+Monico Corral Hijos
5:00 PM Huffman Family

Assumption Reflection



This Tuesday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

The Assumption was proclaimed a dogma of our Faith by Pope Pius XII in 1950, although belief in the Assumption has been held since the earliest days of the Church. He stated, "We proclaim and define it to be a dogma revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven."

This feast day gives us many things to think about given what we believe about the Blessed Virgin Mary. First of all, because we know that Mary was assumed into heaven, body and soul, that means she is truly there, totally, in constant communion with the Holy Trinity, interceding for us in all the things that we need. We should have great faith that she hears our prayers.

Secondly, upon reflecting on the fact of the Assumption, we should be filled with hope. When looking around at our world, we may tend toward despair. But how can we fail to be filled with Christian hope given the fact that the Mother of God, Mary most holy, after finishing this life on earth ascended to heaven body and soul and awaits us there and pleads on our behalf to her son, Jesus Christ? Thirdly, Mary's Assumption acts as a reminder to all of us that this earth is not our eternal home. We live in a time of so much focus on the here and now and we struggle to put things in the grand perspective. When we celebrate the Assumption of Mary, we are reminded that it is there that Mary is, not here. And it is there, heaven, to which we also are headed. May she keep us on the path of holiness, serving her Son in all that we do until our very last breath.

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us!

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*

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Sear Your Meat on All Sides

It is not uncommon for a protein to have to be pan-fried before being cooked in the oven, or it simply does not cook evenly in the pan because its shape is not flat and even on all sides. However, even cooking is always important!

To help you achieve perfect cooking on all sides without having to hold your protein in place yourself, use a pair of locking tongs! Simply take the meat as close as possible to the side you want to cook or sear and then lock the tongs. Place them on the edge of your pan and the uneven side of your protein will cook while you can do other things!

Faith Formation

Register Your Child(ren) for Religious Education! Catechists Needed!



Registration for our Religious Education program is now open for the 2023-2024 school year for grades 1st-8th on Tuesday nights at 6:15 PM. Parent orientation is September 19 and classes will begin on September 26. Please register at the link on the front page of our parish website. Visit our Religious Ed page, www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education for more information.

Each year, St. Alphonsus joyfully educates the children of our parish in their Catholic faith. If you would like to spend more time with children, strengthen the faith bonds in our families or enjoy serving in our parish—please consider volunteering as a catechist for our religious education program! We'd love to talk to you and no experience is necessary :) There are training opportunities and support as you get started and throughout your time of service. Contact our RE Coordinator Erica Cook, ecook@stalphonsuschicago.church for more information.

Are You Ready To Become Catholic?

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

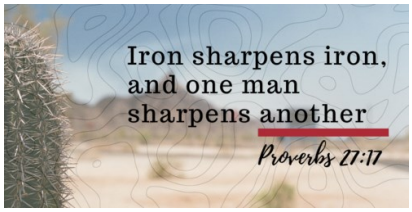
This class is offered for adults in three situations:
1. Un-baptized adults who desire to be baptized in the Catholic Church.
2. Baptized non-Catholic Christians who desire to be formally admitted into communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed and desire 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

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 Men's Group at our new 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. 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

Dust off the lederhosen!

Save the Dates! Oktoberfest— Sept 22-24

Our parish is planning our biggest fundraiser, Oktoberfest and all the festive joy that goes with it! Kinderfest on Sunday, Craft Beer Nights in the Festival Hall, and other surprises! More details to come this week for Brewmaster info, volunteer sign up, craft beer night details and more event updates!

www.stalsoktoberfest.org

News and Events

Serve as a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion!



Our parish is in need of faithful Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion. We will be holding a training session for new and current EMs on **Thursday, August 24th at 7 PM** in the church. 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 Father Bauer.

Men's Pickup Basketball

Almost every Sunday at 7PM there is a competitive men's pickup basketball game(s) for anyone who plays. Games are played in the St. Alphonsus gymnasium that is underneath the Athenaeum. Entrance to the gym is on the side of the building between the church and the Athenaeum. If you would like to be added to the weekly email list that coordinates the games or have any questions you can reach out to Mike at yerkes10@gmail.com

Ministry of Care

St. Alphonsus is blessed with wonderful volunteers who bring Holy Communion to parishioners that are sick or homebound on a weekly, biweekly, or monthly basis. Please call the rectory office (773) 525-0709 to arrange a visit for your loved one(s) who are unable to worship in-person at church and receive the Eucharist.

Recovery Groups 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.

Clothing Drive @ St. Alphonsus

On Sunday September 10 from 8 AM– 2 PM, our St. Vincent DePaul chapter will be conducting a clothing drive. A trailer will be parked in the Oakdale parking lot behind the church rectory to accept donations. Now is the time to start setting aside items to help us help our neighbors in need! More details to come.

Chris Bray— Songs & Stories Tour

Chris is a prominent Catholic speaker, musician, and author who spends his days traveling across the country, giving people hope by helping them draw closer to Christ. He inspires people everywhere he goes, and draws encouragement and motivation.

The Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture is proud to bring Chris for a free concert on **Sunday Sept 10 at 3:30 PM**! Please go to chaliceus.org/chris-bray-songs-stories-tour



Samuel Group at St. Alphonsus

Starting in September; Register Now!



Do you ever wonder how to make a good decision according to God's will? Join us for a discernment group specifically geared toward young adults (ages 19–35). Here you will discuss all kinds of discernment – if you are called to consecrated life, married life or single life, to a certain career or city, and more. The goal of this group is to help you, and in some cases your significant other, know yourself, Jesus and your role within the Church. These discernment groups will take place monthly over the course of seven months. At each session, you will listen to talks, have time for small group sharing, and have the opportunity for Mass, Confession and Adoration. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet individually with a spiritual director during this program.

Cost: $45 per person. Register at bit.ly/3D9wQYl

Young Adult Ministry

BE SOCIAL
BE SPIRITUAL
BE CHARITABLE
BE INTELLECTUAL
BE CATHOLIC

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*

Air and Water Show Viewing Party

Saturday August 19— Rectory Rooftop



Come join St. Al's YAM on Saturday August 19th from 11 AM-3 PM as we have watch the Chicago Air Show from the St Al's Rectory Rooftop. Enjoy the great weather, fantastic views of the Chicago skyline and great time meeting new friends!
This is a BYOB and food event, we are hoping to have a small grill set up to cook up some hot dogs or burgers. Feel free to bring any yard games as well. Contact Matt or Tammy with any questions at stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

Spikeball Tournament

Saturday August 26; Montrose Beach at 11 AM

Join the St. Alphonsus Young Adult Ministry and St. Clement Young Adult Community for our first Spikeball Tournament! We'll meet on Saturday, August 26th at Montrose Beach at 11 AM. We will have a beginner and intermediate bracket, so please be sure to sign up for the correct one.

Each person will sign up individually and will be placed on a team of two with another player in your bracket. If you'd like to be on a team with your friend, please be sure you list their name in the appropriate section. Your $5 payment goes towards prizes for the winning teams, and snacks and drinks at the tournament. There is a sign-up on the YAM Facebook page.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 17
Young Adult Ministry Kick-Off Party!
Following the 5:00 PM Mass
More details coming soon!

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 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

1429 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
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www.stalphonsuschicago.org
parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Parish Office Hours:

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

School Office

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
Rev. Jesús (Chuy) Raya, Associate Pastor
Brooks Robinson, Pastoral Associate
Brian Bloye, Director of Music and Organist
Erica Cook, Coordinator of Religious Education
Daniel Szymanski, Director of Operations
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager

School Staff

Gerit McAllister, Principal
Angela Kladis, Assistant Principal
Madeleine Durkin, Director of Admissions
Kim Wallett, Secretary
Connie Del Toral, Administrative Assistant