



Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 3, 2023: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*“Watch, therefore;
you do not know when the lord of the house is coming.” (Mk 13:35)*

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: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Please Pray for the Sick

Andrea Emilia Bernabey	Janet Horvat
Fidel Mercado Chavez	Frank G. Bauer
Emilia Hurtado	Al Corleone
Bernard Zapp	Tracy Duda
David Birks	Jacob Duda
Celeste Soult	Dorothy O'Brien
Magdalena Gonzalez	Ryan Meadow
Michael Aldape	Danny Browder
	Carol Kania
	Leslie Salimi

Giving Update

Weekly Budget
Amount:
\$14,890

Offertory for
11/19: \$14,347
Offertory for
11/26: \$12,181

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



WEDDING BANNERS

Tara Mitchell
and
Patrick Johnson

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Theodore Morgan Hurt
Joseph John Bredemann
Natalie Grace Howard

Welcome to the Parish!

Thaise and Myron Powelson
Melissa
Marissa
Frances Kucich
Kayla and Ben Rudeen
Theodore
Kennedy
Bethany Baltutat



The top QR code goes to our GiveCentral

The left QR code is for our parish Venmo.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 3

9:00 AM +Michael Bucher
11:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
12:30 PM +Mercedes Carrillo
5:00 PM +Evelyn Grish

Monday, December 4

8:30 AM +Claire Collins

Tuesday, December 5

8:30 AM +Ignacio Rodriguez

Wednesday, December 6

6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, December 7

8:30 AM +Brian Hyzy

Friday, December 8

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Saturday, December 9

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, December 10

9:00 AM +Jake Lindes
11:00 AM +Richard Slowinski
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM +Michael Bucher

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary— Friday Dec. 8

This Friday on December 8, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **This feast is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

To celebrate our nation's patroness, **our Mass times will be at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.**

On this special day we turn to our heavenly patroness to invoke her powerful intercession for our country. We pray for peace, reconciliation, the preservation of our values and ideals, and religious liberty for those who do not have that basic freedom. Please join us for Mass on this great feast of Our Blessed Mother.



Advent Reflection

Each week of Advent, one of our pastoral staff will kindly share a reflection. Our First Sunday of Advent reflection comes from our Pastoral Associate, Brooks Robinson MDiv, MTS

We often lump Advent in with the Christmas season. It is that time of year that we start our Christmas shopping, decorate our homes and listen to Christmas music—as the common law permits, while attending the assortment of Christmas parties with both merriment and snazzy sweaters.

Those cold, short days of December with plant life barren, just cry out for our touch of lighting, decor, and Christmas cheer. And so, Advent becomes this type of holiday liminal space, the already, not yet of eager anticipation of what appears to be here already—Christmas time.

However, if this is what Advent is reduced to we will miss out on its deeper and richer meaning. Advent is not the opening weeks of the Christmas season, *rather*, it is about the end—both the end of time and the end goal of creation. We find ourselves participating in this beguiling in-between space of the story of God's providential care of the cosmos. Where we know that this world is not what it should be, yet we get to taste the very good this life brings.

All good stories have both a beginning and end—including God's story Scripture reveals. Typically the reader moves from start to resolution. Yet, curiously with Advent, we begin with the end. We begin the story by reading the story backwards.

Appreciating this point opens us up to that deeper and richer meaning of Advent. Today's gospel reading from Mark (13:33-37) displays a mature Jesus, not the babe in the manger we are used to this time of year. Here we find Jesus instructing his disciples to, "Be watchful! Be

alert!," because we "do not know when the time will come."

"The time" being an euphemism for Christ's second coming when he will judge the living and the dead. This

judgment can come at any moment—when we least expect it—so "be watchful!"

Good stories have characters. In this story, we are among the characters. We are meant to understand ourselves as the servants of the homeowner. The servants of God and disciples of Jesus. Each of us with our own tasks, our own gifts, and talents that we employ as stewards of the home. We employ these talents to further build up the Dominion of God through our right worship of God and in loving our neighbors—including our enemies (Mark 5:43-44).

This is what we pray for in the Lord's Prayer. We pray that "thy kingdom come, thy will be done." This is the gospel proclamation, the good news Jesus teaches his disciples. As Tertullian writes, the Lord's Prayer "is truly the summary of the whole gospel" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2761). Our praying then is how we measure our heart's attunement to the will of God, to God's Reign in our lives.

Do you *truly* pray for God's Dominion in your life and in the world? As we move through the Advent season, spend time pondering the story backwards. Spend time pondering whether you have employed your gifts and talents for the betterment of God's Reign, for the betterment of your neighbors, for whom you are called to love. May this Advent season bring to you a sense of anticipation and longing for God's Kingdom.



Certificate of Lay Leadership

Are you passionate about serving your parish community and making a positive impact? A Certificate of Lay Leadership is your gateway to enhancing your skills, deepening your faith, and becoming a confident leader within the Catholic Church.

Enroll in the Certificate of Lay Leadership program today and unlock the doors to a transformative experience. The program is open to all individuals who are passionate about their faith and eager to contribute to the Church's mission. This two-year program involves monthly formation days on the USML campus in Mundelein and academic courses that will be offered on Monday nights at St. Alphonsus starting January 8th!!

For more information, or to start your application, scan the QR code below or contact Leah Lewandowski at LLewandowski@usml.edu or Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church.



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Women's Group at St. Alphonsus— 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!

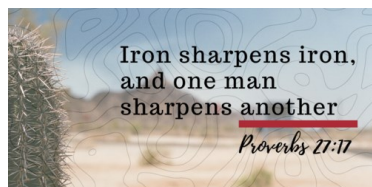
The **Touching the Divine** Bible study focuses on qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality.

Saint John referred to himself as “the disciple whom Jesus loved,” and as we study, John will teach us 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 meets Dec. 5 and 12, then will meet again in 2024!

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 12:30 PM, these Masses are for the 4th Sunday of Advent and will utilize those readings.

4:00 PM Family Mass, 6:00 PM, and 11:00 PM,
Vigil Masses for Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

9 AM (in English & German), and 11 AM (in English & Spanish)

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

Masses to celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Sunday, December 31

9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 5:00 PM

Monday, January 1, 2024

10:00 AM

If you are traveling to be with family or friends over Christmas, join us on January 7, the Feast of the Epiphany. The Midnight Mass program will be repeated at the 9 and 11 AM Masses.



Sweets With Santa— Saturday, Dec. 9



Our parish school, Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts, is hosting a wonderful event for kids next Saturday, December 9 from 9:30 AM— 11:30 AM. Join us for light bites, Christmas crafts, and photos with Santa! All members of our community with small children are welcome, no affiliation with AACA required. For planning

purposes, we do ask that you please RSVP by clicking the logo on our parish website and complete the form. Thanks!

Pancake Breakfast— Sunday, Dec. 10

All the faithful are invited to join us in Festival Hall next Sunday, December 10th from 10:00 AM-1:30 PM to enjoy FREE pancakes, eggs, and fellowship! Stop in before or after Mass for a dose of Good Cheer and Sunday Refreshment! See new and familiar faces alike. All are Welcome! Just be sure to observe the 1-hour Eucharistic

Fast before receiving Communion.

Coffee and Hot Chocolate will also be served. We can't wait to see you! Sponsored by our Friends Through Faith ministry. **Want to Volunteer?** Contact Amy at amykeefner@gmail.com



St. Alphonsus Giving Tree

Bring Your Gifts This Weekend!



The Giving Tree service project involves our whole parish and 'makes Christmas' for hundreds of people less fortunate.

This year, our parish community gives gifts to exactly 132 individuals through Catholic Charities, as part of the Celebration of Giving program.



It is our understanding that due to sorting/wrapping and time constraints in order to get gifts to the recipients on time for Christmas, Catholic Charities cannot accept late gifts past December 8 this year. You can also support this service project at the Catholic Charities site, www.catholiccharities.net/give/celebration. Contact Mario Serrano at mserranostals@gmail.com if you have questions.

We greatly appreciate the amazing generosity of the parish!

Pope Francis December Intention

For Persons With Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

FORMED— Just Press Play!

St. Alphonsus is dedicated to YOUR spiritual formation. We encourage our faithful to check out FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. **Best of all, this material is FREE to you.**

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/what-is-the-immaculate-conception>



FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and IGNATIUS PRESS

Young Adult Ministry

Christmas Ball— Saturday, December 9 in Festival Hall



Get into the holiday spirit! All young adults are invited to our Christmas Ball on Saturday, December 9 from 6:30 PM-10:00 PM. Tickets are only \$15 and we will have plenty of food, drinks, desserts, dancing, and other fun festivities! Dinner will be provided as well. Wear your best holiday cocktail attire!

As it is also the time of year for giving, especially to those most in need, we will be collecting charitable donations to put together blessing bags at the event as well. Suggested items are toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, socks, wet wipes, tissues, and non-perishables, such as applesauce or

fruit cups, raisins, pasta, canned vegetables, etc. This is just a short list of items; please feel free to donate anything of your choosing along these lines. We're looking forward to constructing these packages together and donating them all to Catholic Charities!

Register for the Ball here: www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/38867. The price for registration will be \$20 at the door for those that do not sign up prior to the event. Please contact Tammy or Matt for more details at stalsyamsocial@gmail.com.

YAM Advent Retreat— The Eucharistic Revival



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 Advent retreat for this year. On December 16th, 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 9:00 AM and end at 1:00 PM. 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. This is a great opportunity to not only renew your relationship with Christ but also a wonderful way to prepare yourself to enter into the Christmas season.

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. Register here: www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/39058

FORMED Advent Discussion— Wednesday, December 6

FORMED is a free on-demand library of faith formation resources and materials. On Wednesday, December 6th in Festival Hall at 7:30 PM, our YAM Spiritual Team will be leading a growth discussion that helps us reflect on the Advent season. All are welcome!

Volunteer With Misericordia! — Thursday, December 7

Misericordia Bakery supports a continuum of care and support for children and adults of all faiths and cultures who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. They need lots of help in their bakery this holiday season, so our Young Adult Ministry are calling for volunteers! No bakery experience required! We will be scooping, mixing, baking, and displaying bakery products. Sign up at the form on the YAM Facebook page. Contact us at stalsyamservice@gmail.com for any questions!

Advent 2023



Today is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent helps to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas. It also helps to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ in glory, a moment for which we pray daily. If you have not already, take some time today to explore how you might spend Advent this year.

Making Your Wreath

If you have not yet made your wreath, do it today! You can use any wreath and four candle holders—or a special wreath form. You also need three violet candles and one rose candle.

The violet candles are lit for the first, second, and fourth weeks. The rose candle is lit during the third week.

Light the candles as you eat your evening meal. They are a simple way to remember the hope and joy of the season—and help keep us focused on its meaning.

Prayer When Lighting the Candle

Light the candle when you have your evening meal, or when you come home at night. Taking a short time for prayer each evening will make all the difference to your Christmas preparations!

Light one violet candle each evening for the first week of Advent.

Pray: **Lord Jesus Christ,
You are Emmanuel,
God with us.
Come and dwell with us.
Fill our waiting hearts
And give us your peace.**

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

Stewardship Reflection

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Required Minimum Distribution

The IRS requires that you withdraw at least a minimum amount - known as a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) - from some types of retirement accounts annually. RMD's are minimum amounts that IRA and retirement plan account owners generally must withdraw annually starting with the year they reach age 72 (73 if you reach age 72 after Dec. 31, 2022). When you take this money out of your retirement account, you have to pay income tax on that amount. But there is an exception. If you pay this money directly from the retirement account to a charity like St. Alphonsus Church, you do not have to pay the income tax. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Just make sure that the money is paid directly from the retirement account to the church. This does not work if the money goes through your bank account. This is a great way to give your donation to the church with tax free money.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Join us in celebrating Our Lady Of Guadalupe

Novenario-Rezo del Santo Rosario/ Novena-Holy Rosary

Domingo/Sunday 12/3 1:30 p.m.
 Lunes/Sunday 12/4 7:00 p.m.
 Martes/Tuesday 12/5 7:00 p.m.
 Miércoles/Wednesday 12/6 6:30 p.m. (bilingüe/bilingual)
 Jueves/Thursday 12/7 7:30 p.m.
 Viernes/Friday 12/8 6:00 p.m.
 Sábado/Saturday 12/9 7:00 p.m.
 Domingo/Sunday 12/10 1:30 p.m.
 Lunes/Monday 12/11 7:00 p.m.

Santa Misa en honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe

Martes 12 de diciembre 7:00 p.m.

Convivio en Festival Hall despues de Misa

Holy Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Gathering in Festival Hall after Mass



December Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 1:30 PM Novena-Our Lady of Guadalupe 3:00 PM RCIA 6:00 PM YAM Board Meeting 7:00 PM Big Book AA Meeting	4 8:30 AM AA Daily Reflections Group 7:00 PM Novena-Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting	5 9:30 AM Walking With Purpose 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting 6:15 PM Religious Education 6:30 PM Walking With Purpose 7:00 PM Philosophy Forum 7:00 PM Novena-Our Lady of Guadalupe	6 1:45 PM Brownie Scouts- 3rd 4:00 PM Cub Scouts Arrow of Light Den Meeting 6:30 PM Young Adult Book Club 6:30 PM Novena-Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:30 PM FORMED Advent Discussion	7 3:30 PM St. Alphonsus Staff/Volunteers Christmas Party 6:15 PM Leonine Forum Mass 6:30 PM Women's Faith Group 7:00 PM Men's Faith Group 7:30 PM Novena-Our Lady of Guadalupe	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary— Mass at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM 6:00 PM Novena-Our Lady of Guadalupe	9 Sweets With Santa 9:30 AM—11:30 AM 6:30 PM YAM Christmas Ball 7:00 PM Novena-Our Lady of Guadalupe
AACA Secret Santa in Festival Hall						

Joining St. Alphonsus Parish

St. Alphonsus welcomes all community members on their faith journey! Just moved in the area? Coming back to practicing our Catholic faith? You will want to learn about all the events going on at our parish. If you are not receiving our weekly parish newsletter in your email, contact Mario Serrano at mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.church

You can officially register to join the parish at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
10 Retirement for Religious Special Collection Pancake Breakfast in Festival Hall 10:00 AM—1:00 PM 1:30 PM Novena-Our Lady of Guadalupe 3:00 PM RCIA 7:00 PM Big Book AA Meeting	11 8:30 AM AA Daily Reflections Group 7:00 PM Novena-Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:00 PM Bible Time-line Study	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mass at 7:00 PM, Fiesta to follow in Festival Hall 9:30 AM Walking With Purpose 6:15 PM Religious Education— Advent Service in Church 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting 6:30 PM Walking With Purpose 7:00 PM Philosophy Forum	13 1:45 PM Brownie Scouts— 2nd 1:45 PM Junior Scouts— 4th/5th 4:00 PM Cub Scouts Arrow of Light Den Meeting 6:30 PM Young Adult Book Club	14 3:00 PM Tigers Cub Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Christmas Party 6:30 PM Women's Faith Group 7:00 PM Men's Faith Group 7:00 PM Women's Faith Group 7:00 PM "A Latin American" Christmas Concert	15	16 9:00 AM YAM Advent Retreat 7:00 PM Notre Dame Glee Club and Symphony Orchestra at ACTC
17 3:00 PM RCIA 7:00 PM Big Book AA Meeting	18 8:30 AM AA Daily Reflections Group 7:00 PM Bible Time-line Study	19 No RE— Christmas Break 4:00 PM Boy Scouts Christmas Party/Honor Ceremony 7:00 PM Camino Project Christmas Karaoke 7:00 PM YAM Philosophy Forum	20 4:00 PM Cub Scouts Arrow of Light Den Meeting 6:30 PM Baptismal Prep Class 6:30 PM Young Adult Book Club	21 10:00 AM AACA Pre-K Caroling 3:00 PM Tigers Cub Scout Meeting 5:45 PM AACA K-8 Concert 6:30 PM Women's Faith Group 7:00 PM Men's Faith Group 7:00 PM Women's Faith Group	22 Church Decorations Going Up	23
24 Christmas Eve Mass Times for 4th Sunday of Advent: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM Mass Times for Nativity of the Lord Vigil 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 11:00 PM	25 Christmas— The Nativity of the Lord! Mass Times: 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	26 Rectory Closed	27 4:00 PM Cub Scouts Arrow of Light Den Meeting 6:30 PM Young Adult Book Club	28 3:00 PM Tigers Cub Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Women's Faith Group 7:00 PM Men's Faith Group 7:00 PM Women's Faith Group	29	30
31 New Year's Eve Mass Times: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 5:00 PM	1 New Year's Day Mass at 10:00 AM					

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

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

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parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon- Fri

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www.alphonsusacademy.org

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM— 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

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