Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 2, 2025: THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri, Sat 8:30 AM
Wednesday 6:00PM
Sunday
9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 PM (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*

"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good,

but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil;

for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

(Lk 6:45)

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Welcome to the Parish!

Kyle McBrady & Meghan Morrissette

Andrew Nasr & Alyssa Mota

Patricia Bucci & Robert DeBlander

Hannah Ludwig

Alisha Thomas

Sean Sutton

Elaine Toscano

Matthew Riecker & Sarah Daly

Patrice & Joe McBrayer

Avery Herndon & Trent Deighan

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
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
Gary Masterson
Ramona Colon
Michelle Renee Moya
Vera Wilkinson
Ernest Nora

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

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Genevieve Renee Gutierrez Cortes

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 2
9:00 AM +Stephen Graham
Jeffrey Graham (Birthday Blessings)
Justin Pellino (Baptism Anniversary)
11:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
12:30 PM +Ray y Lupita Rios
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, March 3
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, March 4
8:30 AM +Juan Manuel Ortiz

Wednesday, March 5— Ash Wednesday
6:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, March 6
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, March 7
8:30 AM +Carol Richard

Saturday, March 8
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, March 9
9:00 AM +Joseph Riffner
11:00 AM +Alina Lipniewski
12:30 PM +Juan Gonzalez
5:00 PM +Julitta Bertram

News and Events

Ash Wednesday Schedule

7:00 AM **Service,** with distribution of ashes (English)

12:00 PM **Service,** with distribution of ashes (English)

6:30 PM **Mass (Bilingual in English and Español)**



Ash Wednesday is March 5!

Please note the Ash Wednesday evening Mass will be Bilingual. On this date, there will not be Adoration and Reconciliation after the Mass compared to our regular 6 PM Wednesday evening Mass.

There are traditional practices for Lent which help us to engage in the penitential nature of the season. All adults from the age of 18 until their 59th birthday are asked to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means eating only one full meal that day. One can eat at two other times, but the total food should not equal a full meal. This does not apply to those who are ill, pregnant or nursing.



Lent 2025

The Traditions of Lent

In the first centuries of the church, Lent was the time of final preparation for those to be baptized. The rest of the Christian community kept the season with them, joining them in greater prayer, fasting and charity. Each year, we still wait with those to be baptized and received into the church. We also wait for peace to come to our broken world. The traditional disciplines of Lent help to renew us spiritually and draw us closer to the Lord.

Prayer

As we begin Lent, we are asked to "Repent and believe in the Gospel". Prayer is the conversation which helps us on this journey.

Pray for the continued success of our Parish and its Ministries. The decisions we make will have an impact upon the parish for many years to come.

Pray with our catechumens and candidates. We are welcoming many adults and children into the Church at Easter.

Remember to pray for peace. Keep in your prayer world leaders and all those who work actively for peace.

Find time to enrich your life with daily prayer. If this is not a habit you have now, you may need to find what works best for you.

Fasting

Fasting is an ancient spiritual discipline. Going without food or something else that we enjoy reminds us of two things. First, we can live without most of what we want. We can't live without what we need. Our fasting helps us to recognize the difference, and to realize that what we need is supplied only by God's grace and generosity. Second, we fast in solidarity with those who are hungry most days of their lives. The money we save can help to feed them.

Abstinence from meat during the Fridays of Lent. This is required of all over the age of fourteen. You can find some excellent meat-free recipes at www.crsricebowl.org/recipe

Make a resolution to do without a luxury during Lent. The money saved from not spending on yourself should go to help the poor.

Resolve to 'fast' from a behavior or habit which harms relationships. Lent is a time of growth. Ask God for the grace to grow in virtue this Lent.

Acts of Charity

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462).

Make a resolution to do something positive for others. Just as we resolve to 'give up', add a resolution to do something for the peace and welfare of the world. This can take many forms– from walking instead of driving for short errands, to making the time to spend with someone who is lonely or elderly.

Volunteer at Mass, Nourishing Hope Food Pantry, Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, or choose your own passion to help and make a difference with!

Coming to Confession During Lent



Lent is a traditional time to 'take stock' and discover the ways in which we can turn more fully toward the Lord and away from the sin that weighs us down. It is a great season in which to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

The sacrament is Reconciliation is regularly offered twice each week: Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 PM; Saturday from 11:00 to 11:30 AM. You may also contact the rectory office and schedule an appointment with a priest.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 6:30 PM on Fridays before Stations. If you need a refresher on how to pray the chaplet, you can go to www.catholic-link.org/how-to-pray-the-divine-mercy-chaplet-your-step-by-step-visual-guide/

Stations of the Cross



Each Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6 PM (en Espanol) and 7 PM (in English). This prayer allows us to meditate on Christ's Passion and death while walking the "Way of the Cross." It is a wonderful way to grow in one's knowledge of being a disciple of the Lord.

News & Events

Lenten Fish Fries— Friday, March 14 and March 28

Truly a highlight and staple of Lent, St. Alphonsus will be hosting TWO Lenten Fish Fry events this year. These fun events are sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council to benefit charitable projects of the parish.

Dates and Time: Friday, March 14th and March 28 6:30 PM—9:00 PM
Where: 1429 W. Wellington, Chicago in Festival Hall, beneath the church
Featuring the Trinity Irish Dance Troupe around 7 PM.

Cost: $20 for adults. $10 for kids 5-12. Free for 4 and under.
Adult tickets for March 14 purchased at www.givecentral.org/otp/42835
Children tickets for March 14: www.givecentral.org/otp/42877

Tickets for March 28 here: www.givecentral.org/otp/42836
Children tickets for March 28: www.givecentral.org/otp/42878

Menu: Fried Beer Battered Cod, Macaroni and Cheese, Coleslaw
For Sale separately: Mini-cupcakes, Brownies and other treats
BYOB Alcohol only. Water and other non-alcoholic drinks will be available.
For the kids: Multiple kids games and prizes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Sign-up to volunteer at our KoC Fish Fry website page, www.stalphonsusknights.com/fishfry/ **The links for tickets are also on our website.**

Contact Ray San Agustin, raysanagustin15158@gmail.com for sponsorships and questions!

Mama Meetup

St. Alphonsus Parish is pleased to introduce its newest ministry, Mama Meetup! Moms of the parish are invited to join other moms for coffee and fellowship on **Saturday, March 8, at 10 AM** at Big Shoulders Coffee (1165 W. Diversey Pkwy)!

Babies are more than welcome to join, or just bring yourself! 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. As this is a fledgling group, our first meetup will be concentrated on getting to know each other and discussing how the group can best serve the moms of the parish. We look forward to seeing you!

For questions, email Kathryn Kibler at kkibler@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 contact Kathryn Kibler at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church
For adult baptisms, contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Weddings at St. Alphonsus



The love between two people is a gift from God. The commitment you make to be together for the rest of your lives is sealed before the community and God during the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. If you are recently engaged and planning to get married (either at St. Alphonsus Church or out of town) please review the Marriage page on our website and reach out to Kathryn at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church

Stewardship— First Fruits

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.

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

Sign up at *www.givecentral.org/location/39*

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Offertory for 2/23: $12,498

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

Left QR code for GiveCentral; Right QR code for Venmo

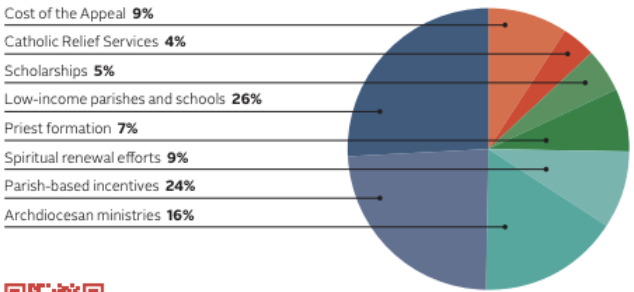
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2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

HOW YOUR GIFT WILL BE USED

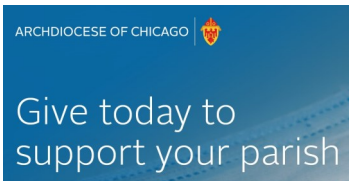
These projections are based on anticipated needs and are subject to change. The list below is meant to summarize the far-reaching impact of the Appeal, and so is not a comprehensive list of all the archdiocese's ministries.

Low-income parishes and schools	**26%**	Support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities
Parish-based incentives	**24%**	After a parish reaches goal, donated funds return to the parish for local use
Archdiocesan ministries	**16%**	Outreach initiatives for young adults, families, children and others
Spiritual renewal efforts	**9%**	Transforming parishes to share our faith in new and creative ways
Priest formation	**7%**	Education and development for seminarians and priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago
Scholarships	**5%**	Tuition assistance for disadvantaged Catholic school families
Catholic Relief Services	**4%**	Support for those suffering from natural disasters around the world
Cost of the Appeal	**9%**	Printing, postage, processing costs for the Appeal



To make a gift to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal and for information on how Appeal funds are spent, visit **annualcatholicappeal.com** or scan QR code.

Annual Catholic Appeal
Together We Bring Hope





Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the ACA is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

Now more than ever, the Church needs your steadfast support. Your participation in our parish's weekly offertory and in the Annual Catholic Appeal is essential to maintaining the financial well-being of the Church.

Please consider signing up for online giving to the parish offertory at the link at the top of this page and to the Appeal at annualcatholicappeal.com

Young Adult Ministry

YAM 3x3 Basketball— Saturday, March 8



3-on-3 Basketball is back! Come join St. Alphonsus' Young Adult Ministry (YAM) for its annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament. Grab some friends and join us for one of our most exciting events of the year!

The tournament will be a round-robin group play followed by a single elimination tournament for the top 6 teams. Each team is guaranteed 3 games in the group play. There is not a separate tournament for men and women so teams can be co-ed. There will be a limit of 16 teams, so sign up before all of the spots are full. Teams are limited to 5 players. If you do not have a team and want to sign up individually without a team, we will place you with other individual sign ups to create a team. Please specify "Individual" in the team category at the registration link.

Sign up here: www.givecentral.org/location/39/33436

As part of the event, we will provide snacks and drinks. All are welcome to come and watch the event if not part of a team. For those watching the event who are not part of a team but would still like to partake in the food and drink we ask that you make a $5 donation, www.givecentral.org/otp/42881

Date: Saturday March 8th; Location: St. Alphonsus Gymnasium
Time: Starts at 10:00 AM ; Cost: $15 per person; each player must sign-up individually.

More News and Events

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is returning to St. Alphonsus Parish! This is an offering for 4-7 year olds to hear the Word of God proclaimed in a way that they can understand. Join the Children's Liturgy Team and help the children enter into prayer, leading them to an encounter with Our Lord!

Questions? **Contact Emily Ember, Coordinator of Religious Education**, at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church
DATES: (at the 9AM Mass on Sundays)
March 9th
March 30th
May 4th
June 1st

Safe Families for Children Meetup



Our Safe Families for Children Ministry will be hosting a "Ministry Meetup" on **Tuesday, March 4 from 6:30-8 PM**. A small group of Safe Families volunteers (prospective & current, various volunteer roles) is meeting to build community and share volunteer tips & tricks. You are invited!! To register, contact us at safefamiliesstals@gmail.com

Archdiocesan Diaconate Inquiry Meets

Have you ever considered the call to be a Deacon of the Catholic Church? Know someone who has considered the call? Join (or tell someone about) one of our upcoming Inquiry Evenings:

March 26, 7 PM at All Saints Parish, 8523 Georgiana Ave, Morton Grove
April 23, 7 PM at the Diaconate Office, 816 Marengo Ave., Forest Park

The sessions will provide an overview of the Deacon Formation Program, the application process and information on the ministry of a deacon. Men, single or married, are invited to attend. Wives are strongly encouraged to accompany their husbands to the meetings. For more information and to register for one of the sessions, contact the Office of the Diaconate at (708) 366-8900.

Chicago OCDS Day of Recollection

Saturday, March 29 at Quigley Pastoral Center

Are you a faithful lay member of the Roman Catholic Church seeking greater union with God and a deeper prayer life? Join Brother John-Mary of Jesus Crucified, OCD, as he shares the wisdom of the Carmelite saints at a free Day of Recollection sponsored by the Immaculate Heart of Mary Community of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. Learn more or register to attend at www.ocdschicago.com/events

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." Luke 6:39–40

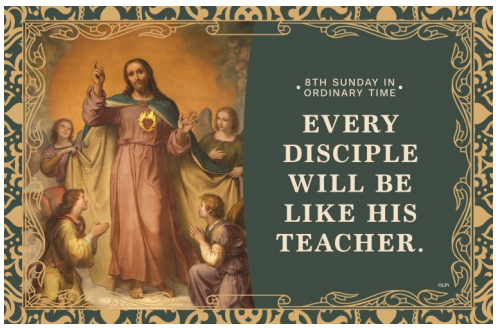
Fully Trained

Are you "fully trained?" What does it mean to be fully trained? Jesus makes it clear that those who are fully trained will be like their teacher. Of course, we must become like our Lord, who is the one and only Teacher. So are you like Him in every way?

Being fully trained as a Christian is different than being fully trained in an occupation. For example, a doctor is fully trained when all the necessary lessons are learned and the practical aspects of medicine are put into practice. That is why that person becomes a doctor, just like the doctors who were their teachers. But the Christian life is not something we master by learning many teachings of the faith so that, by our expertise, we can then put them into practice using our natural talents. For a Christian to be fully trained, it is necessary that the Divine Physician fully possess them, live within them, and act through them. Thus, Christian training is the practice of allowing God to become one with you so that it is God Who acts in and through you.

This form of "training" first takes on the goal of freeing us from spiritual blindness. We must see Christ and come to know Him. Again, this is not a matter of simply learning various truths about God in an intellectual way. It's a matter of coming to know the Truth Himself. We must see and know the Person Who is Christ Jesus. This is true sight. Blindness, however, can always set in again when we take the eyes of our soul off the Savior.

Seeing Christ, however, is not enough. Seeing must be followed by doing. That is why our Lord goes on to say in today's Gospel that "every tree is known by its own fruit" and that a "good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good." Seeing Christ Himself, within your soul, will produce that "store of goodness," and this will make you more "fully trained."



Only then can you produce good fruit, for it will be Christ Himself producing the good fruit in and through you.

So back to our original question: "Are you fully trained?" Do you daily keep your eyes on a Person, Jesus Himself? And if so, do You allow Him to act in your life and, through you, in the lives of others? If you cannot answer these questions with a confident "Yes," then you might have more blindness in the spiritual life than you realize.

Reflect, today, upon your mission to become a fully trained soldier of Christ. God wants to use you, to live within you, and to act through you. He wants you to be like Him in every way. This is only possible when you admit the blindness with which you struggle, turn your eyes to Him, and allow Him to become one with you. Start by turning to Him as He dwells within you. Search for Him, seek Him, and love Him. If you keep your eyes upon Him, He will carefully take care of the rest, leading you to a fully trained and fruitful life.

My divine Teacher, I turn to You, the Lord of all, and seek to fix my gaze upon You. As I see You, please remove my blindness and confusion. In place of these, give me wisdom so that I will always allow You to live in me and act through me, bearing an abundance of good fruit. Jesus, I trust in You.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Paint Smudges on the Walls

At this time of the year, you will have small children play inside instead of outside. They often have child size furniture which are painted bright colors. The trouble is that the kids will move their furniture around and often rub it against the wills. Then the colored furniture paint gets on the walls. How do you prevent this? Instead of hiring a nanny to watch the child constantly, just put a coat of clear varnish over the furniture and the paint will not rub on the walls.

Lenten Morning of Reflection

For Liturgical Ministers

REFLECTION, DISCUSSION, AND ADORATION

Saturday, March 15, 2025

8:30am — 12:00pm

We'll start with Mass
followed by potluck breakfast (bring something to share!)

Though this morning of reflection is addressed to lectors,
EMHC, cantors, ushers, and altar servers
all interested parishioners are welcomed to participate.

Jornada de Reflexión Cuaresmal

PARA MINISTROS DE LA LITURGIA

REFLEXIÓN, DISCUSIÓN, Y ADORACIÓN

Sábado 15 de marzo 2025

8:30am — 12:00pm

Comenzaremos con la Misa,
seguido de un desayuno de traje (¡traiga algo para compartir!)

Aunque esta mañana de reflexión está dirigida a lectores, ministros
extraordinarios de la Eucaristía, cantores, ujieres y monaguillos, todos los
feligreses interesados son bienvenidos a participar

On Saturday, March 15, our parish is hosting a Lenten Morning of Reflection. All current Liturgy volunteers, including Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Cantors, Ushers, and Altar Servers are highly encouraged to participate! The morning will start with 8:30 AM Mass and then move into the Festival Hall. Contact our Associate Pastor, Rev. Jesus Raya Custodio, jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church for more information.

Pope Francis March Intention

For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 **2:30 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**3** **8:00 AM** AACA Parent Group–Anxious Generation Book Club **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Legion of Mary (Espanol) **7:00 PM** Baptismal Prep Class **7:30 PM** Knights of Columbus Meeting	**4** **3:00 PM** Cub Scout Meeting **6:00 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Safe Families for Children Ministry Meetup **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**5**  Ash Wednesday; See Blurb on page 3 for Services **1:45 PM** Girl Scouts Meeting **6:30 PM** Young Adult Book Club **8:00 PM** CL School of Community **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**6** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Marriage Information Meeting **7:00 PM** Gen to Gen Wine & Cheese Social **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:30 PM** CSL Volleyball League	**7** **9:00 AM** AACA Admissions Open House **6:00 PM** Stations of the Cross (Español) **6:30 PM** Divine Mercy Chaplet **7:00 PM** Stations of the Cross (English)	**8** **8:00 AM** Religious Education— First Communion Retreat **10:00 AM** YAM 3x3 Basketball Tournament **10:00 AM** Mama Meetup @ Big Shoulders Coffee **6:00 PM** AACA–Art & Soul Fundraiser

March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 **Collection for Church in Central and Eastern Europe** **9 AM Family Mass w/ Children's Choir** **2:30 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**10** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **5:30 PM** Cub Scouts— Tiger Den **6:00 PM** Legion of Mary (Espanol) **6:00 PM** RE— 1st Communion Seminar	**11** **3:00 PM** Cub Scout Meeting **6:00 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**12** **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 3rd **6:30 PM** Young Adult Book Club **8:00 PM** CL School of Community **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**13** **9:30 AM** Lenten Rosary Group **3:30 PM** Cub Scouts— Wolf Den 2nd **6:15 PM** Leonine Forum Chicago Mass **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:30 PM** CSL Volleyball League	**14** **6:00 PM Lenten Fish Fry** **AACA No School** **6:00 PM** Stations of the Cross (Español) **6:30 PM** Divine Mercy Chaplet **7:00 PM** Stations of the Cross (English)	**15** **8:30 AM** Liturgical Ministries Morning of Reflection
16 **2:30 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**17** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Legion of Mary (Espanol)	**18** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **3:00 PM** Cub Scout Meeting **6:00 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**19** **6:30 PM** Young Adult Book Club **8:00 PM** CL School of Community **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**20** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:30 PM** CSL Volleyball League	**21** **6:15 PM** Stations of the Cross (Español) **6:30 PM** Divine Mercy Chaplet **6:45 PM** Stations of the Cross (English) **7:30 PM** Praise and Adoration	**22**
		AACA- Spring Break				
23 **10:15 AM** Religious Education- Catechist Retreat **1:00 PM** Samuel Group **2:30 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting **30** **2:30 PM** RCIA **6:00 PM** YAM Board Meeting **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**24** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Legion of Mary (Espanol) **31** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Legion of Mary (Espanol) **6:00 PM** RE— 1st Communion Seminar	**25** **No Religious Education Classes- Spring Break** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **3:00 PM** Cub Scouts **6:00 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum **7:00 PM** Gen to Gen Wine/Cheese Social	**26** **1:45 PM** Daisy Scouts— 1st **6:30 PM** Young Adult Book Club **8:00 PM** CL School of Community **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**27** **8:00 AM** Blessings in a Backpack **3:30 PM** Cub Scouts— Wolf Den 2nd **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Finance Council Meeting **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:30 PM** CSL Volleyball League	**28** **3:00 PM** Boy Scouts Webelos 3889 **5:00 PM** Stations of the Cross led by AACA 7th grade **6:00 PM Lenten Fish Fry** **6:30 PM** Divine Mercy Chaplet	**29**

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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