Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 9, 2022: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri	8:30 AM
Wed	6:00 PM
Sun	9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 (Spanish) and 5:00 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—11:30 AM

**Or call one of the priests for an appointment*

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesday	5:50 PM

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Joanna Ravelingeen
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
Rita Gerich
Tessa Sergent
Carolina Goldie
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
Rachel Schopp
Mike Madigan
David Birks
Lorik Oppland
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Doug Tally
Jeff De La Cruz
Stacy Strickland
Tim Dooling
Spencer Lyles
Magdalena Gonzalez
Christopher Bibat
Michael Aldape
Fidel Mercado Chavez
J.J Keils

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 1/2/2022: $12,161

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



WEDDING BANNS

Carolyn Biebel
and
Patrick Berkheimer

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Tabitha Shields

Daniel H. Brusstar

Welcome to the Parish!

Ellen Kingsbury

Allie and Kevin Looft

Katie Schilmoeller

Casey, Matt, Tyler, Harper, and Charlotte Knust

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Jacob Matthew Andracki

For more info about having your child baptized at St Alphonsus, contact Kaitlin Holyk at stalsweddings@gmail.com

Find Peace in the Middle of the Week: 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 Wednesday at 6 PM., followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 6:30 – 7:30. That can be a great way to experience re-center yourself in God and experience the peace that only Christ can give.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 9
9:00 AM +Grace Moran
11:00 AM +Neil F. Farrell
12:30 PM +Ernesto Tafur
5:00 PM +Robert Proffit

Monday, January 10
8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Tuesday, January 11
8:30 AM +Bernabe Perez, Leonor Abreu, & Pedro Calito

Wednesday, January 12
6:00 PM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Thursday, January 13
8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Friday, January 14
8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Sunday, January 16
9:00 AM +Veronika Sinkunaite
11:00 AM +Elizabeth Estelle White
12:30 PM +Felix Espinosa Jr.
5:00 PM +Dr. Ralph Ambrosino

Parish News and Events

Catholic Schools Week/ Family Mass

St. Alphonsus strongly supports our wonderful Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts school and our community families! Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2022 is January 30 – February 5. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2022 is **"Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service."** Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

It is a shame that CPS and their teacher's union are in constant strife and bickering with city officials over health policies. In the end, the Chicago public school's kids and their education suffers. Luckily Catholic schools have a stable learning environment and are above the politics involved, though of course the health concerns of the latest Omicron variant of Covid-19 are shared amongst all families, regardless of education stature.

St. Alphonsus will be having a special "Family Mass" on Sunday, Jan. 30 at the 11 AM to kick-off Catholic schools week. AACA students will have the opportunity to sign up to read, bring up the gifts, and the children's choir will perform. However, due to health concerns, there will not be a school tour w/ refreshments as customary in previous years. School tours are now virtual. If you have interest in AACA, you can contact Mary Bodlak, Director of Admissions at mbodlak@aaca.school

In addition after the 11 AM Mass on Jan. 30, thanks to our friends at Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce and an SSA 27 grant, worshippers will be treated to a special Ice Sculpting exhibition starting at 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM outside of church, in the area near the NW side of the veranda, where the Christmas tree currently stands. The Ice Sculpting exhibition also will take place on Saturday, Jan. 29 from 4-6 PM. You can learn more at www.lakeviewroscoevillage.org

Book Club at St. Alphonsus

Our parish has a group of intellectual avid readers who love our Catholic faith and learning more about life through the great works. They meet every Wednesday at 6 PM, either in-person in the rectory or on Zoom. For more info, contact Book Club coordinator Leora at lwallac2@alumni.nd.edu

Tuesday Evening Philosophy Group



Join us on Tuesdays in the St. Alphonsus rectory for weekly philosophy discussions and digging deeper into the greatest thinkers of all time. Get in touch with our YAM Intellectual chair, Ephrem at ephrem.shaffer@gmail.com for more information.

Recovery Programs 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.

St. Alphonsus Vitalant Blood Drive—Sunday January 30

Please consider giving blood at the end of the month at St. Alphonsus! The blood drive will take place Sunday, Jan. 30 from 9 AM to 3 PM in the Festival Hall. Giving blood greatly benefits local patients and saves lives! There is a severe blood shortage in our area. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome. You can visit vitalant.org to make an appointment. Use the Group Code **ORD00581** to bring up the drive at St. Alphonsus. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact parishioner Paul Gillespie, (773) 612-4408.

Religious Goods Sale in Narthex Next Sunday Jan. 16

Next Sunday, please support Sister Faustina Marie of the Institute of the Consecrates of the Most Holy Savior, a contemplative missionary institute of consecrated life founded in Mexico, as she will be selling rosaries, spiritual books, religious images, medals, crucifixes as well as handmade products from Mexico.

Faith Formation

Women's Bible Study Meetings– Tuesdays at St. Alphonsus

Are you looking for a way to refuel and be refreshed, make authentic connections with other women, and learn more about God? It's time to come back to community! Our mission at Walking With Purpose is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies.

Women of the Old and New Testaments were as flawed and broken as we can be, yet the power of God worked in their lives. Learn from their experiences in *Discovering Our Dignity*, a 22 lesson Bible Study.

Through their stories recorded in Scripture, women of the Bible reach out to touch our "present" in a tender, honest and loving way— woman to woman— with ancient wisdom, sage advice, and insights from sorrowful failures and emotional wounds.

Walking With Purpose meet on Tuesdays at the St. Alphonsus Common Room in the rectory.
Meetings are from 9:30 AM to 11 AM or 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. **Walking With Purpose will be taking a short break during the holidays and will reconvene in-person meetings on January 18.**
For more info, contact suecombes@hotmail.com

Sacraments at St. Alphonsus

Baptisms



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. This Christmas season, as we celebrate the Word of God made flesh, remember your baptism and God's presence in your life. If you are interested in having your child baptized contact Kaitlin Holyk at weddings@stalphonsuschicago.com. For adult baptisms contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.com

Marriage 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 Kaitlin Holyk at weddings@stalphonsuschicago.com.

Made For More



Save the Date! April 5
An evening of live music, visual beauty, and reflection

Where do we come from and where are we going? These questions are DECISIVE for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfillment. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie clips, YouTube videos, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instill in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive... For more info, contact Dawn Fitzpatrick, dfitzpatrick@archchicago.org or (312) 534-5355 **Ticket sales are now live.**

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*

Co-Ed Volleyball League at St. Alphonsus



Sign up for this year's St. Al's Co-Ed Volleyball League! Games will be played in the St. Alphonsus gym on Thursdays starting at 7:30 PM on February 17th and will go through April 28th. Teams will play a total of 8 games each over the course of 11 weeks. You can sign up individually or with up to 2 other people. Sign-ups are online at www.catholicsportsleagues.com. Sign up at the early bird price of $65 by January 21st.

Save the Dates for February YAM Events— Prove Me Wrong and Speed Dating!



Tired of all the mic-dropping in the Twittersphere? Prove Me Wrong is a speaker series that addresses some of your most pressing and complex questions about the faith. Rather than looking for quick, empty wins in an online debate, our speakers consider strong objections to their positions and then provide a response. The next rendition will be **Tuesday, February 15** from 7-8:30 PM in the Festival Hall. Topic and speaker are TBD.



SAVE THE DATE! We are pretty excited for this annual popular event! Speed Dating at St. Alphonsus will be on **Saturday, February 19** in the Festival Hall. Be sure to check the YAM Facebook page and St. Alphonsus bulletin/newsletter when the sign-up goes live as it generally sells out quickly. Must be 21-39 and single to participate. Already taken? Invite your single friends to join!

Young Catholic Professionals Chicago—Executive Speaker Series



Join YCP Chicago this **Tuesday, January 11th** for an Executive Speaker Series event, featuring Julia Hogan-Werner, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and owner of Vita Optimum Counseling & Consulting, LLC., who will speak on ***"Living Your True Identity Beyond Work."*** This event will take place at the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, 2936 N. Southport Ave, next door to St. Alphonsus.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s from ALL industries are invited to this free event, where you will learn insights about the integration of faith and work and network with other young Catholic professionals from the Chicagoland area over complimentary beer, wine, and appetizers.

Mass will be at 6:15 PM (confession will be available starting at 5:30 PM), networking and the speaker's presentation will take place from 7 PM-9 PM. Free parking will be available in either of the St. Alphonsus parking lots (next to or behind the theater). Register at bit.ly/ycpjan22

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TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Fund a Child's Future



Donate now, reduce your state income tax and invest in our children's future! Take advantage of a limited time 2-for-1 matching gift.

Looking for a way to decrease your Illinois state income tax liability? What if you could decrease what you owe to the state and potentially increase your state tax refund, while also helping fund scholarships for low-income students to attend the Catholic school of their choice?

The Illinois Invest in Kids tax credit scholarship program awarded scholarships to more than 9,300 students in the first four years. This year, as a global pandemic has created so many uncertainties in our society, you can still invest in a brighter future for children from our most vulnerable communities. By contributing through the Illinois **Invest in Kids** program you can make the lifelong advantage of a Catholic school education possible.

Thanks to the generosity of several donors, between Dec. 1, 2021 and Feb. 28, 2022, you can take advantage of a 2-for-1 matching gift program that will triple the impact of your gift! Limitations apply. A donation can be made using cash, check, appreciated stock or credit card.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

The Garcia family makes $50,000/year and pays $2,475 in Illinois state income taxes.

Family Income $50,000/year	Option A	Option B	Option C
Illinois state taxes at 4.95%	$2,475	$2,475	$2,475
Invest in Kids donation	**$500**	**$1,000**	**$3,300**
Tax refund	$375	$750	$2,475
Total taxes paid to Illinois (after refund)	**$2,100**	**$1,725**	**$0**
Cost of donation to family after refund	$125	$250	$825
2-for-1 matching gift program triples impact and provides three times the scholarships	**$1,500**	**$3,000**	**$9,900**

Each option provides a refund to the family; however, **Option C** completely eliminates the family's tax burden and provides nearly $10,000 in scholarships for students to attend Catholic schools.

For more information please contact the TCS hotline at **312.534.2617** or **tcs@archchicago.org**, or visit **archchicago.org/tcs**.

Please consider donating and designating Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts for your funds. Last year there was funding for only 6 out of 10 qualifying students. We need your help to give everyone an opportunity!

Stewardship— First Fruits

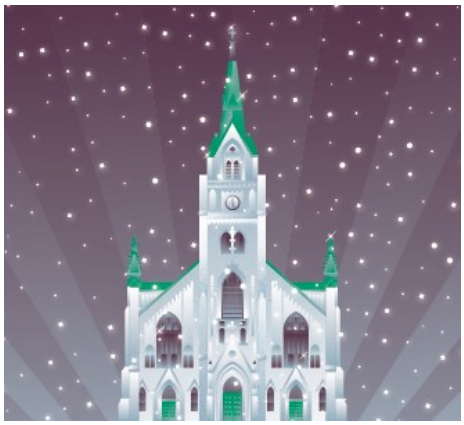
FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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*

Christmas Stewardship



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will"
Luke 2:14

Show your gratitude for God's blessings in your life by making a special donation to our annual Christmas Collection. Your spirit of giving demonstrates a deep understanding of our mission, as we witness together, the miracle of incarnation.

It is not too late to make a Christmas gift for the 2021 year!

www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/526
or text joyful to (773) 570-7600.

Examination of Conscience



1. Do I make an effort to inform myself in a way that is open to truth wherever it might be found or do I only read opinions and media with which I always agree?

2. Do I make an effort to find, understand, and read news sources that are objective and follow journalistic standards?

3. Do I regularly reduce complex issues to simplistic, partisan sound bites to avoid engaging honestly and vulnerably with people with whom I disagree?

4. Do I speak of my ideological opponents in a way that dehumanizes, stereotypes, or objectifies them? Do I speak scornfully or dismissively of those with whom I disagree rather than engaging with their ideas?

5. Do I allow feelings of rage, hatred, and bitterness toward those I see as political enemies grow in my heart?

6. Do I cultivate sin in my heart more than I cultivate virtue?

7. Do I read spiritual books as much as or more than I read the news?

8. Do I speak of and focus on political events more than the Church's liturgical calendar?

9. Am I regularly distracted from my responsibilities by news, pundits, political arguments, and negative feelings toward those with whom I disagree?

10. What are my highest priorities? Where do I direct most of my energies? Do I put living for God first in my life?

For all those injured and who lost their lives recently, we pray they may rest in peace. For an end to division in our nation, Lord hear our prayer. That peace, justice, and truth may reign in our hearts and in our nation, Lord hear our prayer.

Credit to Sr. Theresa Aletheia, @pursuedbytruth; Inspired by Bishop Robert Barron

Gospel Meditation

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."
— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.



It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

Around the Archdiocese

Big Questions and Catholic Scientists

The Lumen Christi Institute's Newman Forum for High School Students presents "Big Questions and Catholic Scientists: A Science-and-Religion Fair for High School Students" February 5 at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. Join us at beautiful Mundelein Seminary for a day full of scientific presentations from the country's premier Catholic scientists. We'll hear a keynote lecture, and then have three "lightning rounds," where students will choose from four mini-lectures each round, whichever sparks their interest most. Then we'll gather for our "reverse science fair," and students will have the chance to ask scientists questions one-on-one. There will also be opportunities for prayer. Learn more and register at https://newmanforum.org/2021/08/06/science-and-religion/

Luncheon with Bishop Barron

On March 10-11, Mundelein Seminary will host Bishop Robert Barron for a special luncheon as he delivers the Albert Cardinal Meyer lecture series. Bishop Barron, as the creator of the award-winning *Catholicism* series and founder of global media ministry Word on Fire, is the world's most influential and followed Catholics. More info to follow at https://100.usml.edu/events/luncheon-with-bishop-robert-barron/

Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish when you update your estate plans. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations.

Prepare or update your will or trust today by contacting an attorney. For sample bequest language, please *contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at (312) 534-5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org*.

Misa de Señor de Esquipulas

Señor de Esquipulas Mass Sunday January 16 at 12:30 PM



The 12:30 PM Mass on Sunday Jan 16 will be a grand liturgical celebration to honor our Lord in a way that is particular to the people of Guatemala, yet also bears relevance for all of us, who, by virtue of their baptismal call, follow the way of Jesus. Therefore the invitation to participate is extended to all the Christian faithful.

The celebration of Señor de Esquipulas, a cultural devotion to the Black Christ of Esquipulas, therefore invites all the Christian faithful to participate, since we are all called to walk in the way of the Lord Jesus. Esquipulas is a city in Guatemala, and in 1594 an artist from Portugal carved a large crucifix there to help foster devotion among the natives, who found Jesus and the Catholic faith more relatable because of the dark color of the cross. (You may have seen the replica of the cross which resides in the shrine next to the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.) Down through the centuries, devotion to this image of our Lord has grown in Central America. The Cross is carried in processions each January, and it has become a powerful symbol offering hope, peace and justice to so many. While the procession at the start will happen, due to the health concerns of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, the annual fiesta in the Festival Hall will not take place. When we worship at this Mass, let us pray to the Lord of Esquipulas to end this pandemic.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Keeping Warm

Now that cold weather is upon us, we need to find better ways to keep us warm. Obviously, a warm coat is "warm." But it is not practical to have various coats in every degree of warmth. So, make sure that your "warm" coat is loose enough to layer underneath it to keep yourself toasty as … uh toast.

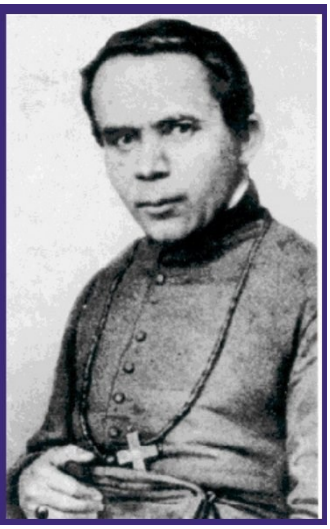
Also, moisture from your body evaporates, so you do not want any moisture in your clothes. Clean clothes are warmer than clothes from yesterday.

Also, color is essential. Dark colors are warmer than light colors. This is regardless of visible light. Yes, black underwear is warmer than white underwear. It has a higher coefficient of thermal conductivity. That is why chocolate ice cream is softer than vanilla ice cream though both are in your dark freezer.

But sometimes you will be outside and regardless of what you are wearing, your fingers and toes are cold. Take ten deep breaths. Count them. Your blood gets aerated and it causes your capillaries to dilate and the extremities get warmer. This really works.

My Jesus, my love, my all, gladly would I endure hunger, thirst, heat and cold to remain always with You in the Blessed Sacrament.

- St. John Neumann



Saints of the Church

"As Christ has His work, we too have ours –as He rejoiced to do His work, we must rejoice in ours also."
St John Neumann (1811-1860)

Czech Redemptorist, Fourth Bishop of Philadelphia, founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in the U.S, supported the foundation of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia. First canonized American Bishop. **Patron of Catholic Education**. His feast day is January 5.

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 here is $15. However, any amount that you would like to offer is completely 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*

Our parish has received permission to once again host important sacraments. Please be patient as the pandemic created a scheduling backlog regarding Baptisms and Weddings. You can find more info at:

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/baptism

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/marriage

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 Office Hours:

9:00 AM— 4:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
9:00 AM— 1:00 PM Tue, Thurs

School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
(P): 773-892-1397 | (F): 773-348-4829
www.alphonsusacademy.org

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

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