Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 14, 2024: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." (Lk 24:46)

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: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-1

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
Magdalena Gonzalez
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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $14,890

Sunday Offertory for 4/7: $16,535

It's not too late to add your donation. Prayerfully consider support for your parish St. Alphonsus this Easter season!

Left QR code for GiveCentral; Right QR code for Venmo

Welcome to the Parish!

Rachel Schwartz and Mark Ochoa
Shannon McGowan
Therese Madison
Kyle Sommerfield
Monica and Peter Nelson
Karima and Lane Hayes Maialen
Kevin Doherty
Michelle and Lorenzo Salgado Isabella
Jack Carter
Abby and William Thinnes Margot
Michael Kopf
Kevin LeBlanc
Logan CoBell
Grace Gorman
Thomas Clark
Magda and Gerald Bruti

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Caleb Henry Serrano
Xavi Levi Abdelhamed Sandoval

HOW SHALL I MAKE A RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL THE GOOD HE HAS DONE FOR ME?

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 14
9:00 AM +Ricardo Azores
11:00 AM +Emma Wolf
12:30 PM +Juan Gonzalez
5:00 PM The Smith Family

Monday, April 15
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, April 16
8:30 AM +Ervin Frohnauer

Wednesday, April 17
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, April 18
8:30 AM Jack Schmidt

Friday, April 19
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Saturday, April 20
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, April 21
9:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
11:00 AM +Juan Perilla
12:30 PM +Josefina Anaya Guerrero
5:00 PM Kaitlin and Nicholas Knoth

News and Events

First Communion Retreat Volunteers Needed!



On April 20th, the students preparing to receive their First Communion, along with their parents, will be enjoying a morning of diving deeper into the mystery of the Eucharist. Volunteers are needed to help run craft stations and should be available from 9 AM-12 PM. If you love children and love the Eucharist, this is for you! Contact Emily at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church to sign up.

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 and Young People's Big Book. Daily Reflections meets on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM in the rectory Dining room. Contact Lauren Merrill Sammis, lauren.merrill@live.com for more information.

Young People's Big Book meets Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the Festival Hall. Please contact Samuel at samuelaaronmosley@gmail.com for more info.

Earth Day— Saturday, April 20

Tech Recycling at St. Alphonsus



In celebration of Earth Day, Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce and Special Service Area 27 are offering complimentary composting services and technology recycling to the community on Saturday, April 20.

Block Bins will be located at Southport Low-Line Plaza (3410 N. Southport) from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM to accept all compostable items. **Newtech E-scrap Recycling Inc. will be set up in the St. Alphonsus Oakdale parking lot from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.** Newtech E-scrap Recycling accepts most types of electronic equipment and ensures all information is properly deleted or destroyed from the products before recycling. Common recyclables include computer equipment, personal electronics, office equipment and industrial equipment. Please see list of acceptable items for tech recycling at ntesrecycling.com/services.html

Confirmation 2024

Congratulations to our parish 8th graders who made their Confirmation this Friday, April 12! A huge THANK YOU to all our catechists/teachers especially Emily Ember, Rev. Steven Bauer, Rev. Jesus Raya Custodio, Vicky DeLira, James Morrow, Katie Key, and Michelle Demavivas.

Sofia Caldentey
Logan Cano
Maridell Clair
Ella Coates
Ruth Cvengros
Alyssa Diaz
Cole Fitzpatrick
Nicholas Garcia
Dylan Hahn
James Hering
Elizabeth Huyler
Byron Jarousse
Drake Jones
Luc Joubert
Mary Kelly
Sam Kerr
Keegan Kunkle
Aron Leong
Brayden Liss
Elliot Malocha
Joseph McCorkle
Andrea Arlette Medina
Ramon Melgarejo
Charlie Merok
Nora Merok
Arwen Millet
Madelyn Miquelon
Sharaden Mueller
Nate Ogilvie
Sydney Repo
Luke Rhomberg
Isabella Salgado
Ava Sare
Luisa Scelzo
Allison Shutler
Brendan Smith
Matthew Smosna
Isabella Soliman
Oliver Stapleton-Herda
Audrey Stewart
Liam Sutkus
Avery Tague
Chloe Taylor
Liliana Thomas
Graham Turnbull
Quinn Wigmore
Genevieve Wojcieczek



Easter Stewardship

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

Make your Easter offering if you have not yet done so!

Throughout the year, many already support St. Alphonsus with your time, talent and treasure. Thank you again for your continued support of our church! Your spirited generosity ensures our parish continues our mission and good works throughout our community and beyond for years to come!

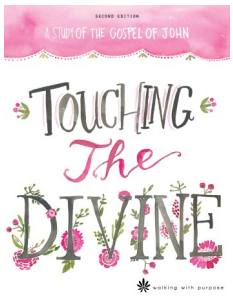
Sign up at *www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/527*
You can also text *Risen* to (773) 570-7600

Our parish now offers a donation option for Zelle users as well!
parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Faith Formation

Walking with Purpose

Women's Group— Tuesday mornings and evenings
9:30-11 AM or 6:30-8 PM

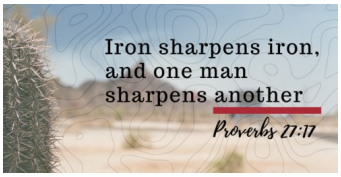


Come as you are. You are welcome here. Make authentic connections with other women! Refuel and Refresh! Learn more about God!

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 is how much Jesus loves us and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls. Questions? Contact Susan Combes at smbcombes51@gmail.com

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

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NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Chicago Young Adult Eucharistic Revival

Friday, June 28, 2024 | 6:30 – 10 p.m.
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
1429 West Wellington Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

Join us as we celebrate the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese of Chicago!

Come experience this historic Eucharistic event for ALL Chicagoland area young adult Catholics, as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage officially makes its way through Chicago on its way to Indianapolis for the Eucharistic Congress. The event will include Mass, a Eucharistic Procession, and a social afterwards.

Questions? Please contact Rebecca Siar at **rsiar@archchicago.org**.

To learn more and register for this event, please visit **EucharisticRevivalChicago.org**.

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St. Alphonsus Parish has purchased a subscription to FORMED so that you, yes YOU! can receive FREE access to Bible Studies, Family Programming, Classic Spiritual Books, and more! ¡Hay programas en español también!

TO SIGN UP FREE:
1) Go to formed.org/signup
2) Type in Zip Code 60657
3) Choose St. Alphonsus
4) Fill out your Name and Email
5) YOU'RE IN!

PARA REGISTRARSE GRATIS:
1) Vaya a formed.org/signup
2) Escriba el código postal 60657
3) Elige a St. Alphonsus
4) Escriba su nombre y correo electrónico
5) ¡DISFRUTA!

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QUIGLEY DAYS

April 20, 2024
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.



High school age men are invited to join Fr. Tim and the seminarians for adoration at St. Alphonsus in Lakeview, followed by lunch and a Cubs baseball game at Wrigley Field!

Scan code to register, or contact Katie Hazen for more information at **khazen@archchicago.org**.

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PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Sunday, April 21

We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church. Please pray for an increase in vocations in the Archdiocese of Chicago!

Mass and Adoration with Bishop Mark Bartosic
Friday, May 10, 5:30–7 p.m.
Holy Name Cathedral

All are invited to pray for vocations and all those who will be ordained.

If you have questions regarding your vocation, please contact Fr. Tim Monahan at 847.531.0148 or tmonahan@archchicago.org.

Young Adult Ministry

Speed Dating! Saturday, April 20



Young Adult (21-39 yrs old) speed dating will take place nextSaturday, April 20th with registration check-ins beginning at 6:00 PM. This event will be held at the St. Alphonsus Festival Hall.

Cost per individual ticket is $50. You must pre-register for the event. **Final day to register is Wednesday, April 17th**. At the door sign ups are not allowed, to ensure everyone is able to meet their matches for each round.

Women's registration link: www.givecentral.org/otp/39969
Men's registration link: www.givecentral.org/otp/39970

Create a Profile link. Participants create a profile and select a preferred dating range. They will then be matched with people that select similar ranges (*your age must fall within the range). *Once you create your profile, be sure to save your login to make matches, after the event.
Link: https://www.stalphonsuschicago.org/yam-speed-dating-form
1. Register on the Give Central Link
2. Create a Speed Dating Profile in using the above link, if you have issues, please contact us at the stalsyamsocial email address.

Join us for a tremendously fun evening of quality conversations with great dates, food and drinks included! Don't wait to register! Seats go super fast. All ticket sales are final and a limited number of tickets are available for each men's and women's group, so buy yours now before they sell out.
Follow-up questions can be sent to stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

New Sacrament Series Starting Tuesday, April 16!



"I baptize you in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." These words, spoken in the sacrament of Baptism, mark the beginning of the Christian's earthly journey. Sacraments are signs of grace, entrusted to the Church by Christ, through which we participate in divine life. Baptism serves as the foundation through which we gain access to the rest of the sacraments available to us in the Catholic Church so it is fitting that baptism is the focus of the beginning of our brand new monthly series focusing on the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church.

For this first lecture, we are excited to host Fr. Radley Alcantara, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago currently serving at the Church of St. Mary in Lake Forest. We hope you are able to join us for this series of talks on these vital aspects of Christian Life within the Catholic Church. The talk takes place in the Festival Hall. Doors open at 6:30 PM; talk will start around 7 PM. Light snacks will be provided.

Co-Ed Basketball Tournament— Saturday, May 18



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. Entry is $15. Please read the full details on the GiveCentral sign-up at www.givecentral.org/location/39/33435

April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**15** ***Tax Day*** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **7:30 PM** Knights of Columbus Meeting	**16** **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** "Baptism"— Sacrament Series	**17** **3:30 PM** Cub Scouts— Arrow of Light Den **6:30 PM** Young Adult Book Club **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**18** **3:00 PM** Cub Scouts— Tigers **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:30 PM** CSL Volleyball League	**19** **5:30 PM** AACA Father/Daughter Dance	**20** **8:00 AM** RE First Communion Retreat **10:00 AM** Earth Day Recycling **11:30 AM** Quigley Days H.S Discernment **6:00 PM** Young Adult Speed Dating 
21 ***World Day of Prayer for Vocations*** **1:00 PM** Samuel Group **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**22** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group	**23** **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** Parish Finance Council **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**24** **3:30 PM** Cub Scouts— Arrow of Light Den **6:00 PM** AACA Spring Musical @ Athenaeum **6:30 PM** Young Adult Book Club **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**25** **8:15 AM** Blessings in a Backpack **3:00 PM** Cub Scouts— Tigers **6:15 PM** Leonine Forum Chicago— Mass **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Women's Faith Group	**26** **6:00 PM** AACA Deanery Dance	**27**
28 **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**29** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group	**30** **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				

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Broken Light Bulb

If a light bulb gets broken in a socket, how do you get it out? Do not try to use your fingers. It is too dangerous. Just cut a potato in half and stab it onto the broken bulb. Then you can unscrew it and toss both the bulb and potato away.

Gospel Reflection

"Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." Luke 24:38–39

Spiritual Knowledge From Within

Imagine if Jesus appeared to you. What if He showed you the wounds in His hands and feet and invited you to touch Him so as to believe. Would you believe? Most likely you would, to a certain extent. It would be the beginning of an experience that could be life-changing, just as it was for these disciples. Our Lord's appearance to the disciples led to their transformation from men who were confused and doubtful to men who were filled with joy and zeal. Eventually, they would go forth preaching about Jesus as witnesses to His death and Resurrection with courage and with a desire that all who heard them would turn to Jesus as their Savior.

In the first reading of today's Mass, Saint Peter is recorded as doing this very thing. After healing a crippled man at the gate of the Temple, a crowd gathered in amazement and Peter preached to them about Jesus. He concluded His sermon by saying, "God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

Today, we are entrusted with the same mission given to our Lord's disciples, and we must preach with the same zeal, courage and conviction with which they preached. First, we must become as certain as they were about Jesus' triumph over sin and death. We must turn from all sin and believe that the fullness of life is found only in Christ Jesus. But then we must commit ourselves to the proclamation of this faith with every fiber of our being.

Begin by considering how deeply you believe in Jesus as the Savior of the World. Though it might be tempting to think that having Jesus appear to you in person would help deepen your faith in Him, the truth is that the first disciples were not primarily convinced because of the physical appearances of Jesus. Rather, this gift came primarily through the spiritual touching of their minds. After appearing to the disciples physically, we read that Jesus "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." This was what convinced them more than anything—the spiritual gift of understanding. And that gift is offered to you today, just as it was to the first followers of Jesus.



Saint Thomas Aquinas explains that the spiritual gift of understanding is a gift that reveals to us the very essence of God. He explains that it is a much deeper form of knowledge than that which is obtained through our five senses. Thus, simply seeing something with our eyes, touching it or hearing it is not nearly as convincing as the knowledge obtained through the spiritual gift of understanding. The gift of understanding enables us to "read inwardly" and to penetrate the very essence of something. For that reason, the physical appearance of Jesus might have been the first step toward believing, but it wasn't until these same disciples encountered our Lord within their souls, perceiving the very essence of His Resurrection inwardly, that they were forever changed. Only this form of knowledge could then convince them to go forth and proclaim the message of salvation.

Reflect, today, upon your own knowledge of Jesus and the transforming power of His Resurrection in your life. Has God spoken to you within the depths of your soul? Have you perceived this inward knowledge and had your mind opened? Listen attentively to our Lord—not just with your ears but primarily with your spirit. It is there, within you, that you, like the first disciples, will come to know and believe in the life, death and resurrection of Christ so that you can then go forth empowered to proclaim these truths to others.

My revealing Lord, You showed Yourself to Your disciples not only physically but spiritually, revealing Your very essence to them interiorly. Please bestow this gift upon me, dear Lord. May I come to know You and believe in You with all my heart. As I do, please use me as an instrument of Your mercy to others. Jesus, I trust in You.

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AACA | Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts

At Alphonsus, we are committed to academic excellence and a strong Catholic foundation. Our education is enriched through an arts-integrated curriculum supported by a compassionate, creative faculty.

- Founded in 1906, Alphonsus Academy is steeped in the Catholic tradition and a community landmark in Lakeview
- National Blue Ribbon School, awarded in 2019 for academic and instructional excellence
- Enrollment of approximately 500 students between our Tots Program (2 year olds) and Preschool to Eighth Grade
- Active, welcoming environment for families eager to educate their children and engage in community
- Spirit of continuous improvement, collaboration, and inclusivity throughout the faculty--over half of whom hold Master's degrees and have worked at AACA 5+ years
- Very low student to teacher ratio with team of 3 full time learning specialists and 2 guidance counselors dedicated to student success
- Arts-integrated curriculum fosters creativity and a lifelong love of learning with ample experience and opportunities to explore
- Dynamic specials program including STEM, Spanish, library, visual/performing arts, physical education, and extracurricular enrichment opportunities

Join us for 2024-2025!

Contact us for a private tour, to schedule a shadow day, or to learn more!











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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parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon- Fri

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School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

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