Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 17, 2022: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.
There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part." (Luke 10:41-42)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 8:30 AM
Wed 6:00 PM
Sun 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (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 AM—12:00 PM
**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: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8//Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Joanna Ravelingeen
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
Tessa Sergent
Carolina Goldie
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
Rachel Schopp
Mike Madigan
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Mary Perisin
Edward Marsalek
Rita Longnecker
Cheryl Nester-Detweiler

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 7/10: $13,972

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

Welcome to the Parish!

Lauren O'Connor
Kathryn Schoen
Desean Winston and Marye Rodriguez
Orlando Robles and Daisy Lara Ivan
Kathryn Miller
James Orchard
Joseph and Gina Podwika
Jennifer Czech
Allyce and Joshua Stanley Juduh
Meg Flanagan
Chas Bobillo
Rando and Samantha Rawdhetubhai Charlotte

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. That can be a great way to re-center yourself in God and experience the peace that only Christ can give.

Wednesday Evening Men's Vespers
All men in the parish are invited to pray with us every Wednesday evening from 8:00-9 PM in the sanctuary.

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Marcella Avery Claracay
Judah Shuron Stanley
Jane Casey Sullivan
Jonah William Nordin

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 17
9:00 AM Morrie Family
11:00 AM +Marie Olszewski
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, July 18
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, July 19
8:30 AM +Katherine Weber

Wednesday, July 20
6:00 PM William M. Fox

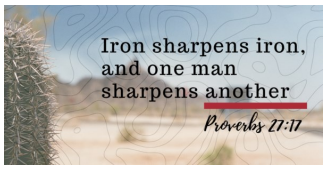
Thursday, July 21
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, July 22
8:30 AM Magdalena Orillaza (Birthday Blessing)

Sunday, July 24
9:00 AM +Anna Riffner
11:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM +Ruth Rhode

News and Events

St. Alphonsus Men's Group
Thursday Evenings



St. Alphonsus Men's group meets Thursday nights to pray the liturgy of the hours, have fellowship, and to propose challenging topics to discuss.

When great conversations happen, synergy that creates connections and helps values be shared develops. *Proverbs 27:17* describes this as two iron tools being sharpened and made more effective. The same applies with friends coming into contact, sharpening and encouraging each other to greater service.

We meet every Thursday night at 7 PM in the rectory. Food and drinks provided. All men are welcome, with most men being in their 20s and 30s. Access can be gained at the west facing rectory door in the parking lot. For questions or more information, contact Matt Duff at mduff527@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus

Congratulations to our recently elected St. Alphonsus Parish KofC officers! Installation is this Sunday, July 17, at the 5PM Mass!

Our next Council Meeting will take place on Monday, July 18, 7:30 PM, in the Parish Dining Room. Plans are in the works for a fun kickoff social in August! More details to come.

The KofC was founded by Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney to support our Pastor, our Parish and those in need, as well as to support strong marriages & families. If you are interested in learning more about our St. Alphonsus Parish Council #15158, then please contact parishioner Carlos Medina, cmedina15158@gmail.com. Join online at online exemplification

Feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori



In honor of our parish's saint, whose feast day is August 1, our parish will be celebrating with coffee and donuts after the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses on Sunday July 31. There will be refreshments after the 5 PM as well.

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.

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*

Stewardship Reflection

"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." Colossians 1:25

We are all called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

Faith Formation

Walking With Purpose— Summer Prayer Group



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.

Walking With Purpose summer group will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM in the St. Alphonsus Common Room in the rectory. We will come together to share our intentions and pray the rosary. All women are welcome! Please join us on August 9 and September 13 to pray in community. For more info, contact suecombes@hotmail.com

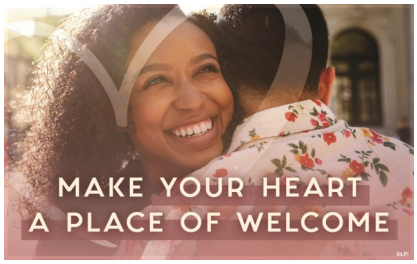
Quo Vadis Days— July 31 to August 3



Quo Vadis Days is a four day/3 night camp sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet and led by the seminarians. The camp is filled with dynamic talks, small group discussion, prayer experiences, as well as plenty of fun— sports, canoeing, capture the flag, fires and smores and much more.

The camp is open to all 13-18 year old men that want to grow in their relationship with the Lord and learn more about the priesthood. More info and registration at vocations.archchicago.org/events/quo-vadis-days
Questions? Contact Ray Grieshaber at rgrieshaber@archchicago.org

Gospel Meditation



"Our families need to ask for the gift of the Spirit! Through prayer, even in the busiest times, we give time back to God, we find the peace that comes from appreciating the important things, and we encounter the joy of God's unexpected gifts. Through daily prayer may our homes become, like the house of Martha and Mary, places where Jesus always finds a warm welcome (Pope Francis)." While it is necessary to attend to the details of hospitality, learning how to be present to people, experiences, and God is sometimes more important. Creating homes that are welcoming environments requires not only organization and structure but members who truly enjoy being there and celebrating life with one another.

Details can often get the best of us. While attending to details is important to success, our obsession with them can be problematic. Whether wanting to make a good impression, fear of failure, insecurity, or emotional immaturity, throwing ourselves into the "details" of hospitality can distract us from being present to those we want to serve. Conversely, focusing exclusively on being present without any attention to detail also sets our attempts at hospitality up for disaster! We need a balance of both. But creating a truly welcoming space in our homes and within ourselves requires still more.

We have to be empty of ourselves. Becoming a welcoming, hospitable person is not possible in someone focused on their own needs and desires. If the one we serve is the one who looks back at us in the mirror, then there is no space for anyone else. While Martha and Mary had different ideas of what it means to serve, they both had the inner space and freedom to do so. They were detached from themselves. Detachment becomes the challenge to hospitality and creating a God-centered, open-hearted space in our lives. When we impulsively act out of our personal agendas, violence, abuse, pride, greed, lust, power, control, passion, and self-aggrandizement encroach upon the space needed to be present to another human being. Not only can others not find a home in us, but even God cannot find a home in us!

Young Adult Ministry

Theology on Tap— July 20 Speaker— Liz Meenan

Drinks and Food at 6:30 PM; Talk Starts at 7 PM



Join us this Wednesday for Theology on Tap! We have lost the art of conversation in the world. How can we as Catholics restore the art of conversation with friends and strangers to bring the joy of the Gospel?

Liz Meenan, former Spiritual Chair of our parish's young adult ministry, will lead the topic with unique insights. We hope to see all St. Alphonsus parishioners this Wednesday for this engaging discussion!

Next Week's ToT Speaker

July 27: Julia Hogan— **"Tools To Discern God's Plan for Your Life"**

Praise and Adoration— Friday July 22



On Friday, July 22th, spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration in the church. We'll spend the first 15 minutes in silent adoration, and then our musicians will lead worship in song. The hour will conclude with benediction, and fellowship in Festival Hall afterward.

*Want to sing/play an instrument with us? Come to the lower church early (6:30pm) to run the songs with the music team! Or contact Eric Nyberg on Facebook.

Cocktails After Mass— Sunday July 24



Come meet your new St. Al's YAM Board Members for the 2022-2023 year and meet some new friends while enjoying a nice drink on the St. Al's Veranda!

Beach Day!— Saturday July 30

St. Al's YAM is planning for some fun in the sun at Montrose Beach! If you haven't gotten burnt by the end of July, now is the time. Come meet new people and enjoy the (hopefully) warm lake water and amazing weather. Make sure to bring your own beach towel, sunscreen and any other beach games/activities you'd like! Please be sure to RSVP by filling out the Google Doc form found on the YAM event page on Facebook. Contact stalsyamsocial@gmail.com with any questions.

Young Adult Retreat— Sept 16-18



Eagle Eye Ministries is excited to invite you to its annual young adult retreat for the Chicagoland area! All young adults 18-35 are invited to their annual young adult retreat. See more details and register at https://buff.ly/3PsMmlY

Led by Fr. Hugh Mary of the Community of St. John, the weekend will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, Intellectual Formation, and Community. Spend time in prayer, reflection, and fellowship while learning about St. Joseph and how he can be a beacon of holiness for us on our journey

At the Athenaeum Center



The Hillbilly Thomists are an 8-piece traditional folk and bluegrass band made up of Dominican Friars. What began as a casual creative outlet for these brothers from the Northeastern Division of the Order of Preachers soon grew into a surprise success when their eponymous debut album, consisting mostly of bluegrass & Americana favorites, reached #3 on the Billboard Bluegrass chart.

Friday July 29 at 7 PM. Get your tickets today at https://athenaeumcenter.org/events/2022/hillbilly-thomists/

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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Rev. Patrick Gorman, Associate Pastor
Brooks Robinson, Pastoral Associate
Brian Bloye, Director of Music and Organist
Erica Cook, Coordinator of Religious Education
Daniel Szymanski, Director of Operations
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager
Kaitlin Holyk, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator

School Staff

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Mary Bodlak, Director of Admissions
Caroline Jordan, Advancement Director
Kim Wallett, Secretary
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