Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 26, 2023: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.
He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri	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—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: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/ Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
Tessa Sergent
Carolina Goldie
Diane Mareci
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
Jane Christensen
William Ahearn
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Mary Perisin
Cheryl Nester-Detweiler
Marla Alicea
Leon Wink
Judy Fredrickson
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 2/19: $12,323

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

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

John Chandler

Welcome to the Parish!

Katherine Brizek
Nancy Holland
James Pauly
Carleton and Ashley Devereux Krause
Leigh Roberts
Kyle Kellermann
Christine Ramirez and Dan Roe
Gonzalo Cummings
Cherrie Hartman and Colin Cody
Jacob
Ava Rose

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Everett Thomas Cook
GiaBella Bianchi
Isaiah Javier Olivares

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.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 26
9:00 AM +Edward Marsalek
11:00 AM +Phil Piazza
12:30 PM +Manuel and Maria Naula
5:00 PM Ann Marie Gillespie (Healing)

Monday, February 27
8:30 AM +Ralph and Mary Haag

Tuesday, February 28
8:30 AM +John Foster

Wednesday, March 1
6:00 PM Mario Mauro

Thursday, March 2
8:30 AM +Walter Pieniadz

Friday, March 3
8:30 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, March 5
9:00 AM +Edward Marsalek
11:00 AM +Richard Meindl
12:30 PM +Juan Gonzales
5:00 PM For the People of St. Alphonsus

News and Events

Friends Through Faith Brunch

Do you know the names of the familiar faces you see each week at Mass? Do you feel you're missing a sense of *community* after leaving Church?

The newly formed Friends Through Faith Adult Social Group hopes to foster these essential faith-filled connections and build our St. Alphonsus community through fellowship and fun starting with a gathering -- continental breakfast, cocktails, coffee, and tea--**this Sunday, February 26th following the 11 AM Mass**. Connecting with other parishioners can lead to lasting friendships, fruitful ministries, or even just a friendly wave and smile the next time you attend Mass. We hope to create small service groups, outings and friendships out of this community.

Our Catholic tradition teaches that human beings grow and achieve fulfillment in community. Pope Francis says, *"No one saves oneself. The community is essential."*

Safe Families for Children Ministry

Please join us for New Volunteer Training on Saturday March 11th, here at St. Alphonsus! FREE light breakfast and lunch included!

Volunteer roles covered in training:

- "Host Family" - host local children in your home for short periods of time
- "Family Friend" - provide volunteer babysitting or transportation for host families and local families in crisis situations

Safe Families for Children is a national, Christian nonprofit which connects local families in crisis with "safe families" who volunteer to watch their children while parent(s) get back on their feet. This is a great opportunity to show Christ's love and compassion for local families, often young single moms with no support system, in a tangible and meaningful way.

Interested in learning more? Reach out to safefamiliesstals@gmail.com

The Stations Art Exhibition at ACTC

Now Through April 16



Athenaeum Center for Thought & Culture is pleased to present Lucas Reiner's *The Stations*. Following a traditional medieval devotional narrative that recounts Christ's ultimate passage through death to redemption, The Stations paintings transcend religious affiliation to embrace an expanded vision of empathy in peaceful accord with nature, engaging the profound capacity of art to embody a universal human longing to comprehend suffering, loss, and the passage of time. Learn more and get tickets, (suggested free-will donation) at athenaeumcenter.org/events/2023/the-stations/

Girl Scout Cookie Sale— March 5

The AACA 2nd grade Girl Scouts Troop 26059 will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after the 11 AM Mass on Sunday March 5th. Cookies will be available for purchase for $5 per box. The troop goal is to earn a fun badge, lower yearly troop costs, and help kids in the hospital. The Girl Scout troop earns $0.90 for every box of cookies sold to use for troop activities and service projects.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule



Palm Sunday, April 2
Mass times: Sunday 9:00, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (Spanish) and 5:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 6

8:30 AM	Liturgy of the Hours
7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 7

8:30 AM	Liturgy of the Hours
3:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM	Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 8

12:00 PM	Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM
12:30 PM

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16

3:00 PM	Holy Hour & Confessions

Faith Formation

Walking With Purpose Women's Group
Tuesday mornings/evenings



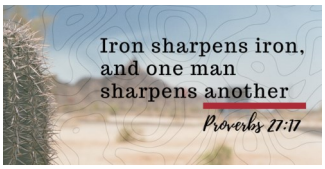
Come as you are. You are welcome here. Make authentic connections with other women! Refuel and Refresh! Learn more about God!

We live in a self-centered culture that all too often leaves us feeling empty and dissatisfied. A fuller view of God and His glory is the perfect antidote— find this during our journey through the Beholding Your King Bible study.

We'll study King David, select psalms, the temple, and many Old Testament prophets and see the ways in which they all point to the coming King of Kings, Jesus Christ. This Nine-Lesson Bible study is the second part of a two-part series and is ideally completed after Beholding His Glory.

Our new Beholding Your King bible study group meets ***Tuesdays from 9:30—11 AM and 6:30—8 PM***. Questions? Contact Susan Combes at suecombes@hotmail.com

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.



Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis' election to the papacy by praying the Hail Mary 10 times!

You can register your participation on the campaign by lighting a digital candle on www.decimus-annus.org/en/site/index, a website of the Vatican's Dicastery for Communication.



Join us for "Vespers & Vino":
a night of musical prayer, community, conversation and connection.

Come sing with us, enjoy snacks and drinks, and meet other young adults passionate about art, music and beauty.

Vespers will be led by Jeremy J. Kiolbassa, Director of Music Ministry at St. Clement Parish.

MARCH 7, 2023 • 6:00PM
REGISTER: athenaeumcenter.org

LOCATION: St. Alphonsus Church • 1429 W. Wellington Ave

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*

Volunteer w/ EZRA Uptown Cafe
Tuesday March 7, 5:30— 7:30 PM

SERVICE EVENT

The Lenten season offers a great reminder for us to draw near to the Lord and neighbor! If you're interested in an opportunity to serve God's people, consider volunteering at EZRA Multi-Service Center's Uptown Cafe!

The JUF Uptown Café, 909 W. Wilson Ave., is a restaurant-style meals program dedicated to fighting hunger, reducing isolation, and creating community. Four times a week, volunteer waitpersons serve healthy kosher meals in a dignified setting.

As volunteers, we will take orders, grab drinks and condiments, and get a chance to also sit and chat with the clients we are serving. Please check our event page on Facebook for the registration link! Registration closes after 2/27! Feel free to email us at stalsyamservice@gmail.com with any questions!

3v3 Basketball Tournament
Saturday April 1 at 10 AM

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/event/33435

As part of the event, we will provide snacks and drinks. All are welcome to come and watch the event for free 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. After the event we will be heading to a bar (TBD) to socialize and watch the Final Four for March Madness

Time: Starts at 10:00 AM, Cost: $15 per person; each player must sign-up individually.

Stewardship—First Fruits

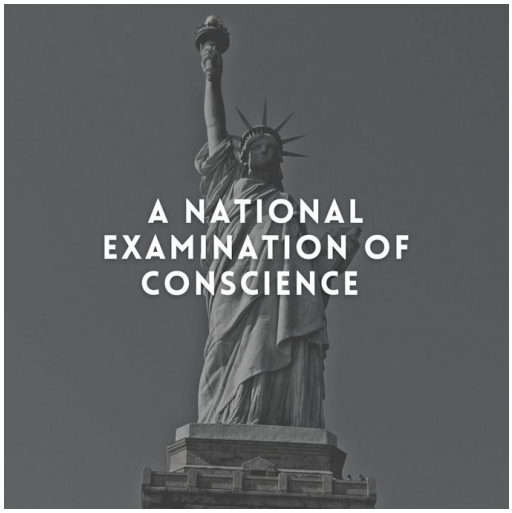
FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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*

Examination of Conscience



St. Alphonsus— Polling Place This Tuesday Feb 28

This Tuesday February 28 from 6 AM to 7 PM, our parish Festival Hall will be utilized as a polling place. Chicago voters can cast their ballots for mayor, alderpeople and police district council members. Pope Francis offered during a 2013 homily: *"Good Catholics meddle in politics, offering the best of themselves, so that those who govern can govern…"* Please consider this examination of conscience as you cast your vote this week, (and in the likelihood of the mayoral run-off on April 4.)

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





AACA Art & Soul Fundraiser—Friday March 10

Tickets are now on sale for our parish school's biggest fundraiser, Art & Soul, which will take place Friday March 10 at Rockwell on the River, 3057 N. Rockwell. The gala includes a silent and live auction, dinner, dancing, and a paddle raise for a specific project benefiting all our students. *"Plant the Seed for Tomorrow"* is the theme this year! Volunteers needed!

Get your tickets, sign up to volunteer and learn more about this amazing annual event at www.aaca.school/artandsoul

Gospel Reflection

An Anatomy of Sin

Kichijiro is a supporting figure in Martin Scorsese's 2016 drama/history movie, *Silence*. In the movie, Kichijiro is a Japanese guide who serves and accompanies the French Jesuits, Frs. Rodriguez and Garupe. The Jesuits go to Japan on a mission to find their lost mentor, Fr. Ferreira, who has been rumored to have committed apostasy. Kichijiro is a cowardly drunkard who denies being Christian and betrays his visitors to the Japanese officials, only to return to Fr. Rodriguez, begging to have his confession heard. This cycle happens a number of times throughout the movie.

From Kichijiro's character in the movie, we can surmise what some might call the "anatomy of sin." Sin is mysterious and predictable, depending on how you look at it. We can come to understand what the early Church Fathers have described as a four- fold path: Suggestion, Conjunction, Acceptance, and Captivity. In Suggestion, a thought or image, desire or feeling is presented to the soul. (For the sake of clarity, I'll just use the word "thought" to encompass all these sentiments.) Some of these thoughts draw the soul towards God, but not all. The next step, Conjunction, is the interchange that we have with that thought. We can entertain the thought with delight or repulsion. Up to this point, these thoughts can be temptations towards sin, but we have not yet committed it, either in thought or in action. Acceptance follows, wherein the thought is embraced by the will, and a plan for carrying out a corresponding action ensues. Up until this point, the person — you and I — have the will power to make course corrections on the thoughts which have been presented to us. But if we linger in this acceptance, we become enslaved — or held Captive, the fourth stage — to the thought and its expression, from which there is no escape of our own volition.

Some of you might be thinking to yourself, "Gee, this sounds like a summary of an addiction recovery course." Well, in a certain sense, yes. This approach does fit in that arena. But it also applies to our spiritual lives, at least I know it does for me! This cycle helps me to understand why it is that when I go to confession, I usually have the same set of sins. I have often reflected at how my life can look like Kichijiro's: the fears I can have about the loneliness of virtue, the anxieties about wanting to save my reputation among people with conflicting ideas, the need for unconditional acceptance without embracing the consequences of my actions, etc. When external events trigger these thoughts within me, there are predictable outcomes, none of which I am proud.



The wisdom of the Church gives us six weeks to reflect on how we have this tendency to prefer the fleeting pleasure or power of sin over the goodness and mercy of the Father. This is where sin is a mystery to us: why, when given the choice to pursue goodness and virtue, do we instead choose pleasure and vice? Are we even mindful or aware of the diversity of thoughts that we have throughout the day? Are we conscious at how our actions and speech are dictated by those interior thoughts? St. Isaac the Syrian gives us a hope-filled insight here: "the inflamed thoughts are uprooted and turned to flight by constant occupation of the mind with God. This is a sword that puts them to death… Whoever always thinks about God drives the demons away from himself and pulls up the seeds of their malice."

While we cannot know the interior dimension of a fictitious movie character, we can examine our own interior with the wisdom of the Church during this season. Maybe we can practice being mindful of our thoughts during this time. Maybe we can learn to be more discerning of what we allow our thoughts to entertain. Maybe, during this Lenten season, we can learn to think more about God throughout the day and let His thoughts become our thoughts so our actions and words might better reflect His.

Br. John Marmion Villa



All parishioners are asked to fill out the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey,** a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future. Complete the short 10 min anonymous survey at portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/gg6g64 or use the QR code here. Available now to March 31.

Celebrating Penance and Reconciliation

The gift of Christ's presence in the sacraments can't be duplicated. This sacrament of forgiveness and mercy offers us the healing experience of Christ. God is present and anxious to heal the wounds in our life due to sin and to help us grow.

Celebrating reconciliation reminds us that we are meant to move in the direction of God's call for us. We are loved and forgiven. Until the day we die we always have the opportunity to turn to God and hear those words again.

This guide and examination of conscience can help you to celebrate the sacrament this Lent.

Follow these basic steps:

1) Make the Sign of the Cross, while saying it aloud. 2) Start with *Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been* (how long) *since my last confession. These are my sins....*

Examination of Conscience

- Have I honored God above everything else?
- Have I ignored God's guidance in making my decisions?
- Have I neglected praying to God regularly?
- Have I used the name of God or of Jesus in a disrespectful way?
- Have I come to celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays?
- Have I cared for my parents and other adults in my family?
- Have I cared for my children and grandchildren in a responsible way? Have I failed to look at some one lovingly, or have I seen them as a burden or a bother?
- Have I failed to take good care of my own body with good food, rest and exercise? Have I abused drugs or alcohol?
- Have I physically hurt anyone, or have I hurt someone's feelings, or have I been so angry that I might have hurt someone?
- Have I been faithful in my marriage? Have I been loyal and faithful to my family and friends?
- Have I been responsible in the exercise of my sexuality?
- Have I respected others in my relationships?
- Have I taken what is not mine?
- Have I told the truth?
- Have I been jealous of other people or of other things?
- Have I done what I can to help the poor?
- Have I done what I can to make the earth a good place to live?
- Have I done what I can to be part of my church and community?
- Have I shared my possessions and my talents with others?

The United States Bishops give some more examples of grave sin:

- Swearing a false oath while invoking God as a witness;
- Acting in serious disobedience against proper authority;
- Committing murder, including abortion and euthanasia; harboring deliberate hatred of others;
- sexual abuse of another, especially of a minor or vulnerable adult; physical or verbal abuse of others that causes grave physical or psychological harm;
- Stealing in a gravely injurious way, such as robbery, burglary, serious fraud, or other immoral business practices;
- Speaking maliciously or slandering people in a way that seriously undermines their good name;
- Producing, marketing, or indulging in pornography;
- Engaging in envy that leads one to wish grave harm to someone else.

This list covers most of the major areas of our lives. However, it is not exhaustive. As was stated above, it is important to look for patterns and habits of acting, as well as to look for specific offenses.

Act of Contrition

O my God,
I am heartily sorry for having offended you,
and I detest all my sins because of your just punishments,
but most of all because they offend you, my God,
who are all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace,
to sin no more
and to avoid the near occasions of sin.
Amen

March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 2nd **6:00 PM** Safe Families for Children— Chicago Ministry Lead Dinner **7:00 PM** Young Adult Book Club	**2** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Small Faith Group	**3** **7:00 PM** Stations of the Cross **7:30 PM** Men's Group Adoration	**4** **1:30 PM** CL Community Lenten Retreat **6:30 PM** AACA Winter Play at Athenaeum
5 **Girl Scout Cookies Sale after 11 AM Mass** **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**6** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Knights of Columbus Meeting **7:00 PM** AACA School Board Meeting	**7** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **4:00 PM** Webelos Boy Scouts **6:00 PM** Vespers Service at Church; Reception at Paradiso 7PM **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**8** **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 1st **6:00 PM** Religious Education First Communion Seminar **7:00 PM** YAM Book Club	**9** **6:00 PM** Leonine Forum Chicago Mass **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Small Faith Group **7:00 PM** Marriage Information Meeting	**10**  **7:00 PM** AACA Art & Soul **7:00 PM** Stations of the Cross	**11** **9:00 AM** Safe Families for Children— Volunteer Training **4:00 PM** Architecture Speaker w/ Mass and Social afterwards
12 **12:00 PM** Pre-Cana Group— Coffee **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**13** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **3:00 PM** Junior Scouts— 4th **6:00 PM** Women's Faith Group	**14** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **4:00 PM** Webelos Boy Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**15** **TTPP Staff Retreat @ University of Saint Mary of the Lake-Mundelein Seminary** **Rectory Office Closed** **6:00 PM** Religious Education First Communion Seminar **7:00 PM** YAM Book Club	**16** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Small Faith Group	**17** **7:00 PM** Stations of the Cross	**18**

Lent offers us the chance to renew our commitment to Christ. *We gather to pray for those who are preparing for baptism. Their witness should help us to ask ourselves, "How do I live out my baptism?*

This Lent, our St. Alphonsus community is asked to reflect *on these questions:*

How do we live as disciples of the Lord?

How do we evangelize and reach others with his saving message?



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 **1:00 PM** Samuel Group **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**20** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Women's Faith Group	**21** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **4:00 PM** Webelos Boy Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**22** **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 3rd **6:00 PM** AACA Spring Band Concert **7:00 PM** YAM Book Club	**23** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Small Faith Group	**24** **7:00 PM** Confirmation	**25**
26 **8:00 AM** American Red Cross Blood Drive **12:00 PM** Friends Through Faith Social Brunch **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**27** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting	**28** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **4:00 PM** Webelos Boy Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum **7:00 PM** Finance Council Meeting	**29** **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 2nd **7:00 PM** YAM Book Club	**30** **6:00 PM** Leonine Forum Chicago Mass **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Small Faith Group	**31** **5:00 PM** Stations of the Cross **6:00 PM** Lenten Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council ST. ALPHONSUS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRYDAY COUNCIL 15158 CHICAGO IL	

Scheduling at St. Alphonsus

The monthly calendar in the bulletin only shows all current parish events/activities. It does not indicate all sacraments such as weddings and baptisms. You can view the entire parish calendar on our website at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/calendar If your group's events are not listed in our calendar, please contact Mario Serrano at mserranostals@gmail.com

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Garbage Disposal Maintenance

Always use cold water. There are two reasons for this. Hot water dissolves fat which can stick to the inside. Also, heat is the enemy of all motors. Run the disposal at least once a day. Even if you don't have anything to grind up, run the garbage disposal with cold water to ensure that the blades don't become rusted from lack of use. It's also a good to put ice cubes into the garbage disposal. The hard cubes will get chopped up by the blades and help clean out any waste that is still stuck inside.

In order to kill bacteria in the drain, pour a cup of vinegar and a half-cup of baking soda into the disposal, then clean the flaps and the inside of the disposal with an old toothbrush. The chemical reaction of the vinegar and baking soda mixture will not just remove debris and kill bacteria, but it also reduces bad smells.

What to put down the garbage disposal? It can take anything that you can chew. (Not that you would want to.) If you could not chew it, it goes in the garbage.

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

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Parish Office Hours:

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9:00 AM— 7:30 PM Tue, Thurs

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