# Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 25, 2023: TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." (Mt 10:28*

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Mass Schedule

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| ***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

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| ***Friday*** | 8:30 AM or as announced |

### Eucharistic Adoration

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| ***Wednesday*** | 6:30—7:30 PM |

### Confessions

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| ***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: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42



## Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
William Ahearn
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Judy Fredrickson
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania




## WEDDING BANNS

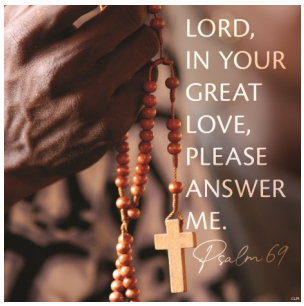
**Emily Affinito**
**and**
**Ryan Casserly**

## Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 6/18: $13,051

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




## Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Symphony Marisol Cruz Torres
Lucian Anthony Liangshan Poell
Elliott Ryan Gildein
Valentina López Smith
Mckenna Addison MacDonell
Marie Joy Porcelli
Theodore Russell Vidican

## MASS INTENTIONS

***Sunday, June 25***
9:00 AM +Colette Marie Morris & Family
11:00 AM Rosario & Alyse Conte
12:30 PM +Juanita Ramirez
5:00 PM Maske Family

***Monday, June 26***
8:30 AM +Edward and Kate Dorsen

***Tuesday, June 27***
8:30 AM +Mr & Mrs Schwengler

***Wednesday, June 28***
6:00 PM +Colette Marie Morris & Family

***Thursday, June 29***
8:30 AM Patricia Gibbons

***Friday, June 30***
8:30 AM +Margaret Noland

***Sunday, July 2***
9:00 AM +Richard Meindl
11:00 AM +Arlene Huinker
12:30 PM +Guadalupe and Esteban Corral
5:00 PM +Colette Marie Morris

# A Message From Fr. Gorman



I have a heart full of gratitude as my time here at St. Alphonsus draws to an end. I vividly remember pulling up in front of the parish for the first time in the summer of 2020. I had heard a lot of great things about St. Alphonsus, but had never been here before. A smiling Fr. Bauer met me in front of the veranda that sunny day. He took me into the church and I was immediately struck by its beauty. It is a profound gift to be able to worship in a church as beautiful as this, one that elevates our souls to God. We sat in Fr. Bauer's office and he told me a bit about the history of the parish and all that is happening here. Right off the bat, I could tell that this was a vibrant parish and a place where God was doing great things. Yet, little did I know how blessed my time here would be.

A priest's first assignment always holds a special place in his heart. This is the parish where I learned how to be a priest. Thinking back on those early months, I remember St. Al's hosting the FOCUS SEEK conference both in person and virtually. I became a COVID anointer, going into the hospitals to anoint COVID patients as they prepared to meet the Lord. I celebrated weddings with just the immediate family present. Fortunately, as time wore on, a sense of normalcy returned and I gained a deeper understanding of how many great things are happening here. I think of our wonderful school, the kids, and their families. I think of the young adult community. I think of the young men from our community who have discerned vocations to the priesthood. I think of our Men's Group. I think of Friends Through Faith. I think of our Bible study and small groups. I think of our great Knights of Columbus Council. I think of our St. Vincent Depaul Society. I think of the parish's support of Safe Families for Children. I think of Samuel Group. I think of Oktoberfest. And this just begins to scratch the surface of what God is doing here. The Spirit is moving in this parish.

I could continue reminiscing about how blessed my time here has been, but the greatest blessing has certainly been simply being a part of a wonderful community. A community full of people truly seeking God and His will in their lives. Living lives of quiet holiness, seeking to be bearers of his love into the world. I have been privileged to get to know you, to celebrate the sacraments for you, and to be inspired by you. I look forward to seeing how God continues to move within this community in the years to come and encourage you to never hesitate to reach out to me at pgorman@archchicago.org. I humbly ask for your prayers as I transition into my new role as the Director of the Spirituality Year and Director of Chicago Seminarians and be assured of my prayers for you as well. May God bless you all,

Fr. Pat

# News and Events



## Praise and Adoration— Friday June 30 at 7:30 PM

On Friday, June 30th, 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. Confession will also be available! The hour will conclude with benediction, and our Young Adult Ministry will lead fellowship at Lincoln Tap after!



## Welcoming Our New Associate Pastor! Sunday July 2

All are warmly invited to a fun social outside w/ drinks and refreshments after the 5 PM Mass on Sunday July 2 for newly ordained Fr. Jesús Raya Custodio.

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*. You can also visit https://myimpact.archchicago.org/

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# Faith Formation

## Spring Your Kids Into Totus Tuus Summer Camp!



We are excited to again offer Totus Tuus Summer Camp here at St. Alphonsus! Totus Tuus is a week-long summer youth retreat for young people in 1st through 12th grade. Participants will grow in their faith through skits, games, songs, the celebration of the sacraments, and engaging interactive teaching.

Day Program: Grades 1-6 Monday July 24– Friday July 28 9 AM-2:30 PM $75 per child (yes, really!) Register on our parish GiveCentral page at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/32872
Highlights include: 11:15 AM daily Mass (parents welcome to attend), outdoor recess, silly skits, Friday water fight. Sack lunches & water bottles required for students

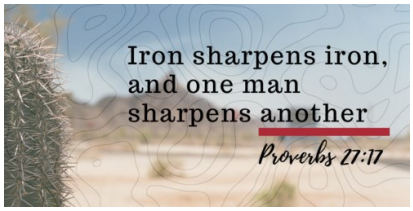
Night Program: For middle school and high school students entering Grades 7-12
Sunday July 23– Thursday July 27 7 PM-9 PM $20 per student
Highlights include: New friends, fun games, an evening of Adoration with our Lord, conversations about how to live out faith in high school and college, Thursday night social. Register online at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/37193

**What is Totus Tuus?**
For more information, please visit
vocations.archchicago.org/events/totus-tuus/what-is-totus-tuus

Any parent or parishioner interested in volunteering with Totus Tuus should contact Gerit McAllister, gmcallister@alphonsusacademy.org

## 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 Men's Group at our new email, divineofficers@gmail.com

**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**
Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday at 8:15-9 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door) It's a great way to take your spiritual life a step further as we enrich our knowledge of the faith, encourage each other in life's challenges, and grow in fortitude together.



We chant the Liturgy of the Hours, share reflections on the upcoming Sunday gospel reading, followed by a social with refreshments, fellowship, and conversation. All men of the parish are invited.
Questions or more info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com

# Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

## Our Mission

As members of St. Alphonsus Young Adult Ministry, we walk alongside one another in faith. Our community is focused on:

- Meaningful worship, careful discernment, and prayerful reflection
- Curiosity and a thirst for the truth
- Service to one another, our church, and our city
- Lasting friendships and an invitation to fellowship and meaningful participation

## *YAM 4th of July Party + Stock the Bar*



Come join St. Al's YAM on Tuesday, July 4th from 3 PM-7 PM as we have a fun 4th of July party on St. Al's rectory rooftop. Enjoy the great weather, fantastic views of the Chicago skyline and great time meeting new friends. This event will be a "stock the bar" theme. Please bring a beverage (alcoholic or not - beer, seltzers, wine, soda, or soda water) to enjoy and leave behind to help us stock our YAM drink supply for future events. We are also hoping to have a small grill to cook up some brats/burgers as well! Contact Matt Rebernick with any questions at stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

## *Theology on Tap*

**Wednesday evenings during July**
**July 5, 12, 19 and 26th**




We are planning some amazing speaker-led discussions coming up next month and want to put on your radar. This is a great way to connect with the St. Alphonsus community and dig deeper into your faith. Following 6 PM evening Mass, there will be drinks, appetizers and fellowship outside on the veranda (weather permitting) at 6:30 PM w/ the speaker starting around 7 PM.

**Dr. Ruiz (July 5):**
**Title: *God, Math, and the 2nd Law***
Join us as Dr. Francisco Ruiz, professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Illinois Institute of Technology, discusses the ways in which scientific knowledge can point to faith. From the need for an origin of the universe, to the vanishingly small probability that life would exist by chance, he will support the claim that it requires more faith to be an atheist than to believe in God.



# CircEsteem's Around Chicago Summer Tour

## *St. Alphonsus Church*




***June 29th, 2023***

***6PM - 7:30PM***

***1429 W. Wellington Ave., Chicago, IL 60657***

All shows are family friendly, open to the public, and free! Put the date in your calendar and join us for an evening of music and fantastic feats; including juggling, trapeze, acrobatics, clowning, aerial silks, trapeze, jump rope and more! Following the show, we'll invite the youth in the audience (ages 6-16) to come and try their hand at some of the many circus skills we teach. Don't miss it!

**www.circesteem.org | info@circesteem.org | 773-732-3604**

# 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*

## 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
(P): 773-525-0709 |
www.stalphonsuschicago.org
parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

### Parish Office Hours:

***9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri***
***9:00 AM— 7:30 PM Tue, Thurs***

### School Office

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

### School Office Hours:

***8:00 AM– 3:00 PM***

# *Staff*

### Parish Staff

***Rev. Steven Bauer,*** Pastor
***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

***Gerit McAllister,*** Principal
***Angela Kladis***, Assistant Principal
***Mary Bodlak,*** Director of Admissions
***Kim Wallett,*** Secretary
***Connie Del Toral,*** Administrative Assistant