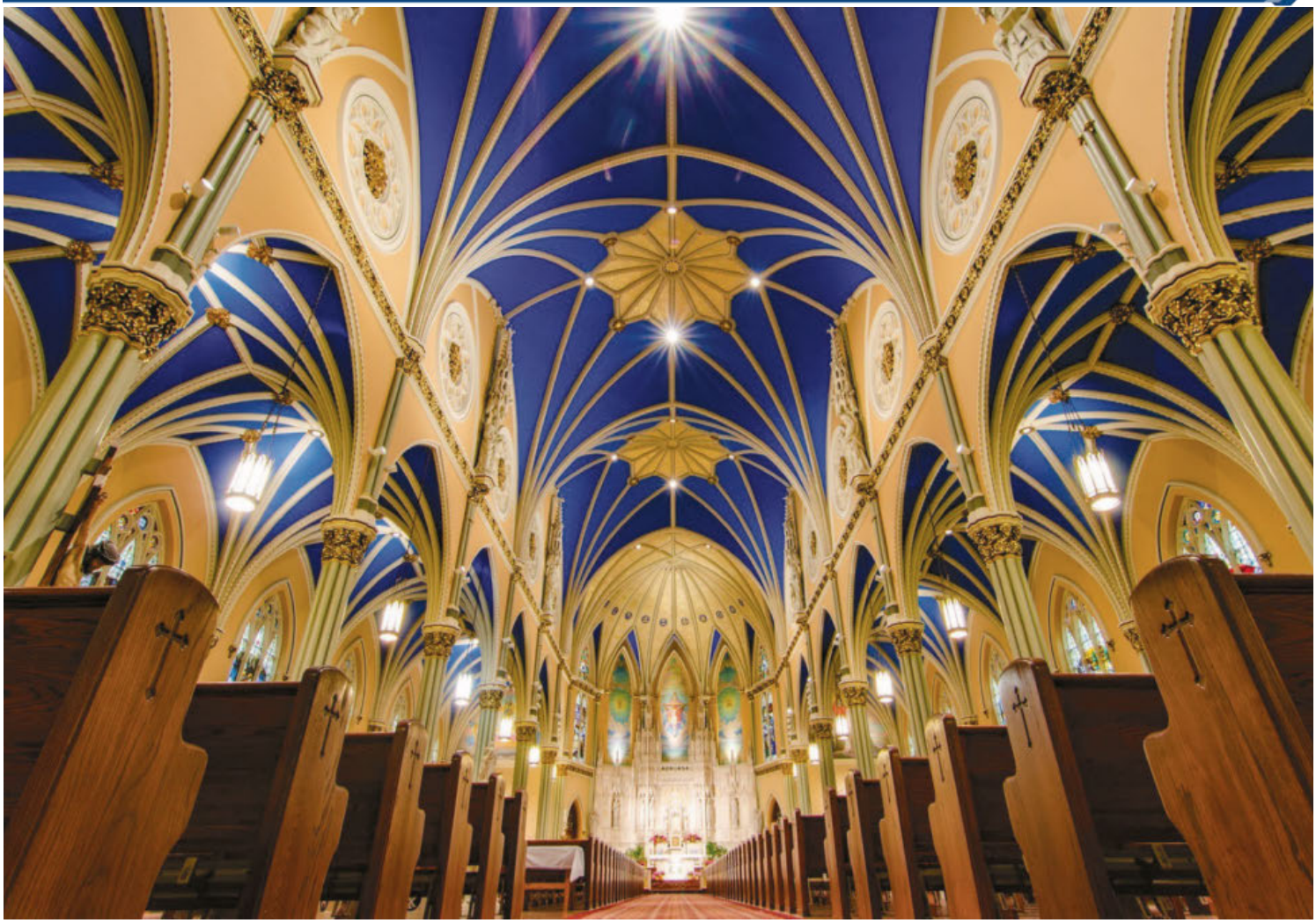
Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 27, 2023: THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"And so I say to you, you are Peter,

and upon this rock I will build my church,

and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 16:18-19)

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

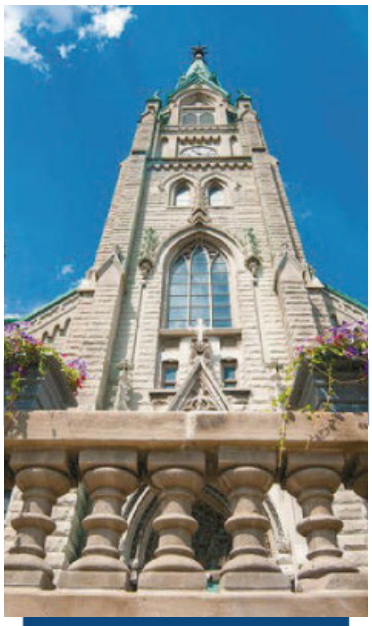
Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM
Saturday	11:00—12:00 PM

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

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-2



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
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
Leslie Salimi

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Mackey William Fay
Leonardo Donald Janski-Reyes
Griffin Andrew Hoffman
Nora Donegan

WEDDING BANNS

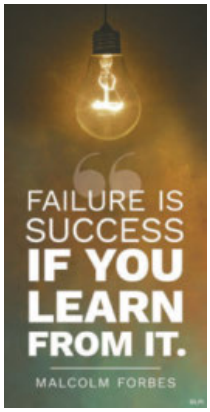
Allison Peters
and
Jonathan Holder

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $14,890

Offertory for 8/20: $12,095

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







MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 27
9:00 AM +James Bernard Pellino
11:00 AM +Gonzalo Gilana
+Dante Gogolin
+Jesus Gogolin
12:30 PM For the People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM Pike Family

Monday, August 28
8:30 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, August 29
8:30 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, August 30
6:00 PM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, August 31
8:30 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, September 1
8:30 AM Jerald Orillaza

Sunday, September 3
9:00 AM +Joseph Francis Charles
11:00 AM +Richard Meindl
12:30 PM For the People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM +Edward Marsalek Sr.



Oktoberfest!

September 22, 23, and 24th

Admission $10.00 Friday and Saturday

Free Admission on Sunday!

Join us for all the Oktoberfest fun!

And just like every year, there will be plenty of beer and homemade brats!

We'll have music from lots of German bands and Fest favorites alike.

Get all the Fest details and Volunteer at

www.stalsoktoberfest.org

Entertainment

Friday 5-10 PM

Leslie Hunt Band, Dancing Queen
Stache!, Trippin Billies

Saturday Noon-10 PM

Fletcher Rockwell
The Gingers
Hello Weekend
16 Candles

School of Rock
The 77 Solution, Ipop, The Polkaholics

Sunday Noon-7 PM

KINDERFEST! JUMBOTRON SCREEN ON SOUTHPORT AVE TO WATCH THE GAMES!

Craft Beer Tasting

Friday 6-9 PM, Saturday 4-7 PM
Select from dozens of options from local breweries, seasonal selections, and international favorites.
Tickets now available at
runsignup.com/TicketEvent/OktoberfestChicago2023

Brewmaster Package

Brewmasters will receive a commemorative 1L stein from Germany, brats, free admission for 4, 2 for 1 beer, Oktoberfest T-Shirts, Hat and more!
Package now available on parish GiveCentral site, www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/34537

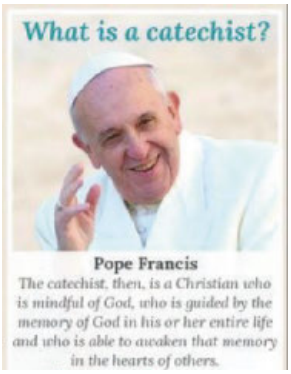
PROST!

Faith Formation

Register Your Child(ren) for Religious Education! Catechists Needed!



Registration for our Religious Education program is now open for the 2023-2024 school year for grades 1st-8th on Tuesday nights at 6:15 PM. Parent orientation is September 19 and classes will begin on September 26. Please register at the link on the front page of our parish website. Visit our Religious Ed page, www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education for more information.



Each year, St. Alphonsus joyfully educates the children of our parish in their Catholic faith. If you would like to spend more time with children, strengthen the faith bonds in our families or enjoy serving in our parish— please consider volunteering as a catechist for our religious education program! We'd love to talk to you and no experience is necessary :) There are training opportunities and support as you get started and throughout your time of service.

Contact our RE Coordinator Erica Cook, ecook@stalphonsuschicago.church for more information.

Are You Ready To Become Catholic?

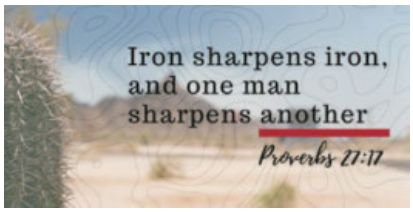
Registration is open for The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA program is the study of the Catholic Faith and the process of introduction into the faith community.

This class is offered for adults in three situations:
1. Un-baptized adults who desire to be baptized in the Catholic Church.
2. Baptized non-Catholic Christians who desire to be formally admitted into communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed and desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Adult baptism (and if applicable, Confirmation and First Holy Communion) takes place at the Easter Vigil (Evening before Easter Sunday). It is one of the highest celebrations in the Catholic Church's liturgical year!

If you or someone you know is interested in taking the class, please contact our pastoral associate, Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

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

"Come to me all you are labored and burdened and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28

Men's Group Adoration Friday September 1 at 7:30 PM

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

News and Events

Clothing Drive Sunday— Sept 10

Join us on Sunday, September 10, from 8:30 AM- 2 PM for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Donation Drive! Now is the time to start setting aside items to help us help our neighbors in need. All donated items stock the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift stores located in the Chicago area.

When you donate your gently used clothing and household items to our thrift stores, you are donating to a non-profit that helps those in need no matter where they come from in our communities. Learn more about what your donations help accomplish at stvincentdepaulchicago.org/what-happens-to-those-donations-whose-life-did-i-change/

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores:

- Provide clothing and basic necessities to the homeless.
- Provide blankets and coats to homeless shelters.
- Provide household items and clothing to victims of fires, floods and other catastrophes.

On Donation Drive Sunday, We Will Gladly Accept:

- Gently used clothing, shoes, household items
- Small appliances
- Household decorations
- Kitchen utensils, dishes, pots, pans
- Jewelry
- Tools
- Sporting goods

Clothing should be packed in plastic bags. Household and other heavy items should be in boxes. Please wrap glassware and other fragile items in paper or bubble wrap.

The donations trailer will be parked in the St. Alphonsus parking lot from 8:30 AM-2 PM on Sunday, September 10th (convenient to mass times). Volunteers will be available to help load your items. We hope to see you there.

PLEASE NO TVS, COMPUTERS, PIANOS, BABY SEATS,

PILLOWS/MATTRESSES! THANK YOU!

PLEASE NOTE: Donations will ONLY be accepted at the donations trailer on Sunday, September 10th between the hours of 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM. Any items left outside of these times or at any other location will not be accepted. PLEASE DO NOT leave items at the church, rectory, or outside of the trailer. Thank you!



19th District Meeting at Athenaeum

Your newly elected 19th Police District Council Meeting will hold its 4th monthly meeting open to the Public on **August 30 at 6:30 PM** at the Athenaeum Center (Event Center) - 2936 N. Southport

Topics of Discussion :
1) Homelessness and public safety and the Bring Chicago Home proposal
2) Council activity updates
3) Public comment - share your ideas on public safety and policing in our Community.
Learn more at slneighbors.org

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*

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. The Knights organize and participate in numerous charitable activities each year that are designed to benefit their parish communities, to help their brother Knights grow deeper in their faith as Catholic men, and to serve the needy and less fortunate in the world.

The St. Alphonsus Council has a strong group of motivated Knights from all ages and walks of life, w/ our numbers over 100 strong and growing. Our council's main goals are: to rally the Catholic men in our community to a common and noble cause, to assist and defend our church, to serve our community, to encourage growth in faith and prayer in ourselves and in our friends and families, to become better men and fathers, and finally to meet like-minded men that share our same values and belief that you can be a man of the world while still having Christ at the center of your life.

We are always looking for new members, and would welcome the practicing Catholic men of the parish and surrounding community to join our ranks. There is usually a social following our meetings, which is open to all prospective members. To find out more information about the Knights of Columbus at St. Alphonsus, or to apply for membership, feel free to contact parishioner, Ray San Agustin at raysanagustin15158@gmail.com or visit www.stalphonsusknights.com

Our next meeting will be on Monday September 11 at 7:30 PM!

Community News



All senior citizens in the parish are cordially invited to a free and fun Broadway brunch. Sponsored by Brookdale Lakeview Senior Living.



All are invited to a special charity baseball game at Schaumburg Boomers stadium. Come support those who put their lives on the line to protect us!



JOIN OUR OPEN HOUSE

At Alphonsus Academy and Center for the Arts, our focus on academic excellence, enriched by an arts-integrated curriculum and a strong Catholic foundation, creates a welcoming community full of creativity and opportunity for all.



OPEN HOUSE DATES

- Monday, September 11 at 9am
- Tuesday, October 10 at 9am
- Thursday, November 9 at 9am
- Friday, December 9 at 9am
- Wednesday, January 10 at 6pm
- Sunday, January 28 after 9am Mass



RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!

Madeleine Durkin
Director of Admissions
mdurkin@alphonsusacademy.org

Living Peace and Justice



Volunteering Untapped Chicago 7th Anniversary Volunteer Event/ Celebration— Saturday Sept. 9

All are welcome to Volunteering Untapped's anniversary event on Saturday September 9 from 10 AM to 1 PM. All volunteers will be gardening and supporting with outdoor prep work to prepare the farm for the fall harvest. Volunteers will meet at 400 N. Albany, Chicago 60612

After the event, there will be a special after-party with tacos, free beer, outdoor games and more!

This event is in partnership with Heartland Alliance. For many low income communities, affordable food, especially affordable healthy food, is in short supply. To help address this problem, Heartland Human Care Services (HHCS), in partnership with the City of Chicago, NeighborSpace, and the Greater Chicago Food Depository, operates a 2.6-acre urban farm in Chicago's East Garfield Park neighborhood. We are able to grow, harvest and distribute our produce with crucial support from our volunteers and our transitional job participants who are working to overcome many barriers to secure permanent full-time jobs.



Learn more/Sign-up at www.eventbrite.com/e/vu-chicago-7th-anniversary-volunteer-event-and-celebration-tickets-701253888257



Nourishing Hope Gala— Friday September 29

All are welcome and encouraged to support Nourishing Hope's largest annual fundraiser Gala on Friday September 29 at 6 PM at The Geraghty, 2520 S. Hoyne Ave, Chicago 60608. Join to honor the impact of Nourishing Hope and their partners over the past year.

Fabulous silent auction prizes, right from your smartphone.

Raise your paddle to support operating expenses and bid on exciting live auction packages.

Live entertainment and dancing!

Your support provides food for today and hope for tomorrow for thousands of Chicagoans in need.

Nourishing Hope, formerly known as Lakeview Pantry, is a dynamic social services organization providing food, mental wellness counseling and other social services, such as job and housing assistance, to our Chicago neighbors in need. Founded in 1970, they strive to serve the needs of the whole person — with respect and dignity, always.

Get Your Tickets at www.nourishinghopechi.org/gala

GO

Samuel Group at St. Alphonsus

Starts September 17; Register Now!



Do you ever wonder how to make a good decision according to God's will? Join us for a discernment group specifically geared toward young adults (ages 19–35). Here you will discuss all kinds of discernment – if you are called to consecrated life, married life or single life, to a certain career or city, and more. The goal of this group is to help you, and in some cases your significant other, know yourself, Jesus and your role within the Church. These discernment groups will take place monthly over the course of seven months. At each session, you will listen to talks, have time for small group sharing, and have the opportunity for Mass, Confession and Adoration. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet individually with a spiritual director during this program.

Cost: $45 per person. Register at bit.ly/3D9wQYl

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*

YAM Kickoff— Sunday Sept. 17



It's almost time to officially kick off another YAM year at St. Al's! Following the 5 PM Mass on Sept. 17, young adults (ages 21-39) are invited to attend the YAM Kickoff Party in the church parking lot. Enjoy food available for purchase, free beer/wine, music and great company! Plus learn how to get involved in our small groups and Spiritual, Social, Service and Intellectual pillars. We look forward to seeing you! Whether you're a YAM regular or newcomer, all are welcome!

More Young Adult News and Events Around Chicago

Catholic Sports Leagues Escape Room event
Date: **Saturday, September 23**
Time: Start Times begin at 10:50 AM (perfect to explore before heading to St. Alphonsus' Oktoberfest!)
42 E. Ontario St., Chicago, IL 60611.
Cost: $40
Visit www.catholicsportsleagues.com

As Christians, our faith is based on the tradition of the divinely inspired storytelling of the Gospel. Join the Theology of Tap series, Stories and Spirits, to hear modern day stories of God working in the life of Chicago Catholics. We've all got a story! Are you ready to explore yours? **Tuesday August 29 at 7 PM**, Black Barrel, 455 W. North Ave. Kevin Pease, director of IPS Scripture School at Institute of Pastoral Studies, Loyola University Chicago is the guest speaker. Sign-up link on St. Alphonsus E-Newsletter.

Around the Archdiocese

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Married in 1973?

Have you registered for the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass?

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on **Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.** The Mass will be held at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois.

Please email **gwa@archchicago.org** or contact your parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit **pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.**

We hope to see you there!



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE APRIL 8 – 17, 2024

Join us for a 10-day tour which includes visits to Ars-sur-Formans, Shrine of St. John Vianney, Chartres, Lisieux, D-Day beaches, Paris and more! Hosted by Vocation Director Fr. Timothy Monahan. **Cardinal Blase Cupich** will join us April 12 for the remainder of the pilgrimage.

Round-trip airfare from Chicago and first-class (3- and 4-star) hotels for 8 nights are included, along with daily breakfast and five dinners. Sightseeing includes a professional tour manager and applicable entrance fees.

Cost is $4,269 per person, based on double occupancy ($879 supplement for a single room).

For more information, visit **vocations.archchicago.org/events/pilgrimage-to-france.** The inquiry form is at **bit.ly/3qrcGWS.**



Top Ten Reasons

TO JOIN WALKING WITH PURPOSE

ST ALPHONSUS

10 Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic Bible study for women.

9 WWP fits into your busy schedule.

8 No prior Scripture knowledge is required.

7 WWP is a no-judgment zone. We welcome anyone who is interested in studying God's Word.

6 We offer "rolling admission." Visit and join anytime.

5 Meet new women for fellowship and connection.

4 Be better prepared to share the Biblical principles of our faith.

3 There is no actual walking involved.

2 We share our everyday challenges in an atmosphere of honesty and authenticity and accept one another for who we are: beloved daughters of God.

and the Number 1 reason to join WWP:

Jesus wants your friendship and your focus on Him this year.

For more information, contact:

Susan Combes

smbcombes51@gmail.com | 717-329-6370

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Our mission is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies.

www.walkingwithpurpose.com

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 us how much Jesus loves us and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls.



St Alphonsus' Rectory
1429 W. Wellington Ave
Chicago

Starting September 26, 2023
Two Sessions: 9:30 am or 6:30 pm

Questions Contact:
Susan Combes
717-329-6370
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At the Athenaeum

For over 100 years, the Athenaeum Theatre has stood as a cornerstone in the Lakeview neighborhood. It is Chicago's oldest continuously operating Off-Loop theatre. Management continues to bring in wide and varied lineups of talent in the performing arts ranging from stage actors, dancers, musicians, comedians, and podcast/ YouTube sensations. At The Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, we believe that beauty has the capacity to build up culture, transform society, and change lives. We hope to help you contemplate, encounter, and delight in beauty.

Check out all upcoming shows at the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, visit athenaeumcenter.org/events/



Comedy Show feat. Jeremy McLellan— September 9 at 7 PM

A rising star of stand-up, McLellan was honored as a New Face of Comedy at the prestigious Just for Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal, has performed sold-out tours of the US, UK, and Pakistan, and we can't wait to welcome YOU for a hilarious night of commentary on parenting, marriage, interfaith relations, social justice, and everything funny in between!

Last year he was awarded a Teaching Fellowship at Bishop Barron's Word on Fire Institute where he released a course on Comedy and the Catholic Life, and how jokes can make you a better person!



Chris Bray— Songs & Stories Tour— Sept. 10

Chris is a prominent Catholic speaker, musician, and author who spends his days traveling across the country, giving people hope by helping them draw closer to Christ. He inspires people everywhere he goes, and draws encouragement and motivation.

The Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture is proud to bring Chris for a free concert on **Sunday Sept 10 at 3:30 PM**! Please go to chaliceus.org/chris-bray-songs-stories-tour

September Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 *AACA No School* **7:30 PM** Men's Group Adoration	2
3 **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	4 *Labor Day Holiday AACA and Rectory Office Closed*	5 **6:00 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** The Bible Timeline Study Group **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	6 **7:00 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	7 **1:00 PM** Church Tour—Oak Trace Senior Home **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group	8	9

September Calendar

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10 **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**11** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **7:00 PM** Knights of Columbus Meeting	**12** **6:00 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** RE Catechist Meeting **7:00 PM** The Bible Timeline Study Group **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**13** **7:00 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**14** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group **7:00 PM** Marriage Information Meeting	**15**	**16**
17 ***Seminarian Education Collection*** **1:00 PM** Samuel Group **6:00 PM** Young Adult Ministry Kick-Off Party **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**18** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group	**19** **6:00 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **6:15 PM** Religious Education Parents Orientation **7:00 PM** The Bible Timeline Study Group **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum **7:30 PM** Lector Training	**20** **7:00 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**21** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group	**22** ***Oktoberfest!***	**23**
24 ***Oktoberfest!***	**25** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group	**26** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **6:00 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum **7:00 PM** Parish Finance Council Meeting	**27** **7:00 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**28** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group	**29** **7:30 PM** Praise and Adoration	**30**

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Packing a Suitcase

When you go on a trip, often the clothes come out of the suitcase with wrinkles and fold lines. Here is how to minimize that problem.

Lay the open suitcase on a table. Place a long garment, like pants, in the suitcase unfolded with the bottom stretched out on the table. Now do the same with a long garment in the other direction with the bottom hanging out. Continue with other garments flat with the part that is outside of the suitcase extending out. When you have finished with all the garments, put everything else, like shoes (in plastic bags) toiletries, underwear, pajamas in the center. Now fold the parts of the garments extending out of the suitcase over the items in the middle. In that way, the garments are in a curve and there will not be fold lines pressed in by the tight suitcase. Have a nice wrinkle free trip.

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 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 Twitter by going to the parish website and clicking the icons at the footer of the page.

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