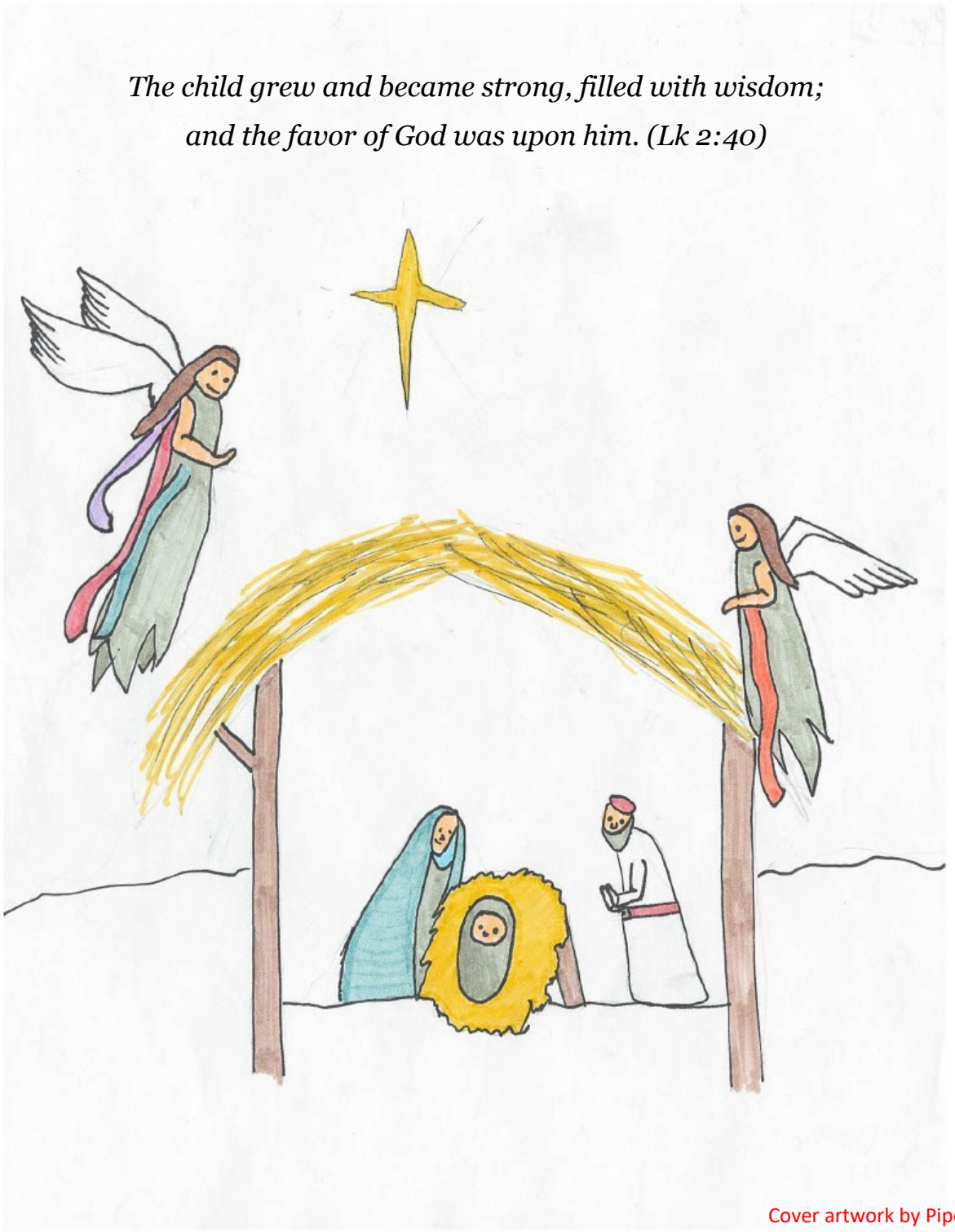
Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 31, 2023: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)



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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri
Sat 8:30 AM
Wed 6:00 PM
Sun 9:00 AM,
11:00 AM,
12:30 PM en Espanol
5:00 PM

Alphonsus Academy & Center For the Arts

Friday 8:30 AM or as announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday
6:30– 7:30 PM

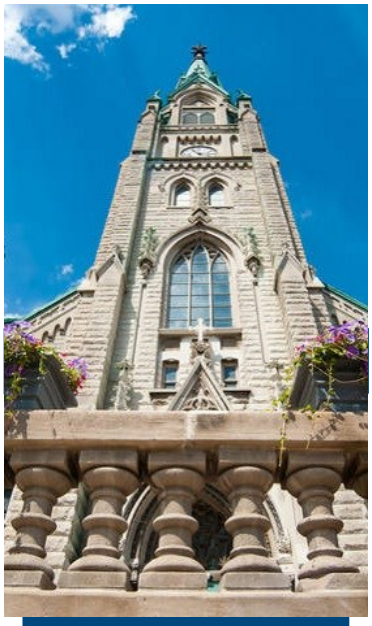
Confessions

Wednesday
6:30—7:30 PM
Saturday
11:00 AM—12:00 PM
**Or call one of the priests for an appointment*

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12



Please Pray for the Sick

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

WEDDING BANNS

Gianna Hagnell
and
Chris Munson

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $14,890
Offertory for 12/17: $12,003
The Christmas collection was still being counted as our bulletin went to press.

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

The left QR code goes to our GiveCentral

The right QR code is for our parish Venmo.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 31— New Year's Eve
9:00 AM +James O'Connor
11:00 AM +Jose Espina Jr.
12:30 PM +Manuel and Maria Naula
5:00 PM +Diane Kalejo

Monday, January 1— New Year's Day
10:00 AM +Jackie Quinn

Tuesday, January 2
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, January 3
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, January 4
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, January 5
8:30 AM +Emily Mola

Saturday, January 6
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, January 7
9:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
11:00 AM +Richard Slowinski
12:30 PM +Manuel Hernandez
+Manuel and Maria Naula
5:00 PM Diann Marsalek (Birthday Blessings)

News and Events

Happy New Year 2024!

St. Alphonsus parish staff is praying for all community members to have a wonderful and safe new year! Now is a great time to reflect on what we can do to improve our lives spiritually, socially, and intellectually. The parish rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024.

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion



Our parish is in need of faithful Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion. EMHC's should be fully initiated and practicing Catholics having received baptism, confirmation, and first Eucharist. If you would like to volunteer for this important ministry at Mass, please contact Harvey Levin, harveylevin@rcn.com

Baptisms at St. Alphonsus



Baptism is a fundamental sacrament for Christians. It is a sacrament of initiation that unites us to Christ's mystical body, incorporates us into the Church, and marks the beginning of the Christian journey. Without baptism we cannot participate in the full sacramental life of the Church. In the sacraments we concretely and most visibly encounter God's grace—life reunited with life.

If you are interested in having your child baptized at St. Alphonsus, please contact Kathryn Kibler at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church

For adult baptisms contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Weddings at St. Alphonsus



The love between two people is a gift from God. The commitment you make to be together for the rest of your lives is sealed before the community and God during the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. If you are recently engaged and planning to get married (either at St. Alphonsus Church or out of town) please review the Marriage page on our website and reach out to Kathryn at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church

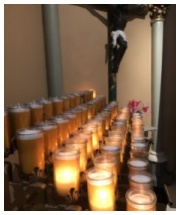
Recovery Programs at St. Alphonsus

If you or loved ones you know have a problem with alcohol/substance abuse, please seek help! Our parish hosts two AA programs, Daily Reflections and Young People's Big Book AA Group. Daily Reflections meets on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM in the rectory common room. You may contact Lauren Merrill Sammis at lauren.merrill@live.com for more information. Young People's Big Book AA Group meets Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the Festival Hall. You can contact Samuel, one of the coordinators, at samuelaaronmosley@gmail.com for more info.

Men's Pickup Basketball

Almost every Sunday at 7 PM there is a competitive men's pickup basketball game(s) for anyone who plays. Games are played in the St. Alphonsus gymnasium that is underneath the Athenaeum. Entrance to the gym is on the side of the building between the church and the Athenaeum. If you would like to be added to the weekly email list that coordinates the games or have any questions, you can reach out to YAM liaison, Mike at yerkes10@gmail.com

Light for Healing



Light for Healing is an initiative to help those who are homebound and unable to worship in person at Mass, but would still like to offer prayers. Please visit our our GiveCentral page at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/21808 and we will light candles and offer prayers on your behalf for your intentions.

Support St. Alphonsus with a Christmas/Year-End Gift!

It is not too late to make your Christmas contribution for the 2023 year. You can do this through GiveCentral at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/526 or text **joyful** to (773) 570-7600.
Your gifts help our parish continue our ministries.
We are deeply grateful for every gift that is shared!

Religious Education

NET Missionary Housing and Food Donations Needed!



Looking for a way to give back to your community and invest in the faith of the next generation? Provide housing or lunch for the 10 NET Missionaries who are coming to St. Alphonsus to host Confirmation Retreats for our AACA and RE students!

We are hoping to find 4-6 families to provide:

- **A Space for at least 2 Missionaries to Sleep Jan 30th-Feb 1st** (*they have their own sleeping bags so floorspace, couches, or air mattresses are fine*)
- **Shower Access**
- **Continental Breakfast** (*like cereal, yogurt, or fruit*)

We are also looking for families to provide lunches for the 10 missionaries (food donations, bagged lunches, gift cards like Chipotle, etc.).

By supporting the missionaries, you are helping to spread the faith and inspire the hearts of our youth! Please pray about this and see what is feasible for you and your family.

If you can help in any way, please contact Emily Ember at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church for more information.



The AMEN App

The FREE Catholic Prayer, Meditation, and Scripture App. Listen to Daily Gospel Reflections, Pray the Rosary, and Enjoy Guided Examinations of Conscience, Bedtime Stories, and more!

¡Hay oraciones en español también! Descárgalo ahora y comienza a rezar el Rosario, la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia y otras oraciones favoritas como el Ave María y el Padre Nuestro.



Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Foreign Money

When you travel to a foreign country you will need their currency. Do not go to your bank to get some of the foreign money and do not exchange dollars at the "exchange money" booths in the airport. Their exchange rates are too high. Go to an ATM in the foreign country and withdraw money. Then you get the bank-to-bank exchange rate. Do not forget to call the number on the back of your ATM card before the trip to tell them when and where you are going. Do this for all credit cards also. When you are in the foreign country use your credit card. The store clerk will ask you if you want to charge in dollars or the local currency. Always say the local currency and then you get the bank-to-bank exchange rate, not the store's high rate.

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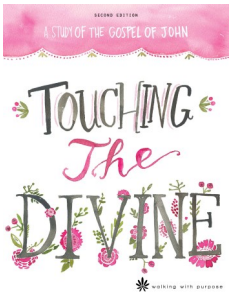
- Founded in 1906, Alphonsus Academy is steeped in the Catholic tradition and a community landmark in Lakeview
- National Blue Ribbon School, awarded in 2019 for academic and instructional excellence
- Enrollment of approximately 500 students between our Tots Program (2 year olds) and Preschool to 8th Grade
- Active, welcoming environment for families eager to educate their children and engage in community
- Spirit of continuous improvement, collaboration, and inclusivity throughout the faculty--over half of whom hold Master's degrees and have worked at AACA 5+ years
- Very low student to teacher ratio with team of 3 full time learning specialist and guidance counselors dedicated to student success
- Arts-integrated curriculum fosters creativity and a lifelong love of learning with ample experience and opportunities to explore
- Dynamic specials program including Spanish, visual/performing arts, physical education, and extracurricular enrichment opportunities

Join us for a tour!

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& Center for the Arts



Faith Formation



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

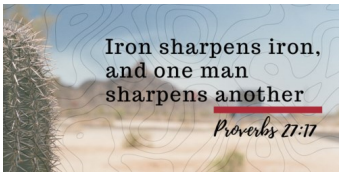
Come as you are. You are welcome here. Make authentic connections with other women! Refuel and Refresh! Learn more about God!

The **Touching the Divine** Bible study focuses on qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality.

Saint John referred to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved," and as we study, John will teach is how much Jesus loves us and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls. Questions? Contact Susan Combes at smbcombes51@gmail.com

Our group is on a short one month break and will meet again in 2024!

St. Alphonsus Men's Group



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

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

We meet every Thursday night at 7 PM in the rectory. Food and drinks provided. All men are welcome, with most men being in their 20s and 30s. Access can be gained at the west facing rectory door in the parking lot.

For questions or more information, contact Men's Group at our email, divineofficers@gmail.com

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

Why Register at a Parish?

- It is a **sign of commitment and support to the life of a parish community** and indicates willingness to **belong to our parish family**.
- Our Parish Staff will have the basic information needed to **communicate with individual families, especially in times of emergency.**
- Every Catholic needs to have their **sacramental information documented**. Copies of one's Baptismal, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage records are required at various times in our life.
- Families that enroll their children in **our Parish School or Religious Education Program** should be registered and active in the parish, especially if they intend to have their children receive the Sacraments.
- Families are able to receive **important information about the parish** that often comes through direct mailing.
- For **Godparents**, it is required to provide information stating active parish registration, practice of faith and ongoing support to the overall life of the parish.

Parish Mailing list is **only used for church purposes and never shared with businesses or other organizations.

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 PM. 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 from 8:15 PM-9:00 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 and 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

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*

BE SOCIAL
BE SPIRITUAL
BE CHARITABLE
BE INTELLECTUAL
BE CATHOLIC



Praise and Adoration— Friday, January 19 at 7:30 PM

On Friday, January 19th, 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 we will gather for fellowship at Olive Black after!

Philosophy Forum— Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM

Our weekly philosophy group has a new website, stalphonsusphilosophy.com Join us to engage in meaningful discussions and deepen your understanding of life's big questions. Next meeting on Jan. 9th. All are welcome!

For more information about this program listed below, please go to usml.edu/sple/parish-ministry-programs/lay-leadership-st-alphonsus/

Certificate of Lay Leadership

Are you passionate about serving your parish community and making a positive impact? A Certificate of Lay Leadership is your gateway to enhancing your skills, deepening your faith, and becoming a confident leader within the Catholic Church.

Enroll in the Certificate of Lay Leadership program today and unlock the doors to a transformative experience. The program is open to all individuals who are passionate about their faith and eager to contribute to the Church's mission. This two-year program involves monthly formation days on the USML campus in Mundelein and academic courses that will be offered on Monday nights at St. Alphonsus starting January 8th!!

For more information, or to start your application, scan the QR code below or contact Leah Lewandowski at LLewandowski@usml.edu or Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church.

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At the Athenaeum



All parishioners are encouraged to consider the Paradiso event space, a newly-renovated gathering and presentation space, perfect for your wedding/baptism reception, or any performance, gala, lecture, art show, or conference! Visit athenaeumcenter.org/paradiso/

12 Hours For Life!

Catholics across the Archdiocese are invited to join one of the holy hours for life at the St. John Paul II Newman Center at the University of Illinois-Chicago (700 S. Morgan St., Chicago) starting at 7 PM Jan. 18 and running through 7 AM Jan. 19.
More details coming.

Safe Families for Children

Volunteer with Safe Families for Children!



When a single parent experiences a crisis (hospitalization, loss of housing, unemployment, etc.) and has no support system to lean on for childcare, they can call Safe Families for Children.

Safe Families works by connecting families in crisis with compassionate, background-checked families to care for their children until the parent(s) are back on their feet.

Apply to be a "Host Family" or "Family Friend" today! https://sfcms.net/apply/

Learn more at safe-families.org or contact us at safefamiliesstals@gmail.com

- General Closet Needs: Diapers, sizes 1,2,3,5,6 (<- we're low on diapers!!!), Pull-ups, sizes 3T-6T, Baby 3-in-1 body wash, Baby/toddler/kid clothes sizes: 18mo, 2T, 3T, 4T

If you can help provide any of these items (or equivalent gift card), please either leave the items in the narthex/parish office Safe Families donation bins, or reach out to safefamiliesstals@gmail.com to coordinate a drop-off time. Thank you for your generosity!

Bishop Barron—New Vatican Document Affirms Church's Timeless Teaching on Marriage

The document released on Monday, December 18 by the Vatican on the pastoral meaning of blessings insists that marriage is a union of one man and one woman in lifelong fidelity and openness to children, said Bishop Robert Barron of Winona-Rochester. Following the publication of *Fiducia Supplicans* by the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, the chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, addressed questions and concerns that have emerged.

"In my capacity as chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, I would like to respond to some of the questions and concerns that have emerged in the wake of the publication of the Vatican document, *Fiducia Supplicans*. The statement in no way calls for a change in the Church's teaching regarding marriage and sexuality. In fact, it goes to great lengths to insist that, in accord with unchanging doctrine, marriage is a union of one man and one woman in lifelong fidelity and openness to children.

"The blessings that it allows for those in irregular relationships are not liturgical in nature and hence do not imply any approbation of such relationships. Rather, these benedictions are informal and spontaneous, designed to call upon God's mercy to heal, guide, and strengthen. Despite some misleading coverage in the press, the declaration does not constitute a 'step' toward ratification of same-sex marriage nor a compromising of the Church's teaching regarding those in irregular relationships.

"*Fiducia Supplicans* is very much congruent with Pope Francis's long-held conviction that those who do not live up to the full demand of the Church's moral teaching are nevertheless loved and cherished by God and invited to accept the Lord's offer of forgiveness."

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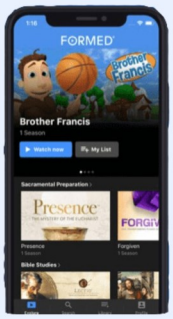
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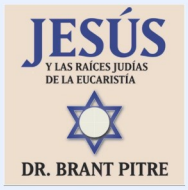
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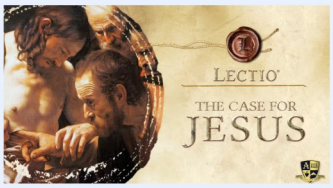


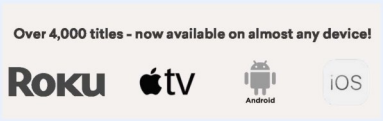
















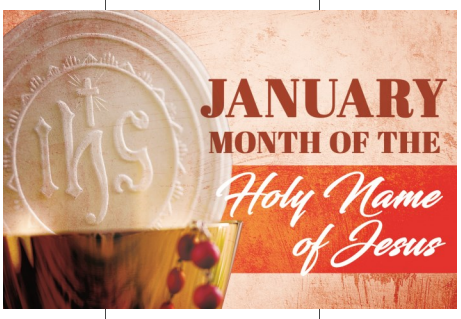
January Calendar

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
	1 **Happy New Years!** **Rectory Office Closed** 	**2** **No Religious Education— Christmas Break** **6:00 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**3** **4:00 PM** Boy Scouts Arrow of Light Den **6:30 PM** Young Adult Book Club	**4** **3:00 PM** Tiger Scouts Meeting **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Women's Faith Group	**5**	**6**
	AACA No School; Christmas/Winter Break					

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January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 **Epiphany Sunday— Choir Reprise of Christmas Music Program** **3:00 PM** RCIA **6:00 PM** YAM Board Meeting **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**8** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **7:00 PM** Bible Timeline Study Group **7:00 PM** SPLE Leadership Courses	**9** **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 2nd **6:15 PM** Religious Education— Epiphany Service in Church **6:00 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**10** **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 3rd **1:45 PM** Junior Scouts— 4th/5th **4:00 PM** Boy Scouts Arrow of Light Den **6:00 PM** AACA Open House **6:30 PM** Young Adult Book Club **6:30 PM** Baptismal Prep Class	**11** **3:00 PM** Tiger Scouts Meeting **6:00 PM** Leonine Forum Chicago Mass **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Marriage Information Meeting	**12**	**13**
14 **1:30 PM** Señor de Esquipulas Fiesta **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**15** **AACA No School— MLK Day** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **7:00 PM** Bible Timeline Study Group **7:00 PM** SPLE Leadership Courses	**16** **6:00 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **6:15 PM** Religious Education **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**17** **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 2nd **4:00 PM** Boy Scouts Arrow of Light Den **6:30 PM** Young Adult Book Club	**18** **3:00 PM** Tiger Scouts Meeting **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Women's Faith Group	**19** **7:00 PM** Praise and Adoration	**20**
21 **1:00 PM** Samuel Group **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**22** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **7:00 PM** Bible Timeline Study Group **7:00 PM** SPLE Leadership Courses **7:00 PM** Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting	**23** **6:00 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **6:15 PM** Religious Education **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**24** **4:00 PM** Boy Scouts Arrow of Light Den **6:30 PM** Young Adult Book Club	**25** **8:15 AM** Blessings in a Backpack **3:00 PM** Tiger Scouts Meeting **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Women's Faith Group	**26**	**27** **1:00 PM** First Reconciliation— Religious Education **2:00 PM** Ice Sculping Outside the Veranda
28 **AACA Choir Singing at 9 AM Mass** **10:00 AM** AACA Open House **12:00 PM** Ice Sculping Outside the Veranda **3:00 PM** RCIA **6:00 PM** AACA- Crosby's Kitchen Give Back **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**29** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **7:00 PM** Bible Timeline Study Group **7:00 PM** SPLE Leadership Courses	**30** **6:00 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **6:15 PM** Religious Education— NET Retreat Confirmation Year B **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum **7:00 PM** Parish Finance Council	**31** **8:00 AM** Religious Education— NET Retreat **4:00 PM** Boy Scouts Arrow of Light Den **6:30 PM** Young Adult Book Club			



Catholic Schools Week

Contact

Sacramental Information

Contact our parish office at (773) 525-0709 for information regarding celebrating sacraments including Baptisms (infant and adult), Reconciliation (confession), Eucharist (Communion), Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick. For information regarding Funerals, please first contact the funeral director of your choice to begin making arrangements.

How to Offer a Mass Intention

Have you ever noticed that every Mass said here at St. Alphonsus is offered for a special intention? The entire congregation prays for that intention during the petitions (Prayers of the Faithful) when we say, "For those who have died, and for the intention of this Mass: (named intention)"

You can make a Mass Intention request here. Masses are often offered for family, friends and relatives that have died. Praying for the dead is a Spiritual Work of Mercy. Offering a Mass for someone that has died is an especially comforting gesture to the family. Mass can also be offered to commemorate joyful occasions and to give thanks to God for blessings received.

The customary offering for a Mass is $15. However, any amount that you would like to offer is acceptable. You can request Masses by visiting the Parish Office during office hours or calling the Parish Office at (773) 525-0709.

You can ***register in the parish*** by coming to the rectory office or going online at *www.stalphonsuschicago.org*. The advantage to registering is that we know who you are and can better plan our programs by knowing whom we serve.

Want *to find out what is happening in the young adult community?* Join the St. Al's Young Adult Listserv. We send out monthly emails to let people know about our upcoming events. To register for the listserv, contact *stalphonsusyam@gmail.com*

The ***Knights of Columbus*** are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. For more information, visit *www.stalphonsusknights.com*

St. Alphonsus Social Media

Choose to participate in meaningful engagement! Having an attitude of engagement challenges us to love our digital neighbor as ourselves. You can find St. Alphonsus' Facebook and Twitter by going to the parish website and clicking the icons at the footer of the page.

Directory

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