# Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 14, 2024: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. (Mk 6:7)*

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Mass Schedule

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| ***Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri, Sat*** | 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: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

## Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
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
Rosemarie Cordero
Gary Masterson
Ramona Colon

## Welcome Our Recently Baptized

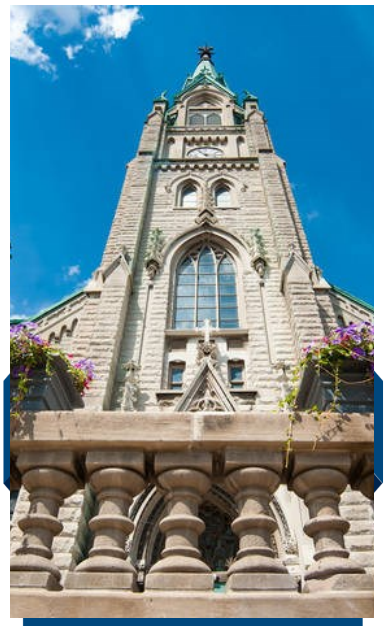
Logan Frederick Darin
Lainey Allison Claracay
Lillianna Blaire Hunt
Madison Rose Mahren

## Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192
Offertory for 7/7: $17,070

Left QR code for GiveCentral; Right QR code for Venmo

For Mass donations via Zelle, please submit to general parish email account, parish@stalphonsuschicago.church



## WEDDING BANNS

**Arelys Lopez**
**and**
**Keith Darin**

**Karina Miranda**
**and**
**Guillermo Gonzalez**

**Claire Tracy**
**and**
**James Bragiel**

## At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Jonathan Rubich

## MASS INTENTIONS

***Sunday, July 14***
9:00 AM Morrie Family
11:00 AM +Marie Olszweski
12:30 PM +Genaro Corral, Esteban Corral, y Genaro Corral Casillas
5:00 PM +Jonathan Rubich

***Monday, July 15***
8:30 AM +Jose Santos Baingan and Elizabeth Santos Baingan

***Tuesday, July 16***
8:30 AM +Raymond Dumalski

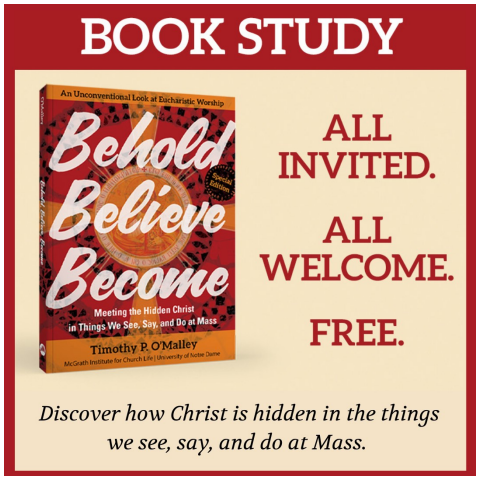
***Wednesday, July 17***
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

***Thursday, July 18***
8:30 AM +Ann Riffner

***Friday, July 19***
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

***Saturday, July 20***
8:30 AM +William M. Fox

***Sunday, July 21***
9:00 AM +Jeanne Buddingh
11:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
12:30 PM +Julita, Fidel, y Luciano Medina
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

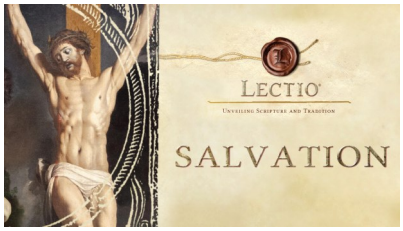



# Faith Formation

## *Behold, Believe, Become* Book Study

### *Sundays at 6 PM, Rectory Common Room, NOW through August 11*

Have you ever thought of the Mass as boring?? Come discover the Hidden Christ in some of the elements we encounter at Mass. Everything we see, say, and do at Mass tells us something about who Christ is and who we are to become as Christian people. But if we don't look for that deeper meaning, if we don't understand, then the Mass *can* seem boring because we are missing out. Every encounter with God has the power to completely transform you. Are you ready to live a transformed life, both during the Mass and out in the world?




## *Lectio Series — Salvation*

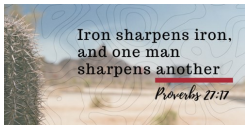
Every Sunday we confess that Jesus "for our Salvation came down from Heaven." But have you ever wondered what this means?

**Continuing on Monday evenings at 7 PM**, we will set out to explore these and related questions using the FORMED Lectio series on Salvation. To sign up, costs, location, or for other questions, contact Brooks Robinson, brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

## *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***

# News and Events

## Volunteer w/ Safe Families for Children




WE'RE GROWING!!! Our ministry is looking **for 1-2 volunteer "Closet Workers" for Summer 2024 - Summer 2025! Time commitment is 1hr/week**

Closet Worker Responsibilities (1 hour per week):

- Carry donated items from the church entryway bin & rectory basket downstairs to our Resource Closet in our parish's Festival Hall
- Gather donated items in the Resource Closet to meet family resource requests

If you can help with this or have questions, please reach out to us at safefamiliesstals@gmail.com God Bless!

## Holy Land Artifacts Sale

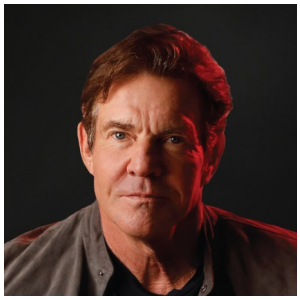


Next Sunday on July 21, our parish will host representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land who will be displaying handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles.

Due to the political conflict and reduction of tourism, the Catholic Community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles abroad to survive. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect faith and love for the Lord. Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you. The handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles will be available for purchase after Masses next Sunday.

# At the Athenaeum

## An Evening With Dennis Quaid
### Friday, July 18 at 7:30 PM



Dennis Quaid is an American icon and treasure. Alongside his globally beloved acting career, Quaid is a respected singer-songwriter with hundreds of thousands of miles under his belt as a recording and touring musician who's been playing music since his grandfather bought him his first guitar.

A riveting performer, Quaid captivates audiences with engaging stories about his illustrious film career and stories behind the highly personal songs that populate his multi-week No. 1 inspirational album, *Fallen: A Gospel Record for Sinners*, released in 2023, via Gaither Music Group.

Combining soul-stirring renditions of original songs and covers from his movies that defined cinema, Quaid delivers an honest, inspiring performance. *Fallen* follows Quaid's 2018 album, *Out of the Box*, described by Quaid as a junkyard of American music. Though he loves writing, recording and making movies, music holds a special place in the Texas native's heart, and for the last four decades, he has toured extensively, displaying equal ease on the piano and acoustic guitar.

***Get your tickets for this concert and check out more events coming to the Athenaeum at athenaeumcenter.org/events/***




Legendary cinematographer, Sir Roger A. Deakins along with his longtime collaborator and wife James Deakins (aka Team Deakins) will be at the Athenaeum on October 17–20 for movie screenings, book signings, and more!

Thursday, October 17: *Byways* book signing + Film Screening with Q&A: ***The Man Who Wasn't There***

Friday, October 18: Public Gallery Opening

Sunday, October 20: *Byways* book signing + Film Screening with Q&A: ***Shawshank Redemption***

## *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***

**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.



**Men's Vespers– WED evening**
Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday from 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 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

## Theology on Tap Speaker Series




Join us this summer for our Theology on Tap speaker series to deepen our knowledge of the faith, grow closer to one another in fellowship, and lead lives of charity. Theology On Tap helps support and celebrate your spiritual growth as you explore how God is present in your life in a number of new and exhilarating ways and deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ your way.

**We are not hosting ToT this Wednesday due to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis on July 17—21. We will resume on Wednesday, July 24** with guest speaker, Anne McGowan. She will be speaking on:

### *Living Presence, Living Sacrifice: Eucharistic Revival for Everyday Life*



The ongoing National Eucharistic Revival urges a renewed appreciation for the power and presence of Jesus Christ in the celebration and adoration of the Eucharist, and rightly so. Truly experiencing the Eucharist as the summit of our faith, however, also involves looking to our own lives for the raw materials which contribute to our *eucharistia* ("thanksgiving"). We are preparing ourselves for Mass whenever we let the wonders and wounds of our lives and our world reflect the image of God. This enlivens our participation in Mass as grace-filled people eagerly awaiting further transformation in and through Christ. Finally, as the Eucharist becomes more and more the source of our faith, we are revived to become "eucharistic miracles" bearing Christ's presence to the world.

Anne McGowan is Associate Professor of Liturgy at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago where she teaches courses on liturgy and sacraments, including the Eucharist. She previously taught at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, the University of Notre Dame, and St. John's School of Theology and Seminary.

Join us on the dates below for fellowship, food, and refreshments starting at 7 PM; with the speaker's talk at 7:30 PM. We encourage you to attend mass at 6 PM followed by Eucharistic adoration from 6:30-7:30 PM. We hope to see you here!

July 24th - Anne McGowan, Associate Professor of Liturgy at the Catholic Theological Union
July 31st - Fr. Tim Anastos, Associate Chaplain at UIC
August 7th - Alessandro DiSanto, Co-Founder of the Hallow app

### *Upcoming YAM Events— Save the Dates!*




*July Praise and Adoration— Friday, July 26 at 7:30 PM*

*Sippin Social Happy Hour — Join us after the 5 PM mass on Sunday, July 28th for some drinks and socialization on the St. Al's rooftop! Invite some friends to come and stop by! Some of us will meet at the back of church to walk up to the rooftop together.*

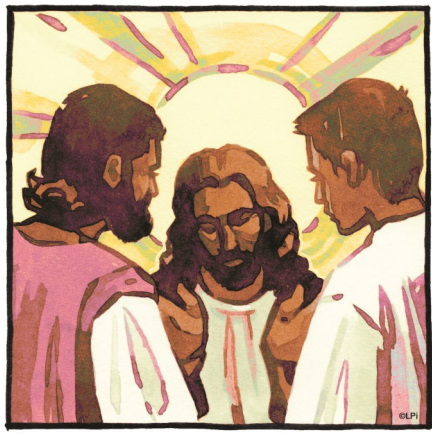


*Air & Water Show Viewing Social— Saturday, August 10 from 11 AM to 3 PM Come join us as we will watch the Chicago Air Show from the St Al's Rectory Rooftop. Enjoy the great weather, fantastic views of the Chicago skyline and great time meeting new friends! This is a BYOB and food event, we are hoping to have a small grill set up to cook up some hot dogs or burgers. Feel free to bring any yard games as well. Contact Tammy or Nate with any questions at stalsyamsocial@gmail.com*

# Gospel Reflection

*Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.* — Mk 6:7, 13

## Trusting in Providence



If you felt called by God to go forth to another land to spread the Gospel message, you most likely would plan ahead and pack all that you needed for the journey. You would bring extra clothing, money, and various other provisions. But in the Gospel above, Jesus instructs the Twelve to go forth on a mission with nothing but a walking stick. He instructs them to rely upon divine providence for the physical necessities of daily living while on their journey. Though there was nothing wrong with planning ahead and taking care of their physical needs, Jesus' instruction was given to teach the Twelve a more important spiritual lesson. In their mission of preaching the Gospel, curing the sick and casting out demons, they had to learn to rely upon the power of God and not on their natural abilities. Therefore, by learning to rely upon providence for things like food, clothing and shelter, they were more prepared to also rely upon divine providence in their apostolic mission.

As you ponder this passage, try to imagine what might have gone through the minds of the Twelve as they traveled. Imagine them walking for many miles and arriving at a town as the sun began to set. Since they had no money or food, they would have been tempted to fear and worry. They could not rent a room for the night. They could not buy anything to eat. This was a test of their trust in God.

Imagine further that these same Apostles suddenly encountered God's providence. To their surprise, they were offered free lodging for the night and a meal. The next day, the same thing happened. As they trusted, journeyed, preached, healed and drove out demons, they found that they had what they needed every day and every night. This experience of God's providence would certainly have affected their personal faith. But it also would have affected their ministry. As they witnessed God providing for their physical needs, they would also have grown in their trust in grace to more fruitfully fulfill their mission.

Just as the Twelve had to learn to rely upon the providence of God in all things, so God wants the same for you. He might not call you to go forth on a mission without any physical provisions, but He does want you to learn to trust Him always. Perhaps that means donating more than a tithe of your money to the poor or to the mission of the Church as a way of showing you trust God with your money. Perhaps it means buying less for yourself and learning to live more simply. Or perhaps it means taking a step in faith by speaking to a friend about the Gospel, engaging in an apostolic ministry at Church, or stepping out in faith in some other way while you learn to put your trust in God. Trust in God means you overcome fear and worry as you journey through life and fulfill the mission God has given to you.

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants you to learn to trust Him in all things and to especially trust that He will use you to share the Gospel with others. If you find this fearful, that is a good interior discovery. It means that you have found the fear holding you back. Whatever that may be, step forward in faith and conquer that fear. God will provide for you, giving you what you need to wonderfully fulfill His divine mission in your life.

*My providential Lord, You always provide for us in every way. You know our every need and always meet those needs. Please help me to trust in You in every way and to learn to rely upon Your providential grace. Please use me as You will and work powerfully through me so that my life produces an abundance of good fruit for Your Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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# 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 Instagram 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 Tues, Thur***

### School Office

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

### School Office Hours:

***8:00 AM– 3:00 PM***

# *Staff*

### Parish Staff

***Rev. Steven Bauer,*** Pastor
***Rev. Jesús (Chuy) Raya,*** Associate Pastor
***Brooks Robinson,*** Pastoral Associate
***Emily Ember***, Coordinator of RE/Evangelization
***Brian Bloye,*** Director of Music and Organist
***Daniel Szymanski,*** Director of Operations
***Mario Serrano***, Parish Office Manager
***Kathryn Kibler***, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator/Parish Secretary

### School Staff

***Gerit McAllister,*** Principal
***Angela Kladis***, Assistant Principal
***Madeleine Durkin,*** Director of Admissions
***Kim Wallett,*** Secretary
***Janin Silva,*** Administrative Assistant