Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 19, 2023: THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"'Since you were faithful in small matters,

I will give you great responsibilities.

Come, share your master's joy.'" (Mt 25:21)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

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

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: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Drew Price, Chicago firefighter, EMT

Leslie Gibson

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Andrea Emilia Bernabey
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
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

Welcome to the Parish!

Katrina Garagiola
Dominic De Boer
Hengels Family
Albert Dicenzo
Marc Jordan
Catherine Kosnik

On Nov. 18, the Archdiocese of Chicago observed the United Nations' World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Abuse. Let us pray for all who have suffered abuse, exploitation, or violence. May the Lord grant all victims of abuse healing and peace.

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $14,890

Offertory for 11/12: $14,718

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





MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 19
9:00 AM +Melvin Soult and Nancy Marconi
11:00 AM Somes Family
12:30 PM +Manuel and Maria Naula
+Emilio Andres Naula
5:00 PM +Richard Slowinski

Monday, November 20
8:30 AM +All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, November 21
8:30 AM +All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 22
6:00 PM Jose Luis Zamudio Urbina (Health)

Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving)
9:00 AM +Edward Marsalek

Friday, November 24
8:30 AM +Jason Wantland

Saturday, November 25
8:30 AM +All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, November 26
9:00 AM +Gregory Duda
11:00 AM Schenkel Family
12:30 PM +Aurora, Jesus, and Juan Hernandez
5:00 PM +All Souls in Purgatory

News and Events



Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Our faith community will be kicking off the holiday season in style with the annual lighting of the Lakeview Christmas tree this **Sunday, November 19, from 6:00 PM -7:30 PM following the 5:00 PM Mass**!

Enjoy carols performed by our Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts students, FREE hot chocolate from our wonderful neighbor, S&G Restaurant, and more surprises! The festivities will take place directly outside the veranda of the church on the corner of Lincoln/Wellington/Southport.

Our parish sends many THANK YOU's to the sponsor of this event, the Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce. Visit their site, www.lakeviewroscoevillage.org to get tickets for the Southport Holiday Stroll on December 1 and other great community events!

St. Alphonsus Giving Tree

Please Take A Tag From the Tree

Celebration of Giving
Unwrap the Spirit



The Giving Tree is now up in the narthex! Catholic Charities' *Celebration of Giving* supports children and families throughout Cook and Lake counties, giving to those who otherwise would not have gifts for Christmas. Through our parish's generosity, many of our less fortunate brothers and sisters receive much needed gifts and Christmas cheer! New, unwrapped gifts should be placed under the tree **by December 3**. If you are unable to drop your gift off after a Sunday Mass, please bring it to the Rectory Office between 9:00 AM—5:00 PM, Monday-Friday.
Contact Mario Serrano at *mserranostals@gmail.com* if you have questions.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- *Are these real names?* No, they are pseudonyms.
- *Why mention ethnicity?* It is to help inform your purchase of children's toys and books.
- *Why gift cards for fast food?* Those who are homeless have no place to cook. Also, some agencies use them as incentives.
- *Why do some of these items look like luxuries and not necessities?* Even those who are down on their luck appreciate a few items that are more to 'feed the soul' than to feed the body.

We appreciate the great generosity of the parish!

The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland

Looking for a way to donate to children this Christmas? Join St. Alphonsus as we support The Women's Center this year by collecting Giving Tree Gift Cards for their clients' children. This year, instead of collecting clothing and toys, The Women's Center has opted to collect a "suggested donation" of $25 gift cards for their clients' children. The Women's Center will use the money collected online to purchase $25 gift cards from Walmart, Visa, and Jewel Osco. This will allow their clients to be able to purchase both a Christmas meal and gifts for their children. The gift cards will be given out at The Women's Center Christmas parties on Saturday, December 16th to the children of clients who have been counseled this year and have chosen LIFE for their unborn baby. Approximately 650 people will attend our North and Southside parties. The children will get to meet Santa & Mrs. Claus and receive their gift cards and candy. **These gifts are possibly the only ones they will receive for Christmas this year**! Merry Christmas and may God bless you for supporting the work of The Women's Center.

Faith Formation

Join Our RE Catechist Team!

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 Emily Ember, eember@stalphonsuschicago.church for more info.

Our Religious Education program is currently underway for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in registering your child, please visit www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education for more information.



Are You Ready To Become Catholic?

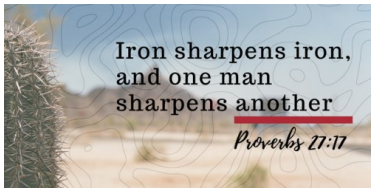
Registration is open for The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A). Each year we are blessed with individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA program is the study of the Catholic Faith and the process of introduction into the faith community.

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



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.

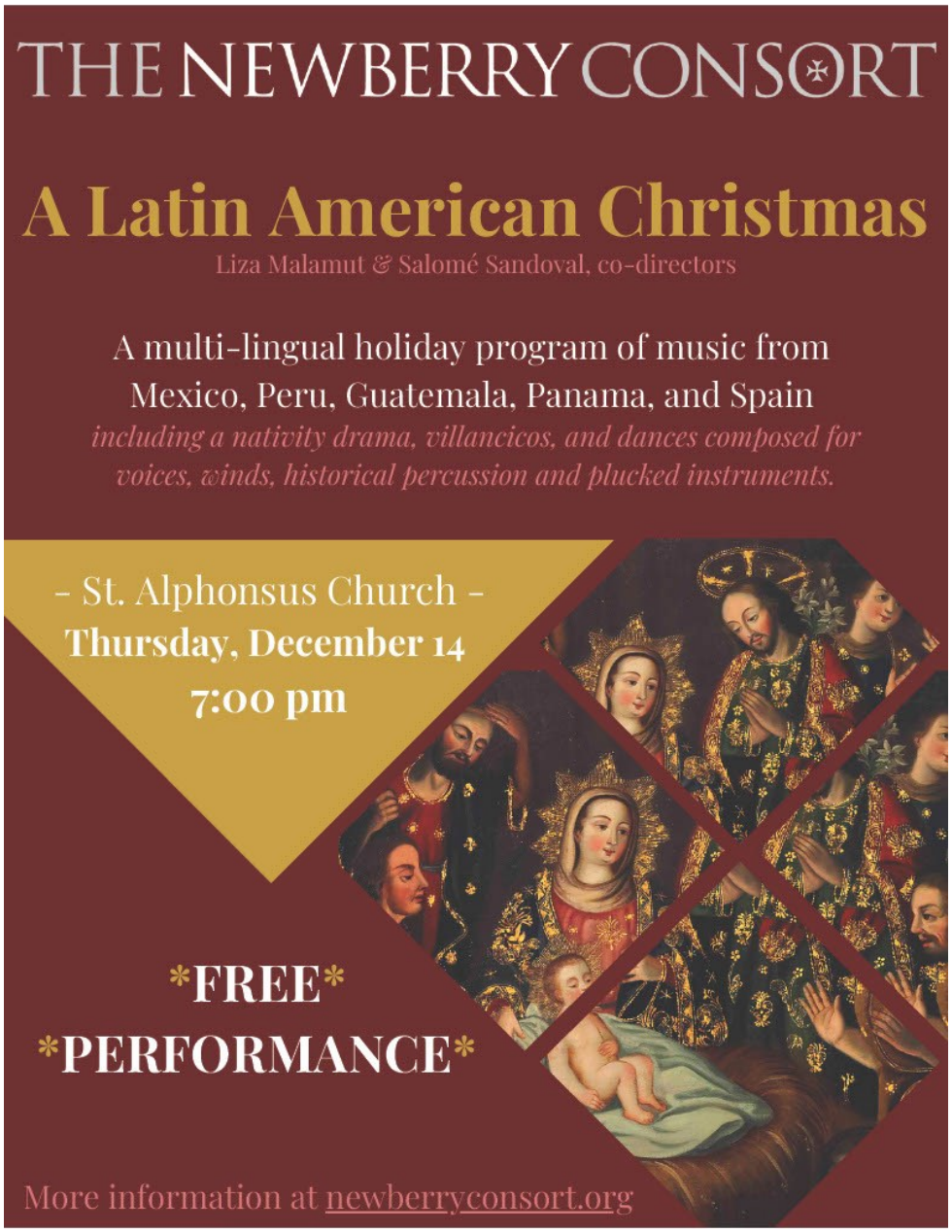
We meet every Thursday night at 7 PM in the rectory. Food and drinks provided. All men are welcome, with most men being in their 20s and 30s. Access can be gained at the west facing rectory door in the parking lot. For questions or more information, contact Men's Group at our new email, divineofficers@gmail.com

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

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

Holiday Events at St. Alphonsus





Sweets With Santa—Saturday, Dec. 9

Our parish school, Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts, are hosting a wondering event for kids on Saturday, December 9 from 9:30 AM— 11:30 AM. Join us for light bites, Christmas crafts, and photos with Santa! All members of our community with small children are welcome, no affiliation with AACA required. For planning purposes, we do ask to please RSVP by clicking the logo on our parish website and completing the form. Thanks!

Happy Thanksgiving!



Our St. Alphonsus parish and AACA school staff warmly wish everyone an amazing Thanksgiving and safe travels if you are visiting family and friends. Please note that morning Mass on Thursday, November 23 will be at 9 AM, rather than the standard 8:30 AM.

St. Vincent DePaul Coat Drive

The Saint Vincent DePaul Society would like to extend a very big thank you to all parishioners who donated shoes during our shoe drive. Through your generous donations we collected and distributed approximately 150 pairs of shoes to newly arrived migrants living at the Addison/ Halsted police station. Thank you!



As the weather has gotten colder, we are shifting to collecting coats during the month of November. Please bring any new or gently used winter coats for men, women, or children and place them in the marked containers at the back of the church. We will also accept new and gently used hats, gloves and scarves. These items will be distributed to the newly arrived migrants at the police stations. Thank you for your continued support!

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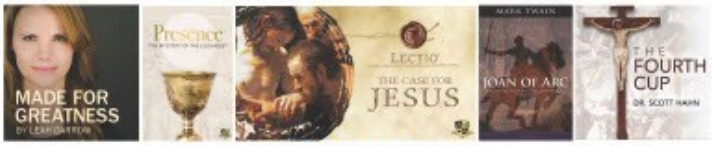
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Truth, Goodness, Beauty.

Turn on any television network or streaming service, and instead of finding content that is true, good, or beautiful, you find content filled with profanity, negativity, and violence. The nightly news is only bad news. You feel empty, disgruntled, and dissatisfied. Turning off the TV, you wonder how it got to be so late, and if there is anything more to life than this.

Well, I have some good news for you, the good news of the Gospel. Because it is good news! But most of us have somehow missed the memo. We live our lives seeking fulfillment, longing for that deeper purpose, and we don't realize that God is waiting to fill our lives with the truth, goodness, and beauty of His love.

When I came to the faith, I had no understanding of anything. Nothing! I knew about Noah's ark and that Jesus had lived a long time ago, but that's it. I only knew the things the world had told me about God and happiness, but what the world had said left me feeling empty and in pain. I longed for something more. In RCIA, I started watching content on FORMED and I couldn't get enough! I began learning more about Jesus. The more I knew about Him, the more I longed to personally know Him. That transformed my life.

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St. Alphonsus now has a parish subscription to FORMED and you can sign up for FREE!

FORMED will transform your life and your family, just as it has transformed mine. Start seeing the world through the lens of the good news of the Gospel. Learn how to defend and share your faith. Discover the deeper meaning of your life. Encounter God in a more personal way. Start watching content on FORMED today!

Emily Ember, Coordinator of RCIA/Evangelization

Walking With Purpose

Women's Group at St. Alphonsus— 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

Stewardship—First Fruits

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

We 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*
You can also text *Sunday* to (773) 570-7600

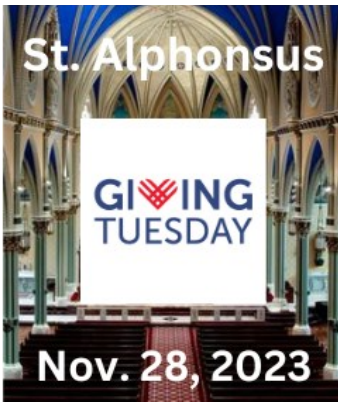
Stewardship Reflection

""Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is Nov. 28



As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, there is excitement everywhere that this year's feast day will look a lot more like the family gatherings we all know and love: families will be reunited, dining room tables will be covered with our favorite foods, football will be on the TV, and kids will be watching Snoopy serve a smorgasbord of popcorn, buttered toast, and jelly beans.

This holiday, of course, enables us to articulate the reasons we have to be thankful. And after the tryptophan-induced sluggishness wears off, Americans also celebrate the custom of Giving Tuesday, where we show our gratitude by making an offering to charity. This year, we invite parishioners to show their thankfulness to the Lord for His blessings through making a donation to St. Alphonsus Parish. Every gift is appreciated, and any amount is appropriate. There are many wonderful blessings here, the blessings of Giving Tuesday helps us keep our ministries running and the blessings flowing.

Make your contribution today at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/16800 or TEXT **Tuesday** to (773) 570-7600.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saint Alphonsus | San Alfonso

Están Cordialmente Invitados

a Celebrar la Fiesta

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Misa 12 de Diciembre a las 6:15 PM

Join Us In Celebrating
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Novena starts December 3rd through 11th

Mass on December 12th at 6:15 PM followed by a Fiesta in the Festival Hall after the Mass.



CCHD Special Collection



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This month marks the third anniversary of the Holy Father's encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*. As we reflect on all that has occurred over the past few years, let us call to mind the Holy Father's words that ground us in the Lord's love for his people: "Let us seek out others and embrace the world as it is, without fear of pain or a sense of inadequacy, because there we will discover all the goodness that God has planted in human hearts." Our faith is one of action and of active love towards the other, and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is an example of just that. It is within each of us to act with love toward those on the margins of our city and our society right here in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

For more than 50 years, CCHD has funded organizations that lead the call for all of us to stand in solidarity with those who have been marginalized in their communities and who continue to act against injustice. For example, Chicago Coalition to Save our Mental Health Centers works to create community– controlled and sustainably-funded mental health centers in high need areas. For nearly 30 years, it has worked to unite mental health consumers, professionals, faith leaders and community residents to keep Chicago's system of centers open and fully funded in the face of constant budget cuts.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is proud that CCHD has its roots in the efforts of a Chicago priest and bishop, the late Most Reverend Michael Dempsey, during the years he served as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on the West Side. By emphasizing empowerment, participation and solidarity, CCHD continues the initiatives of Bishop Dempsey as it works to support resilient communities during continued adversity and struggle. To learn more about CCHD's impact or to donate online, please visit www.CCHDChicago.org.

Please consider contributing generously to CCHD through the second collection on November 19, and thereby continue to sow the seeds of hope amongst those who find themselves on the margins in Chicagoland.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Blase J. Cupich

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

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

Christmas Ball— Saturday, December 9 in Festival Hall



Get into the holiday spirit! All young adults are invited to our Christmas Ball on Saturday, December 9 from 6:30 PM-10:00 PM. Tickets are only $15 and we will have plenty of food, drinks, desserts, dancing, and other fun festivities! Dinner will be provided as well. Wear your best holiday cocktail attire!

As it is also the time of year for giving, especially to those most in need, we will be collecting charitable donations to put together blessing bags at the event as well. Suggested items are toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, socks, wet wipes, tissues, and non-perishables, such as applesauce or fruit cups, raisins, pasta, canned vegetables, etc.). This is just a short list of items, but please feel free to donate anything of your choosing along these lines. We're looking forward to constructing these packages together and donating them all to Catholic Charities!

Register for the Ball here: www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/38867. The price for registration will be $20 at the door for those that do not sign up prior to the event. Please contact Tammy or Matt for more details at stalsyamsocial@gmail.com.

Christkindlmarket— Wrigleyville Saturday, December 2

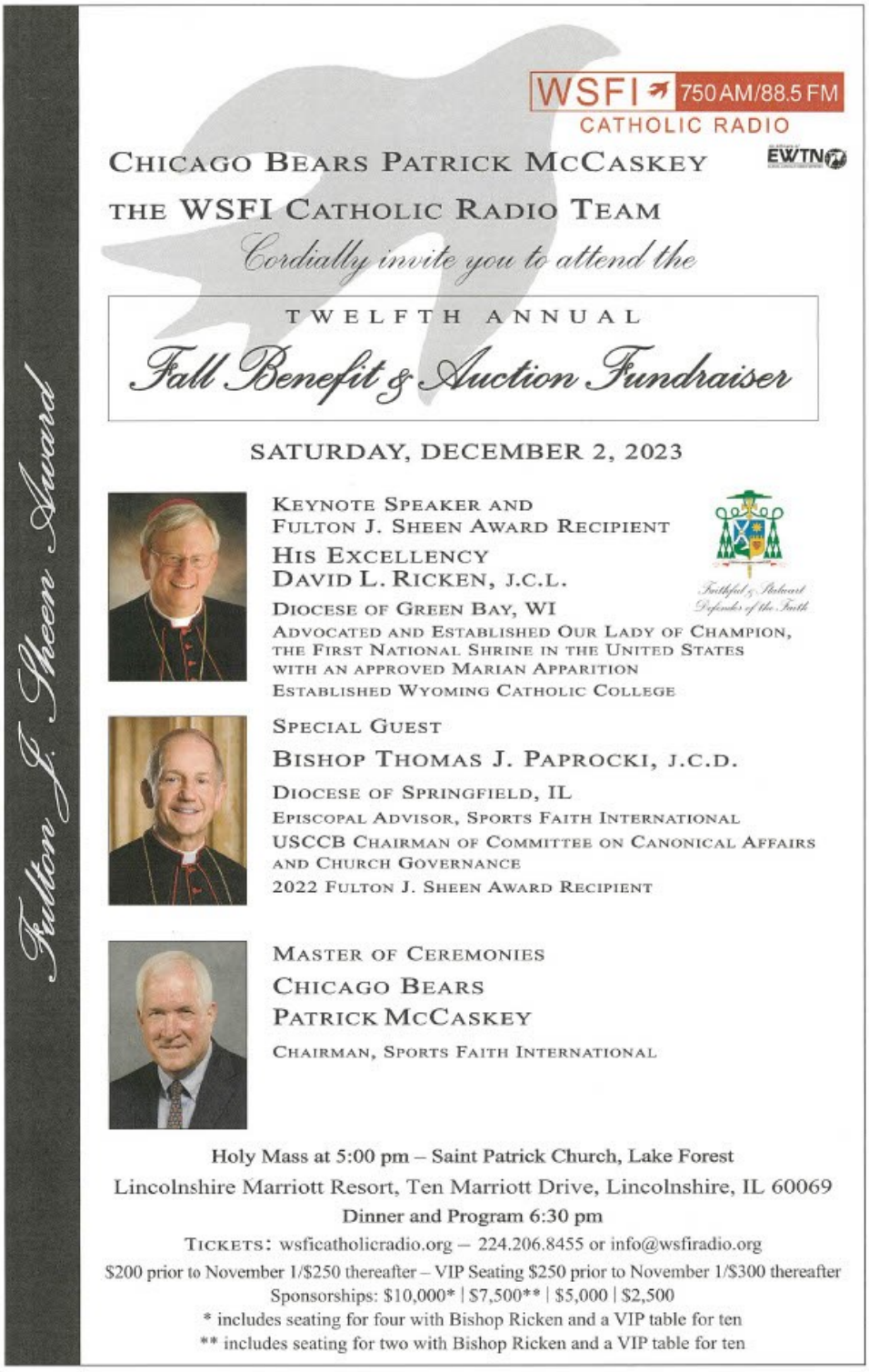


On Saturday, December 2nd, all Young Adults in the parish are invited to join our group for a visit to the Wrigleyville Christkindlmarket for ice skating, gift browsing, and hot chocolate drinking. We will all meet at Gallagher Way around 5:00 PM. More details to come about getting in touch with those that plan to attend.

FORMED Advent Discussion— Wednesday December 6

FORMED is a free on-demand library of faith formation resources and materials. On Wednesday, December 6th in Festival Hall at 7:30 PM, our YAM Spiritual Team will be leading a growth discussion that helps us reflect on the Advent season. All are welcome!

Around the Archdiocese



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Archdiocese of Chicago

Catholic Charities Spirit of Saint Nicholas Ball— Dec. 1

On Friday, December 1, join Co-Chairs Cece and Tom Ricketts, Chairman of the Chicago Cubs, and fellow area professionals to help Catholic Charities continue its mission of helping anyone in need across Cook and Lake counties. Purchase your tickets today at www.catholiccharities.net/events/34th-annual-spirit-of-saint-nicholas-ball/

Mass of Healing

The night before Thanksgiving can be especially hard for those recovering from alcohol or other addictions. All are invited to join in solidarity for this special Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7:00 PM at St. Linus in Oak Lawn.



Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Parking lots are often very big and when you go into the facility you may come out another door. Have you ever lost your car? This is particularly true if you parked at the airport and came back days later. This nightmare scenario is all too common, yet it can be avoided very, very easily. Before you leave for your flight, take a picture of your car, showing the sign of the row number.

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

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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