Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021: TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri	8:30 AM
Wed	6:00 PM
Sunday	9 AM, 11 AM, 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

Saturday	11:00—11:30 AM

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

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Tuesday	after the 8:30 AM Mass
Wednesday:	5:50 PM

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Sophie Rose Kovich

Joshua Juan Silva

Lennon Marie Herrera

For more info about having your child baptized at St Alphonsus, contact Kaitlin Holyk at stalsweddings@gmail.com

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds

Joanna Ravelingeen

Jamie Wallett

Romie Richard

Sandra Wilson

Monica Alexis Rios

Margaret Nichols

Maria Eisler

Rita Gerich

Fidel Mercado Chavez

Leslie Putman

Carolina Goldie

Diane Mareci

William Ahearn

Emilia Hurtado

Bernard Zapp

Rachel Schopp

Mike Madigan

David Birks

Lorik Oppland

Celeste Soult

Carol Reckwerdt

Doug Tally

Jeff De La Cruz

Stacy Strickland

Tim Dooling

Spencer Lyles

Magdalena Gonzalez

Christopher Bibat

Michael Aldape

Victor Giustino

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 8/29/2021: $12,597

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

Welcome to the Parish!

Thomas Sasek

Matthew, Kristine, Luke, and Colin Wagner

Jaison Alexander

Cristina Militello and John Netzel and Avery Netzel

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Michael Dundon

Saint Vincent DePaul Society - St. Alphonsus Conference is looking to increase our membership. We help with the emergency needs of anyone looking for assistance within our community. If you are looking for ways to get involved please consider joining. The time commitment is kept to a monthly meeting to consider the needs of the society and to serve our walk-in clients. Our service is based on demand and the financial ability to assist. As such, we are only able to assist because of your generous donations through the poor box at the back of the church. We are 100% funded through these donations. Thank you for your continued support. Please contact Luis Cantu at luiscan2@hotmail.com for more info.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 5
9:00 AM +Clara Cachro
11:00 AM Rick Strezo and Gehrig Peterson
5:00 PM Victor Giustino

Monday, September 6
8:30 AM Victor Giustino

Tuesday, September 7
8:30 AM Victor Giustino

Wednesday, September 8
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, September 9
8:30 AM Victor Giustino

Friday, September 10
8:30 AM +Neal F. Farrell

Sunday, September 12
9:00 AM +Edmund G. Gobat
11:00 AM +Mariano Susana Hermosa
5:00 PM +Martin Finan

St. Alphonsus' Annual Oktoberfest! September 24-26

St. Alphonsus Oktoberfest is legendary throughout Chicago and the Midwest, especially because of our German heritage. We are excited to be planning it, and look forward to great brats, beer, music, and new friends and old. Because the pandemic is still hanging around, all music and events will be held outside, and the committee is working hard to make sure the Fest is as safe & healthy as it is fun and filled with Gemütlichkeit! PROST! **Volunteer!!** Stay tuned for Brewmaster info and event updates. Visit stalsoktoberfest.org

News and Events

Special Memorial 9/11 Mass



St. Alphonsus will be having a special memorial Mass on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 8:30 AM. This date commemorates the 20th anniversary of an event that forever changed the nation. We will remember the lives lost and honor the heroic spirit of first responders and civilians in hope, resilience and unity.

South Lakeview Neighbors Meeting

Date : Tuesday, September 7
Location : Athenaeum Center for Thought & Culture, 2936 N. Southport
Time : 7:00 PM sharp, Doors open at 6:30 PM
Speaker – Alderman Scott Waguespack
Topic - State of the Ward All are invited.
SLN Membership boundaries to join : Diversey to Belmont – Ravenswood to Racine
Please wear your mask per Chicago Mask Mandate
Email = info@slneighbors.org
Website = www.slneighbors.org

Volunteer at Lakeview Pantry

Join 5,000 other people to make a difference in your community! Lakeview Pantry is always looking for volunteers and have group and individual volunteer opportunities Monday-Friday between 9 AM & 5 PM at multiple locations! LVP's *"Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope"* benefit is on Friday Oct 15. For more info, visit give.lakeviewpantry.org/fightinghunger

Return of Spanish Mass

After guidance from our Parish Council, St. Alphonsus will be reinstating the Mass worshipped in the Spanish language on Sundays. Please note the Spanish Mass will now be celebrated every Sunday **at 12:30 PM starting on September 19.**

Regreso de la Misa Española

Después de la orientación de nuestro Consejo Parroquial, San Alfonso restablecerá la Misa adorada en español los Domingos. Tenga en cuenta que la misa en español ahora se celebrará todos los Domingos **a las 12:30 PM a partir del 19 de Septiembre**.

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*

Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled St. Alphonsus to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of the strength of this community by making a qualified charitable distribution (a.k.a. IRA charitable rollover gift) from your IRA to St. Alphonsus.

For more information on making a QCD gift, please *contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org*.

Gospel Meditation

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Cut Fries With An Apple Slicer

Making homemade fries is certainly appealing, but it's often more time consuming that simply ordering your favorite wedges from a nearby restaurant. Now, you can make your own crunchy potatoes from scratch with the help of an apple slicer.

Cut off one end of a potato and stand it up on a hard surface. Position your apple slicer over the potato and push down to create perfect, even wedges. In seconds you'll have a tray full of potato wedges that simply need to be baked to crispy perfection. Making your own fries is that easy.

Live The Liturgy

Inspiration for the Week

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith. But we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can't wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well.

Faith Formation

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



Registration for our Religious Education program is now open for the 2021-2022 school year for grades 1st-8th on Tuesday nights at 6:15 PM. Registration is due September 10 and classes will begin on September 21. We are anticipating a hybrid in-person/virtual format. Please visit our Religious Education page on the parish website at 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.org for more information.

Are You Ready To Become Catholic?

Registration is open for The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) Classes will be every Wednesday from 6 PM– 7:30 PM and begin September 22. 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.com

"Healing: Body & Soul" Fall Women's Retreat
Saturday, September 18 in St. Alphonsus Festival Hall



Feminae Vero is a ministry that aspires to serve, educate, and evangelize girls and women by sharing the truth about their reproductive health and how it connects to our Catholic faith. Feminae Vero was formed - to educate on solutions-oriented, life-affirming healthcare options for women, and to advocate for access to such care for women of all religious, educational, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Registration is now open for a day-long Women's Retreat on Sat. Sept 18, which includes lunch and Mass at 3 PM. You can learn more and register online at www.femvero.org/chicago-womens-retreat-sign-up

Low Gluten Hosts Available



If you are allergic to wheat or have celiac disease, or for any reason can't tolerate gluten, we have hosts available for you.

To receive a low gluten host at Mass, please come to the sacristy at least ten minutes before mass begins, so that one can be prepared for you. Then, be sure to get into the communion line to receive from the priest.

These hosts have 0.01% gluten. We can provide further information about their content if you would like us to. Contact Mario Serrano at *mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.com*

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

Our Mission

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

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

YAM Kick-Off Party 2021!

Sunday, September 19 at 6:00 PM

- **Opportunities**
- **Free Food/Drinks**
- **Mingle**



Join other young adults after the 5 PM Mass on Sunday, Sept. 19 for our annual St. Alphonsus Young Adult Ministry Kick-Off Party! This is a great way to learn more about young adult groups, programs, and opportunities. It's a great chance to invite your friends and co-workers to Mass with guaranteed fun to follow! For more info, contact us at stalphonsusyam@gmail.com

Samuel Group— Discernment for Young Adults starting Sept 19

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 St. Alphonsus Parish. 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 while doing this course. Register at https://pvm.archchicago.org/samuel-group

Young Catholic Professionals

Executive Speaker Series Sept. 14



Join YCP Chicago and OSP Encounter on Tuesday, September 14th for an Executive Speaker Series event, featuring Jim O'Hara, Owner of Focus Martial Arts & Fitness, Head Coach of the AAU/USA Karate Team, and 1996 World Karate Organization World Champion in Kumite. Jim will share his unique perspective on our Catholic faith.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s from ALL industries are invited to this free event, where you will learn insights about the integration of faith and work and network with other young Catholic professionals from the Chicagoland area over complimentary beer, wine, and appetizers. Mass will be at 6:15 PM at Old St. Patrick's, 700 W. Adams, and after fellowship, the speaker discussion will take place at 625 W. Adams from 7:45– 9 PM. REGISTER HERE: bit.ly/ycpsept21

Coming to Saint Alphonsus Chicago

walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, September 21st 2021

Parish Office
1429 W. Wellington Ave
Chicago, IL 60657

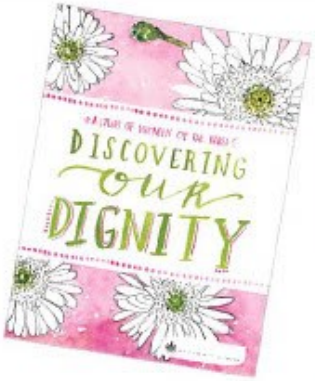
Are you looking for a way to refuel and be refreshed, make authentic connections with other women, and learn more about God? It's time to come back to community!

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

Discovering Our Dignity

Women of the Old and New Testaments were as flawed and broken as we can be, yet the power of God worked in their lives. Learn from their experiences in *Discovering Our Dignity*, a 22-lesson Bible study.

Through their stories recorded in Scripture, women of the Bible reach out to touch our "present" in a tender, honest and loving way—woman to woman —with ancient wisdom, sage advice, and insights from sorrowful failures and emotional wounds.



Walking with Purpose will meet on **Tuesdays**
From **9:30am-11am or 6:30pm-8:30pm**
For more information, contact **suecombes@hotmail.com**

walkingwithpurpose.com

Around the Archdiocese

Ales for Amate



The Amate House Associate Board is partnering with Burning Bush Brewery, 4014 N. Rockwell St., to host a hybrid "Ales for Amate" event on Thursday, September 30th from 6-9 PM. There will be raffle prizes and more. Tickets are now $45 and can be purchased online at https://givebutter.com/AlesforAmate

Amate House was established in 1984 as a leadership program for young adults by three seminarians from the Archdiocese of Chicago, along with other lay and religious men and women, with the objective of transformation through service. The founders chose the name “Amate,” the Latin imperative “to love,” because they envisioned a program in which young adult fellows would put “love into action,” and answer the call to holiness by providing support and leadership service to fulfill the needs of the city and the Archdiocese of Chicago.

In addition to a vocation of service, Amate House emphasizes the personal, professional, and spiritual development of its fellows, creating passionate leaders for our church and world through social justice leadership development.

Lincoln Park Alpha in Fall

Alpha is a space where you can explore the deepest questions in our life from a Christian perspective. Through light discussion, we explore the deepest truths of our lives. Everyone who comes from Alpha has a different perspective and experience of faith, spirituality, and community. Alpha will be offered both online and in person. The first session in person session will be Sept. 20 and the first online session will be Sept. 23. Register and learn more at bit.ly/lpa2021

Rector’s Golf Classic

Support your future priests! On Thursday, September 23, Mundelein Seminary will be hosting a fun golf and dinner outing. Golf will begin at Pine Meadow golf club and continue with a reception, silent/online auction, raffle and more at Mundelein Seminary. Most Reverend John. R. Gorman will be honored. For more info and to register, visit https://e.givesmart.com/events/n2z/

Living Peace and Justice

Aid For Women– Benefit Dinner September 29



Aid for Women will be hosting their annual benefit dinner on Wednesday September 29 at the Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson Blvd. Featured speaker will be Rachel Campos-Duffy, author and Fox News Contributor. Former Congressman Dan Lepinski will be honored as well. For more info, visit www.helpaidforwomen.org/dinner2021



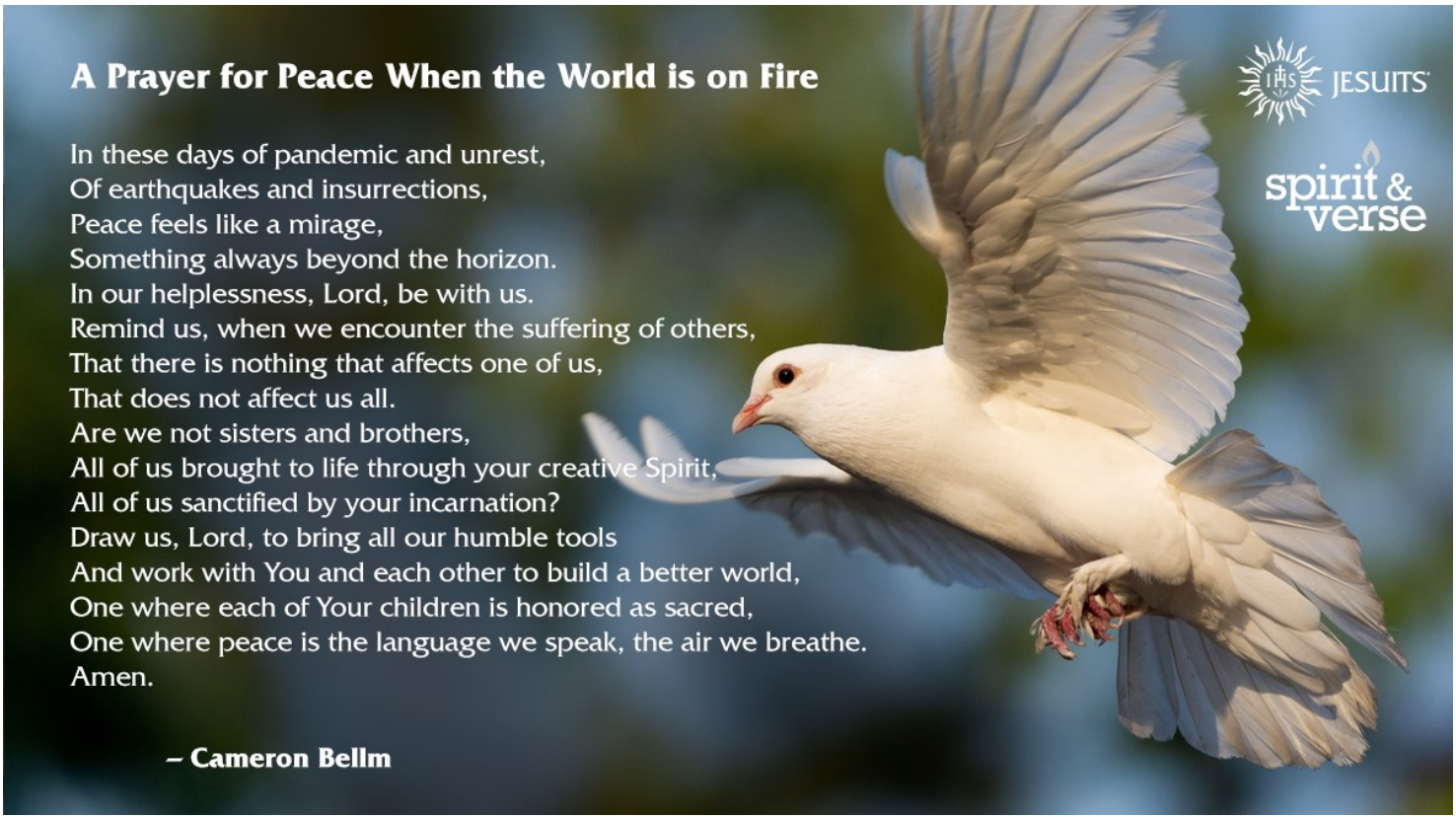
“America needs no words from me to see how your decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father’s role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest gift – a child – as a competitor, an intrusion and an inconvenience . . . The right to life does not depend and must not be declared to be contingent on the pleasures of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign.”

(St. Teresa of Calcutta, February 25, 1994)

More News and Events

AACA Flag Football Coach Needed

Our parish school, Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts, is looking for an assistant flag football coach. Schedule as follows: 8th Grade Practices: Wednesdays 2:15-3:30 PM and Thursdays 3:15 - 4:30 PM at a local park. 7th Grade Practices: Wednesdays 3:30-4:45 PM and Thursdays 4:30-5:45 PM at the same park as 8th grade. Games: 5 games per grade level held on Saturday morning starting September 11th. For more information, contact AACA Athletic Director Angela Kladis at akladis@aaca.school



Caring For Your Loved Ones

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Sometimes a person who's integral to our life will experience an emotional or substance use crisis that puts their well-being at risk. (With just under 50,000 Americans dying from suicide annually, such risks are real.) If your loved one appears to be traveling a self-destructive path, try to react with compassion, kindness and support. • Identify warning signs. A person may be feeling suicidal if they mention having lost hope, feeling unbearable discomfort, wanting life to end, being a burden to or withdrawing from others, and/or being deeply depressed. • Gently ask them to talk. Studies show that asking and talking about someone's suicidal feelings—in a non-judgmental way—helps generate relief, not further risk. • If you believe someone might harm themselves, strive to remove potential suicide means such as weapons or stockpiled medications.

Tips for tough talks

Make sure to be there. It's vital to stop, listen and truly hear what the other person is feeling. Ask how you can help. If they're clearly struggling but aren't yet ready to talk, let them know you're available to listen anytime. Ask the tough questions. Sometimes, preventing suicide involves having difficult conversations with the people who matter most to us. Don't shy from asking questions such as, "Do you have thoughts or plans about suicide?" Your words matter. People typically feel less depressed, less self destructive, less overwhelmed and more hopeful after speaking to someone who cares, listens without judgment, expresses concern and offers help. If you're concerned but don't know what to do, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at (800) 273 -TALK (8255) Trained counselors are available 24/7 to speak with you or your loved one.

Contact

Sacramental Information

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

How to Offer a Mass Intention

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our parish has received permission to once again host important sacraments. Please be patient as the pandemic created a scheduling backlog regarding Baptisms and Weddings. You can find more info at:

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/baptism

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/marriage

St. Alphonsus Social Media

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

Directory

Parish Office

1429 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
(P): 773-525-0709 | (F): 773-525-3238
www.stalphonsuschicago.org

Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM— 4:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
9:00 AM— 1:00 PM Tue, Thurs

School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
(P): 773-892-1397 | (F): 773-348-4829
www.alphonsusacademy.org

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

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Brooks Robinson, Pastoral Associate
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Erica Cook, Coordinator of Religious Education
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager
Kaitlin Holyk, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator

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