Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021: TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men
and they will kill him,
and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." (Mk 9:31)

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: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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 9/12/2021: $13,120

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



WEDDING BANNS

Jacqueline Lord and Eric Koppmann

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Benjamin Floyd Deliberto
Aurelio Luciano Munoz
Connor Matthew Schmid

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

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Eleanor Freeman

Helen A. Gorman (grandmother of Rev. Patrick Gorman)



Welcome to the Parish!

Kathryn and Michael Tung
Colin Flaherty
James Michael Hearon
Jill McCarthy
Erica, Jon, Maddux and Madison Marshall
Alexandra Lloyd and Thomas Hickey

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 19
9:00 AM +William Webb
11:00 AM Rich Strezo
12:30 PM Moises Jimbo
5:00 PM +Robert Stark

Monday, September 20
8:30 AM +Helen Kam Kin Hui

Tuesday, September 21
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, September 22
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, September 23
8:30 AM +Norris Gerard Smith

Friday, September 24
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, September 26
9:00 AM +Zoila Espinosa
11:00 AM The Glowienke Family
12:30 PM +Rito Camarillo
5:00 PM Betty Rodriguez

News and Events

Oktoberfest Brewmaster Package

Support St. Alphonsus! Limited Quantity Available!



Oktoberfest: ***BREWMASTER PACKAGE for $169***:

- 28 oz. commemorative 2021 Oktoberfest beer mug
- 2-for-1 beer throughout the Fest with 2021 mug
- free Fest admissions on Fri & Sat for you and three friends
- 4 coupons for a free brat
- VIP indoor bathroom access (with lanyard)
- *only a limited number of Brewmaster packages will be sold! Get yours today! You can purchase a Brewmaster package online at*

www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/31248



Congrats Knights of Columbus Officers!

A Heart-felt THANK YOU to both our Chaplain, Rev. Patrick Gorman, and our District Deputy, Jeff Griggs, who together led installation of officers of the St. Alphonsus Parish KofC this past SUN at the 5PM Mass!

Pack 3889 Cub Scouts 2021-2022 Registration

Come Join Scouts! Registration for the Pack 3889 scout year is open to all 1st - 5th grade boys. 1st Grade Tigers, 2nd Grade Wolves, 3rd Grade Bears, and 4th/5th Grade Webelos each have a den in the pack. Dens meet 1-2 times/month. Pack activities like hikes, camping, and Pinewood Derby are scheduled through the year.

Registration Deadline: September 30, 2021
Registration Link: bit.ly/stalsscouts21
Fees: Fees for the year will be $125 per scout, covers registration costs/dues to BSA, den materials, Boys Life magazine subscription.
Contact Email for Questions/ Comments: pack3889@gmail.com

Inspiration for the Week

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.

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 20 and classes will begin on September 28. 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?

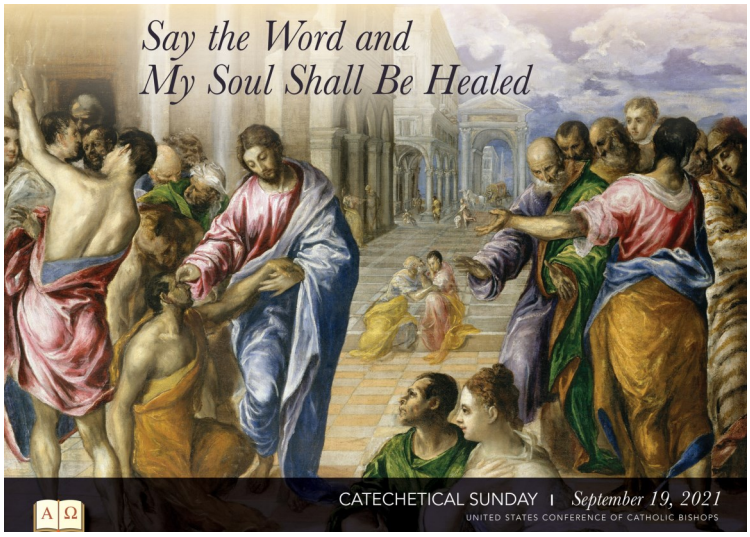
Registration is open for The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) Classes will be every Wednesday from 6 PM– 7:30 PM and begin September 22. Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA program is the study of the 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

Catechetical Sunday 2021



Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and witnessing to the Gospel.

The words we pray at Mass, *"Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed,"* have the power to remind us to open our eyes to the healing that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist which is essential, eternal, and ever open to us. We humbly ask him to say the word, and with that simple prayer, we show that we have faith. Faith that with the fantastic and improbable prospect of Jesus entering under our roof, our souls shall be healed.

This month we begin our Religious Education and RCIA programs. These programs help to shape new believers, both adults and children. The whole church has the responsibility to share and teach the faith, to live it out and to celebrate the sacraments. Thank you to all 2021-2022 catechists!

Lord God, source of all wisdom and knowledge, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us and to proclaim his message of faith, hope, and love to all nations. In your goodness, bless our brothers and sisters who have offered themselves as catechists for your Church. Strengthen them with your gifts, that they may teach by word and example the truth that comes from you.

Cathy Jeffrey
Colleen Zyra
Grace Smart
Dillon Cunningham
Fred Schaaf
Erica Detemmerman
Michael Adams
Adam White
Anthony Matar
Amanda Clark



It's Time for Oktoberfest 2021!

September 24, 25, and 26th

Join us for all the Oktoberfest fun!

Admission $10.00 Friday and Saturday

Free Admission on Sunday!

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

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

Get all the 'Fest details and volunteer at

www.stalsoktoberfest.org

And Here Are the Bands!

Friday

SOUTHPORT STAGE

Breakfast Club

Trippin Billies (Dave Matthews)

PARKING LOT STAGE

Hello Weekend

Polkaholics

Saturday

SOUTHPORT STAGE

Sushi Roll

The Hat Guys

Run Forrest Run

16 Candles (80's Biggest Hits)

PARKING LOT STAGE

School of Rock

Rosie and the Rivets

Sgt. Sauerkraut's Polka Band

Polkaholics

Sunday

THERE WILL BE A JUMBOTRON SCREEN ON SOUTHPORT AVE TO WATCH THE GAMES AT NOON!

Seminary Collection



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We take time this weekend to recognize, celebrate and support the thirty-three seminarians who are preparing for lives of service to the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Church needs pastoral, compassionate and well-trained priests now more than ever, especially in light of the last year that saw not only the global pandemic we've endured, but also so much social unrest and suffering. Our young priests will face these issues and more as they walk with us through the most important moments of our lives, lending their wisdom and support. It is our responsibility to train them well.

At Masses throughout the Archdiocese this weekend, we are asking for both your encouragement and prayers for our seminarians as well as your financial support to help defray our Archdiocesan cost of their educational expenses, which includes tuition and fees, room and board and health insurance.

Your generosity to this annual Seminarian Education second collection funds the formation of our seminarians at both the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary and at Saint John Vianney College Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Your contributions to this collection will make a significant impact on the formation of Chicago seminarians as they prepare for ordination and service as parish priests. They will be the shepherds leading you toward a deeper relationship with Christ by celebrating the sacraments and teaching the Catholic faith.

A remittance envelope will be placed at the back of the church during the weekend of September 19-20. You are also invited to send your donation to your parish, noting that it is for "Seminarian Education," or make a gift online at www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund.

Another way to support vocations in the archdiocese is by encouraging young men to consider discerning the priesthood. Many current priests credit their vocation to personal invitations and conversations with loved ones and friends who recognized the potential in them. On behalf of current and future archdiocesan seminarians, thank you.

May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.
Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Blase J. Cupich
Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Welcome Back Michael Mehringer!



Seminarian Michael Mehringer has been periodically serving at Mass at St. Alphonsus for the past year and will be preaching at all Masses this Sunday. He will be ordained a Deacon on May 14, 2022 and was kind to provide an introduction.

Greetings St. Alphonsus!

My name is Michael Mehringer, and I am an Archdiocese of Chicago Seminarian in my 5th year out of 6 at Mundelein Seminary. I have been helping out at St. Alphonsus the past year, and I will continue to be present in different ways for the remainder of my time in Seminary. I look forward to continuing to be with you all!

A little bit about me: I am from Barrington, IL, where my parents Martha and Joe still currently reside. I have a twin brother Luke and two little sisters Catherine and Anna. Before Seminary, I went to Indiana University where I studied Chemistry and Spanish, and after school I moved back to Chicago where I worked for 5 years as a Chemist at water treatment chemicals company. During that time, I began discerning a call to the Priesthood, and after fighting against it for a few years, I finally gave in to God's will and entered Seminary in 2017.

Some of my favorite Saints are the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Josemaría Escrivá, St. John Paul II, St. John Henry Newman, St. Augustine, and many more. I also have (too) many hobbies including golf, fly fishing, shooting pool, cooking, and playing a card game called Bridge. I look forward to getting to know you all. When you see me around the parish, please come and say hi!

Peace,
Michael

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

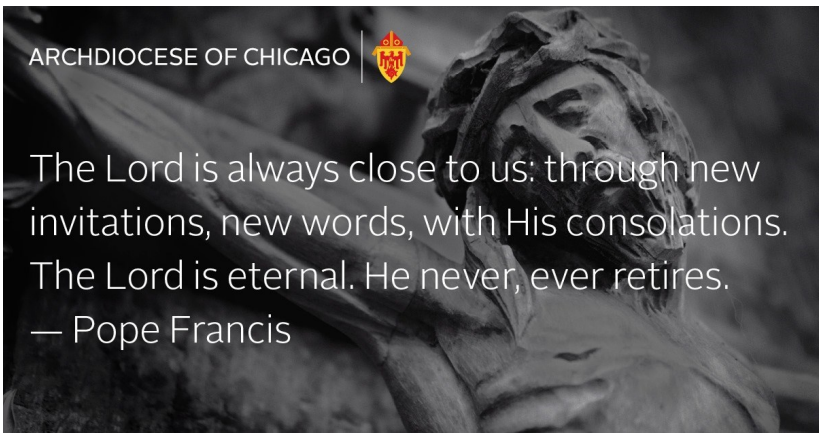
- **Opportunities**
- **Free Food/Drinks**
- **Mingle**



Join other young adults after the 5 PM Mass this 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

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



Helpful Hints by Harvey Levin

Serial Numbers

Sometimes you need to get the serial number or model number of an appliance or machine that you have. Often the label is placed in so obscure a place that you have to twist your body into the shape of a pretzel and use a magnifying glass to see it. Here is the trick. Reach into that obscure place with your cell phone and take a picture of the label. Then you can easily enlarge the picture and see the number.

Stewardship—First Fruits



Participate in Electronic Giving

GiveCentral.org is a secure online system where parishioners can create individual giving profiles with payment options ranging from direct debit (ACH) to credit cards.

Benefits for you

- Increased options and accessibility
- Review your giving history in real time
- Keep your gifts secure

Benefits for St. Alphonsus

- Saves money on envelopes & postage
- Helps predict cash flow for budgeting
- Better collection of payment history

Go to www.stalphonsuschicago.org & click on the Donate tab at the top of the page.
Questions? Contact Mario Serrano at mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.com

Stewardship Reflection

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

Gospel Meditation

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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

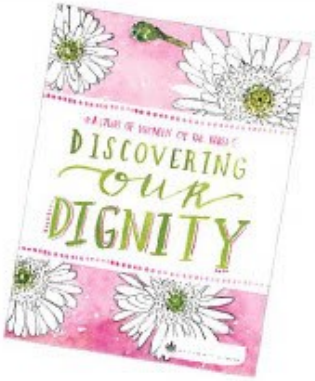
Are you looking for a way to refuel and be refreshed, make authentic connections with other women, and learn more about God? It's time to come back to community!

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

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
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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

Rev. Steven Bauer, Pastor
Rev. Patrick Gorman, Associate Pastor
Brooks Robinson, Pastoral Associate
Brian Bloye, Director of Music and Organist
Erica Cook, Coordinator of Religious Education
Daniel Szymanski, Director of Operations
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager
Kaitlin Holyk, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator

School Staff

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Connie Del Toral, Administrative Assistant