Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 18, 2025: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



I give you a new commandment: love one another.

As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

(Jn 13:34)

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

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*

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday	5:45 PM

Worship

This Week's Readings

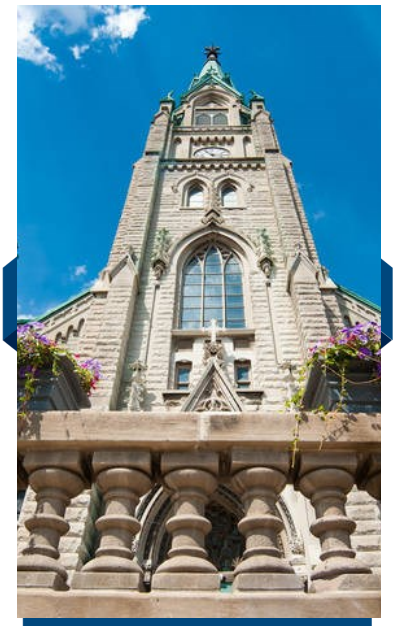
Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Michael and Elizabeth Velten
Fidel Mercado Chavez
David Birks
Celeste Soult
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
Ramona Colon
Michelle Renee Moya
Ernest Nora
Albert Meier

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 8-9 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



WEDDING

Jessica Palarczyk
and
Rohan Vashi

Wedding Banns

II. Rachel Kriz and Connor Block
II. Alexandra Bielat and Blaise Davis
I. Lauren Prindeville and Daniel Falkenberg

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Fiona Frances Logue
Adare Frances DaPisa
Lucia Violet Muglia
Sara Chaba Gonzalez
Persephone Atalanta Leon

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 18
9:00 AM Rev. Jeremy Leganski (Ordination Anniversary)
11:00 AM +Frank & Maria Rechtien
12:30 PM +Carlos Ledesma Sr.
5:00 PM AACA Class of 2021; now Class of 2025 High School/College Prep Graduates

Monday, May 19
8:30 AM +Lois Riffner

Tuesday, May 20
8:30 AM Rev. Jesus Raya Custodio (Ordination Anniversary)

Wednesday, May 21
6:00 PM +John P. Huffman

Thursday, May 22
8:30 AM Rev. Steven Bauer (Ordination Anniversary)

Friday, May 23
8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Saturday, May 24
8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Sunday, May 25
9:00 AM +Ed & Mary Gobat
11:00 AM +Henry Meindl
+Maria Rechtien
12:30 PM +Flavio Corral
5:00 PM +Brandon Kutka

A Message From Our Pastor

Habemus Papam!

Everyone expected to hear those words – they, along with the white smoke, are the culmination of the conclave. We all knew that most famous of Latin phrases would be coming. What no one seemed to expect was who walked out onto the balcony above the entrance to St. Peter's Basilica – Pope Leo XIV, previously known as Robert Cardinal Prevost, a native son of Chicago! (Subsequent to that, what was expected was the underscoring of his entrance with the dramatic intro music from the Chicago Bulls.)

For myself, after Pope Francis passed away, I felt the loss for myself and for the whole Church, which became amplified every time I celebrated Mass and there was no pope to pray for by name in the Eucharistic Prayer. In my heart, the void was sad, palpable, and awkwardly disruptive to my prayer in a way I didn't expect. When a priest celebrates the Sacraments – and especially at Mass – he stands, to use another Latin phrase, *"in persona Christi,"* that is, in the person of Christ. You all might hear my voice saying the words, but those are Christ's words. His grace and power flow through me as His instrument. It is extraordinarily humbling whenever I pause to reflect on it. But with a pope, he is known as the Vicar of Christ. He is Christ's representative on earth. But that's true not just when he celebrates the Sacraments, that reality becomes incorporated into the fullness of a pope's ministry and identity. Which is why he is a man without peers. No one else can stand in his place.



That is why I, along with the universal Catholic Church, mourn the passing of Pope Francis – and that is why I, along with the whole world, celebrate the election of Pope Leo XIV. Our new Holy Father bears a yoke like none other as he begins to shepherd the Church, harvesting in the vineyard of the Lord. We recognize that cross he carries, and we pray for him, individually and communally as the mystical body of Christ.

This is precisely why the Church always has her priests pray for the Pope during Mass, most especially during the Eucharistic Prayer which makes Christ truly present. The celebrant, standing *in persona Christi* at that moment, prays for the Vicar of Christ who now stands in the place of Jesus at every moment.

Rev. Steven Bauer
Pastor

To encourage us all in prayer for our new Pope, we have made prayer cards with the Church's official prayer for the pope. There will be a limited supply in the narthex, please only take one per person.

Pope Leo XIV's Motto/Coat of Arms

Pope Leo XIV's devotion to St. Augustine, his life and ministry as a member of the Augustinian order and his focus on the unity of the church are reflected in his episcopal motto and coat of arms.

When he appeared on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica shortly after his election May 8, he introduced himself as *"an Augustinian, a son of St. Augustine."*

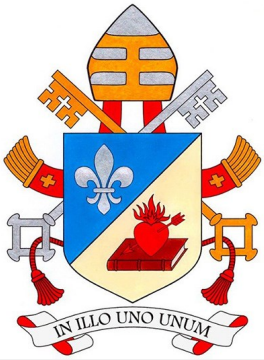
And he explained that the cardinals who elected him "have chosen me to be the Successor of Peter and to walk together with you as a Church, united, ever pursuing peace and justice, ever seeking to act as men and women faithful to Jesus Christ, in order to proclaim the Gospel without fear, to be missionaries."

His episcopal motto is, "In Illo uno unum," or literally "In the One, we are one."

Vatican News explained that the phrase is taken from St. Augustine's *"Exposition on Psalm 127,"* where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

As a cardinal, he told Vatican News in 2023, "As can be seen from my episcopal motto, unity and communion are truly part of the charism of the Order of St. Augustine, and also of my way of acting and thinking."

"I believe it is very important to promote communion in the church, and we know well that communion, participation and mission are the three keywords of the Synod" of Bishops on synodality, he said. "So, as an Augustinian, for me promoting unity and communion is fundamental."



Our Capital Campaign Progress

GENERATION TO GENERATION: **ANSWER THE CALL**

For some time now you've been hearing about our capital campaign from our pastor, Fr. Bauer, or from one of the committee members (Gene, Libby, Chris, Mike, Ed, and Karin), and last Sunday we had a push to gather in another round of pledges. If you haven't turned in your pledge card yet, you can drop it in the regular collection or make your pledge online. As of May 15, we are excited to report where we now stand:

SCAN TO LEARN MORE

or visit the parish website:

stalphonsuschicago.org

Our Progress So Far.....

- Amount raised to date: **$1,092,358**
- 48.8% of the parish stretch goal of $2.24M
- 97.5% of the Arch assigned goal of $1.12M
- Number of Pledges & Gifts: 83
- **Percent of registered households participating: 4%**

Ways you can support the campaign:

- Make a pledge on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis spread out over five years. (Pledges can also be made using stock donations, electronic fund transfers, donor advised funds, or donations of real estate).
- Ask if your employer does matching gifts to charity
- Help spread the news of our campaign projects by sharing our social media posts on your news feed.
- *Imagine how much we could raise if all families pledged one hour's worth of wages each month for five years!!*

• Save Our Iconic Veranda • Repair & Restore the Organ • Upgrade the Common Rooms •

• Drinking Fountains • Re-Imagine the Courtyard as Outdoor Classroom & Prayer Garden •

• Sharing with the Arch for Spiritual & Parish Renewal, Scholarships, and Priest Retirement & Health Care •

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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Sunday Offertory for 5/11: $19,815

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

Left QR code for GiveCentral; Right QR code for Venmo

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Give today to support your parish

Stewardship Reflection

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.

Young Adult Ministry

BE SOCIAL

BE SPIRITUAL

BE CHARITABLE

BE INTELLECTUAL

BE CATHOLIC

Praise and Adoration This May—Friday, May 30 @7:30 PM

On Friday, May 30th, spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration in the church. We'll spend the first 30 minutes in silent adoration, and then our musicians will lead worship in song. Confession will also be available! The hour will conclude with benediction, and our Young Adult Ministry will lead a group for fellowship and drinks at a local bar after!

Faith Formation

Foundations

14-Week Study

Starting June 9 at 7 p.m.



Each and every Sunday we recite the Creed. But what does it mean? Starting June 9 at 7 p.m., Brooks Robinson, our Pastoral Associate, will be leading a 14-week study exploring the richness of our profession of faith.



St. Alphonsus Parish
1429 W. Wellington Ave
Chicago, IL 60657

If you are interested and would like further information, please email Brooks at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Faith Formation

St. Alphonsus Religious Education

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Click on "Religious Education" under the "Learn" Tab on our website.



Enrolling
Children Grades 1-8

Classes held Tuesday Evenings
6:15pm-7:30pm
Sept thru May

First Communion preparation takes 2 years and typically begins in 1st Grade



Confirmation preparation takes 2 years and typically begins in 7th Grade

Have a child older than 2nd Grade who has not yet received First Communion?

Have a child older than 7 years old who has not yet received Baptism?

Contact Emily Ember, Coor. of Religious Education
eember@stalphonsuschicago.church

Religious Education 2025-2026 Registration NOW OPEN!!

Register your child today for RE! Classes are open for enrollment for Grades 1-8. Our program is held on Tuesday Evenings (Sept. thru May) from 6:15 PM— 7:30 PM.

On the St. Alphonsus Website, click on the "Learn" tab, and then click "Religious Education." Scroll down to learn more about our program, register, and pay tuition.

Did you know that preparation for both First Communion and Confirmation is a 2 year process?

First Communion preparation typically begins in 1st Grade and Confirmation preparation typically begins in 7th Grade.

If you have a child that is older than 2nd Grade and has not yet received First Communion or a child that is older than 7 years old and has not yet received Baptism, contact Emily Ember, Coordinator of Religious Education: eember@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

Walking With Purpose—Women's Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 AM; Evenings at 6:30 PM

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

Become a true , dynamic disciple of Jesus Christ.

Passionate Discipleship is a Bible study focused on equipping women to know Christ and to make Him known. Study 2 Timothy verse by verse as we immerse ourselves in Paul's last and deeply personal letter to his beloved friend and mentee, Timothy.

walking with purpose

Come learn how to live as disciples of Christ, living with Him as the center of our lives and entrusting this message to others who can pass it on as well.

Meetings take place every Tuesday on the 2nd Floor Common Room in the parish rectory. For questions and more info, please contact Marianne at mariannek36@yahoo.com



First Brats of Summer!

Join us on Friday, May 30 for the First Brats of Summer, or in German, "Erstesommerbratfest!"

The Brat Crew from Oktoberfest will be making their famous brats to celebrate the beginning of Summer Days! Brat packages can be ordered for $16 during pre-sale only and can be picked up between 3 PM-4 PM or 5 PM-7 PM. Individual brats will also be available for $5 straight from the grill during these times! Join us for this easy-going, delicious fest!

Quantities are limited, order your packs early! Order at www.givecentral.org/otp/40446

Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal



This Sunday, the Little Sisters of the Poor, 2325 N. Lakewood Ave, visits our parish to share their vocation of hospitality to the elderly. St. Mary's Home in Chicago is one of 167 Homes for the elderly poor operated by the Little Sisters in 31 countries around the world.

Acute and considerable continues to be their need for financial support. Virtually all of the current residents of St. Mary's Home qualify for Medicaid, and a few receive meager pensions. But these modest funds cover, at best, about half of the annual expenses. The Little Sisters have ministered to thousands of elders in Chicago for 145 years. Your support will enable them to continue their mission of caring for the neediest seniors of every race and religion in a spirit of reverence and of humble service. God bless you! www.littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is now at St. Alphonsus! Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who serve the Church and their neighbor on a voluntary basis. The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. Members participate in the life of the parish through volunteering and evangelizing activities sponsored by the parish. Interested in becoming a Legionary? Meetings in English take place on Fridays at 5 PM in the Rectory. For more information, please contact Fr. Jesus at jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church.

Mama Meetup

Coffee After Mass: Join fellow mothers this **Sunday, May 18,** after the 11 AM Mass for coffee and light snacks in Festival Hall! This will be a casual gathering and a chance for moms to connect and socialize.

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. Low gluten hosts are available at every Mass, even daily Masses. To receive a low gluten host at Mass, all you have to do is get in the Communion line for the celebrant, and then just point to the little ciborium that the priest sets on the communion rail. These hosts have 0.01% gluten. We can provide further information about their content upon request.

Gospel Reflection

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once." John 13:31–32

Eternal Glory

If the life we live here and now is all we will ever have, then it makes sense to believe that death is our worst enemy. But as we know, this life is but a grain of sand in the ocean in comparison to eternity. For that reason, we must see death as our passing into the glories that await. The death of a loved one is difficult for sure. And when we face our own death, there are many temptations we might experience toward fear of the unknown. But if the Son of God chose to endure death itself, then we must work to see death differently.

Today's Gospel passage speaks of Jesus' coming death as His glorification. "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him." Jesus spoke these words right after Judas left the Last Supper to betray Him. From an earthly perspective, it is unlikely that anyone would consider their betrayal and brutal death as the moment when God is glorified. But from a heavenly and eternal perspective, Jesus' death was the greatest glorification He could offer to the Father. This only makes sense when we put on the mind of God.

As we continue to celebrate our Easter Season, we look beyond the suffering of Christ to see the fruit of His suffering. We see that death was defeated and that Jesus will now forever live in His glorified and resurrected body in Heaven. He will forever carry the marks in His hands, feet and side, and those marks will forever glorify the Father. The Resurrection of Christ changes everything, including death. For that reason, we must continually work to put on the mind of God and see our human lives as He sees them.

What is it that you live for in this life? What are your goals and ambitions? If you find that you focus excessively upon immediate pleasures, material wealth, selfish objectives and passing ambitions, then it is time to ponder the lesson of Jesus' glorification. By facing His own death as an opportunity to glorify the Father, Jesus made it possible for us to do the same. And though there will always be a healthy sorrow associated with the passing of a loved one, the hope of Heaven and eternal glory must become the lens through which we see all things in this life.



When you look at your life, it is essential to see the cross that God has given to you. That is because your cross is the gateway to this eternal glory. Each person's cross will be different. A cross is not simply our suffering; it's our call to live sacrificially. This is love. It's the calling we are given to lay our lives down for others. To serve others. To forgive every wrong, to love every sinner, to show mercy and compassion toward those in need. And to do all of this in response to God's perfect will. The crosses in our lives are opportunities for love in its purest form. This is how Jesus saw His Cross and this is how we must see ours.

Reflect, today, upon death, but try to look at it as a calling to give of yourself sacrificially out of love. The best way to prepare yourself for a glorious death is to live in the love of God here and now. To the extent that you can do that, God will be glorified as you share in the glory given to Christ.

My loving Lord, You transformed death itself into the perfect means by which You gave glory to Your Father and were glorified Yourself. Please help me to enter into Your mind so that I can see my life as You see it and to live for that eternal glory to which I am called. Jesus, I trust in You.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

As spring comes you may discover that your backyard drain is either slow or totally blocked. Here are some ways to unclog a backyard drain.
Boiling water: Pour slowly down the drain to melt away blockages.
Garden hose: Flush out debris by inserting the hose as far as possible into the drain pipes from the catch basin and turning on the water.
Baking soda and vinegar: Remove the drain cover, pour boiling water down the drain, add a cup of baking soda, then a cup of vinegar. The mixture should fizz and bubble, and you can repeat every couple of hours until the clog is gone.
Hand auger: A tool that works better than a plunger to clear more difficult blockages.
Drain snake (auger): A flexible, drill-like tool that can be screwed through the clog

SVdP Donation Drive in June

Join us on Sunday, June 1st, from 7:00 AM- 2:30 PM for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Donation Drive! Now is the time to start setting aside items to help us help our neighbors in need. All donated items stock the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift stores located in the Chicago area.

When you donate your gently used clothing and household items to our thrift stores, you are donating to a non-profit that helps those in need no matter where they come from in our communities.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores:

- Provide clothing and basic necessities to the homeless.
- Provide blankets and coats to homeless shelters.
- Provide household items and clothing to victims of fires, floods and other catastrophes.

On Donation Drive Sunday, We Will Gladly Accept:

- Gently used clothing, shoes, household items
- Small appliances
- Household decorations
- Kitchen utensils, dishes, pots, pans
- Jewelry
- Tools
- Sporting goods

Clothing should be packed in plastic bags. Household and other heavy items should be in boxes. Please wrap glassware and other fragile items in paper or bubble wrap.

The donations trailer will be parked in the St. Alphonsus parking lot from 7 AM-2:30 PM on Sunday, June 1st (convenient to mass times). Volunteers will be available to help load your items. We hope to see you there.

PLEASE NO TVS, COMPUTERS, PIANOS, BABY SEATS,

PILLOWS/MATTRESSES! THANK YOU!

PLEASE NOTE: Donations will ONLY be accepted at the donations trailer on Sunday, June 9 between the hours of 7 AM - 2:30 PM. Any items left outside of these times or at any other location will not be accepted. PLEASE DO NOT leave items at the church, rectory, or outside of the trailer. Thank you!

Around the Archdiocese

Prayers for New Archdiocese of Chicago Priests!

Cristian Garcia
Kevin Menard



Lord Jesus, you have chosen priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving.

We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising.

Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted.

And may the gift of Mary, your Mother, once given to your disciples, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father, Amen.

Alphonsus Academy News

The 5 PM Mass this Sunday, May 18 is in honor of the Alphonsus Academy class of 2021; now graduating H.S/College Prep this year. Please pray for our parish youth as they move on to greater heights in College/Military Service and more endeavors into adulthood! Thank you to the Perreault family for compiling this list and sharing with our school and parish community!

Tyler Birks
DePaul University

Dasha Cravcenco
N/A

Kayleigh DeForest
University of Illinois

Jimmy Doherty
Indiana University

Ryan Fardy
University of Illinois

Brennan Froning
University of California San Diego

Samuel Gegax
N/A

Jenna Govoni
University of South Carolina

Olivia Grady
Northeastern University

Will Grady
University of Wisconsin

Garen Gutzmer
Arizona State University

Olivia Hanna
Santa Clara University

Isla Hesse
University of Illinois

Phoebe Hillstrom
University of Wisconsin

Victoria Holcomb
University of Illinois

Aiden Hughes
University of Iowa

Christy Keys
N/A

Lila Koolman
N/A

Grace Leonard
University of Illinois

Jake Lepinskas
University of Illinois

Patrick McCorkle
N/A

Conner McLeod
Texas Christian University

Owen Meadows
Lynn University

Madeline Ogilvie
University of Illinois

Kevin Perreault
Dartmouth College

Abby Pierce
University of Wisconsin

Brady Pilcher
University of Oklahoma

Brennan Ray
San Diego State University

Sydney Reynolds
Saint Mary's College

McKenzie Riley
University of Georgia

Michael Rios
N/A

Max Rosen
American University

Henry Sperling
Colorado School of Mines

Lara Summerfield
Indiana University Kelley School of Business

Eva Theodosakis
Loyola University Chicago

Claire Tibshrany
University of Florida

Jacqueline Topp
Malcolm X College

Lillian Vanderbeek
University of Notre Dame

Jack West
Kansas University

summer WITH THE saints

"Walk with the saints this summer—faith-filled stories for the whole family on Formed."

What is Summer with the Saints?

- Every week of summer (beginning of June to end of August), receive an email containing a Formed video pertaining to a saint from that week.
- Two options to opt-in to: Adults and Kids
- Each week's email will include suggestions for families to implement what they watched through an activity to keep the summer fun and faith-filled.



Sign up at www.formed.org/summer-with-the-saints

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

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info@alphonsusacademy.org

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

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