Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 16, 2024: ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground,

is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.

But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." (Mk 4:31-32)

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: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Michael and Elizabeth Velten
Fidel Mercado Chavez
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania
Leslie Salimi
Jason Jamero
Rosemarie Cordero
Gary Masterson
Ramona Colon

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Sophia Ann LePard
Sadie Grace Zaabel
Lucas James Cataneo

Giving Update

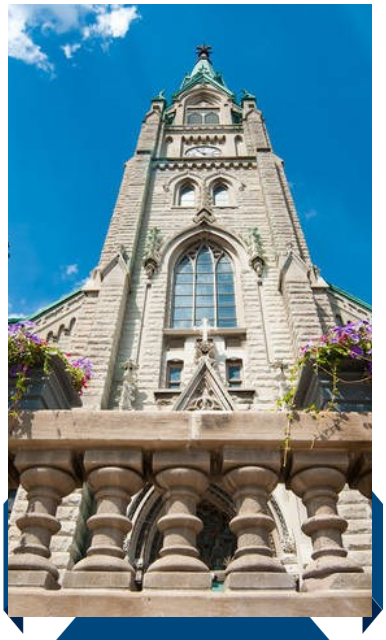
Weekly Budget Amount: $14,890

Offertory for 6/9: $16,756

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

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



WEDDING BANNS

Kirsten Moszczenski and Matthew Brandt

Katelyn Dato-on and Hunter Promer

Amanda Presslak and Theodore Leonas III

Quinceañera

Kara Cruz

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 16
9:00 AM +Irene Graham
Colleen and Justin Pellino (wedding anniversary)
11:00 AM +Richard Meindl
12:30 PM +Maria y Manuel Naula
5:00 PM +Edward Marsalek

Monday, June 17
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, June 18
8:30 AM No Mass Intentions (Prayer Service)

Wednesday, June 19
6:00 PM No Mass Intentions (Prayer Service)

Thursday, June 20
8:30 AM No Mass Intentions (Prayer Service)

Friday, June 21
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Saturday, June 22
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, June 23
9:00 AM Maske Family
11:00 AM +Arcadio Macaldo y Family
12:30 PM +Juanita Ramirez
5:00 PM +Larry Barnes

News and Events

Baptisms at St. Alphonsus



Baptism is a fundamental sacrament for Christians. It is a sacrament of initiation that unites us to Christ's mystical body, incorporates us into the Church, and marks the beginning of the Christian journey. Without baptism we cannot participate in the full sacramental life of the Church. In the sacraments we concretely and most visibly encounter God's grace—life reunited with life.

If you are interested in having your child baptized at St. Alphonsus, please contact Kathryn Kibler at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church
For adult baptisms, contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Weddings at St. Alphonsus



The love between two people is a gift from God. The commitment you make to be together for the rest of your lives is sealed before the community and God during the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. If you are recently engaged and planning to get married (either at St. Alphonsus Church or out of town) please review the Marriage page on our website and reach out to Kathryn at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church

Volunteer at Eucharistic Revival on June 28!

We're super excited that St. Alphonsus gets to host a portion of this pilgrimage and we're looking for volunteers to help make it an amazing experience for all those attending. Please consider lending some time to this event by signing up at **bit.ly/stalseuch24**

Priest Convocation— June 19-20

The priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago will be gathering this summer with Cardinal Cupich for a few days of prayer, conversation, meetings, renewal, and priestly fraternity. As a result, instead of Masses on those days, St. Alphonsus will hold liturgical services with the Liturgy of the Word and distribution of Holy Communion. On Wednesday evening, June 19th, immediately following the Communion Service, we will still have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. This service will be led by Mr. James Bratager, a formally instituted Acolyte and candidate in the permanent Diaconate formation program for the Archdiocese, who will be ordained next spring. The 8:30 AM service on Thursday, June 20 will be led by our Pastoral Associate Brooks Robinson or a member of a religious order. Please pray for the priests or our diocese, and especially Fr. Raya and Fr. Bauer, that the Convocation be a time of refreshment and growth.

Volunteer with Cleaning Angels!



All parishioners are invited to join us on Saturday, June 22 from 9 AM to 10:30 AM as we help to clean and beautify our Saint Alphonsus campus! It is our duty as good Catholics to be of service to our faith community and our local parish! No online sign-up; simply come to the church in the morning with charitable hearts! Contact coordinator Kelly Lovewell at kjlovewell@gmail.com for questions.

Are You Ready to Become Catholic?

Registration is open for The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.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. Contact Brooks Robinson MDiv, MTS at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church for more info & to register.



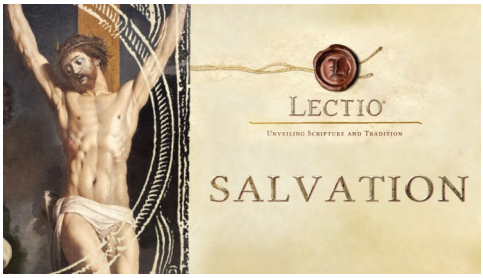
Eucharistic Adoration: A Source for Peace:
Sometimes our weeks can be quite hectic, making it hard to find quiet time to pray. If this sounds familiar, join us for Mass on Wednesdays at 6 PM, followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 6:30-7:30. This can be a great way to re-center yourself in God and experience the peace that only Christ can give.

Wednesday Evening Men's Vespers
Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday at 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, 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/more info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com

Serve as a Wedding Coordinator!

Are you someone who would consider themselves organized and a hopeless romantic, looking to get more involved in our parish? St. Alphonsus is currently looking for wedding coordinators to join our team. Weddings are joyful and jam-packed events filled with lots of details—it's an all-hands-on-deck ordeal! Being part of the Wedding Ministry is a rewarding opportunity as we help couples enjoy their special and Sacramental day. All volunteers receive a stipend for their time. **For more information, contact Priyanka Golwala weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church**

Faith Formation



New Lectio Series in June— Salvation

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

Beginning Monday, June 24th at 7 PM, we will set out to explore these and related questions using the FORMED Lectio series on Salvation. To sign up, costs, location, or for other questions contact Brooks Robinson, brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Walking with Purpose

Women's Group— 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!

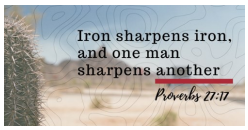
In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements, and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are? **Living in the Father's Love** will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all.

This brief but powerful summer Bible study, through July 16, is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself. Discover just how much God loves us and how the gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love. Questions? Contact Susan Combes at smbcombes51@gmail.com

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Chicago Young Adult Eucharistic Revival

Friday, June 28, 2024 | 6:30 – 10 p.m.

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church 1429 West Wellington Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

Join us as we celebrate the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese of Chicago!

Come experience this historic Eucharistic event for ALL Chicagoland area young adult Catholics, as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage officially makes its way through Chicago on its way to Indianapolis for the Eucharistic Congress.

The event will include Mass, a Eucharistic Procession, and a social afterwards.

Questions? Please contact Rebecca Siar at rsiar@archchicago.org.
To learn more and register for this event, please visit EucharisticRevivalChicago.org.

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"The more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we become like Jesus and the more we get a foretaste of heaven."

Blessed Carlo Acutis

6:30pm ~ Welcome & Pilgrim Testimony

6:45pm ~ Mass

(Fr. Steven Bauer as Main Celebrant; Fr. Tim Anastos as Homilist)

8:15pm ~ Candlelit Procession

9:00pm ~ Social featuring FREE Food & Live Music

(Outside and in the Athenaeum)

******A plenary indulgence has been granted for all National Eucharistic Pilgrimage event participants!**



St. Alphonsus Parish has purchased a subscription to FORMED so that you, yes YOU! can receive FREE access to Bible Studies, Family Programming, Classic Spiritual Books, and more! ¡Hay programas en español también!

TO SIGN UP FREE:
1) Go to formed.org/signup
2) Type in Zip Code 60657
3) Choose St. Alphonsus
4) Fill out your Name and Email
5) YOU'RE IN!

PARA REGISTRARSE GRATIS:
1) Vaya a formed.org/signup
2) Escriba el código postal 60657
3) Elige a St. Alphonsus
4) Escriba su nombre y correo electrónico
5) ¡DISFRUTA!



Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist

During this time of Eucharistic Revival, this film provides a moving meditation on the beauty and the power of the Eucharist.

Thanks to overwhelming support by the faithful at the box office in its initial run, the documentary will be shown again in theaters this week for 2 days only! Please visit www.fathomevents.com/events/jesus-thirsts-the-miracle-of-the-eucharist to find all Chicago area showings.



Young Adult Ministry

Sacrament Series— The Eucharist on Wednesday, June 26 at 7:30 PM



"Take this all of you and eat of it, this is my Body given up for you". These words, the apex of the Liturgy, are intrinsically tied to the Eucharist which is the focus of the next entry in our monthly Sacraments Series. The Catholic Church teaches that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the Eucharist, and yet a staggering number of American Catholics do not believe in this core tenet of Catholicism which has led to the current episcopal efforts to reverse this trend through the ongoing Eucharistic Revival.



As we explore the Sacrament which is the "source and summit of the Christian Life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1324-1327) we are joined by Fr. Jaroslaw Mikuczewski, SJ as our guest lecturer. Alongside a Master's of Divinity, Fr. Mikuczewski is a visiting lecturer on bioethics at Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine with a PhD in healthcare ethics as well as a Master's of Science in biotechnology with a focus on protein engineering and genetics. This event will be held in the second floor common room of the rectory. Doors will open at 7 PM and the talk will begin at 7:30.

Praise and Adoration— Friday, June 21 at 7:30 PM



On Friday, June 21st, spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration in the church. We'll spend the first 15 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 we will gather for fellowship and drinks at a local bar after!

Theology on Tap— Wednesday evenings this summer!



Look ahead to warmer days when we can sit out on the front veranda and listen to a great speaker series come July! We have four amazing speakers lined up for Theology on Tap, which will take place every Wednesday evening in July on the St. Alphonsus veranda. Fellowship and light refreshments at 7 PM; with the speaker's talk at 7:30 PM. Keep an eye out for more information on each speaker's topic as we get closer to the event!

7/10 – Bishop Lombardo
7/24 – Anne McGowan, Associate Professor of Liturgy @ Catholic Theological Union
7/31 – Fr. Tim Anastos
8/7 – Alessandro DiSanto, Co-Founder of Hallow app

Help Your Children Pray at Mass!

Here are some suggestions for parents to help their children pray the Mass, and create a reverent, prayerful atmosphere at Mass for all ages.

- Arrive early to use the restroom and settle in. If you have time, walk your child around the worship space and acquaint them with the architecture and art of our Catholic tradition. Show them the baptismal font and remind them that we all must live out our baptismal promises. Point out the beauty of the stained glass windows.
- Sit toward the front. Children will have an easier time paying attention!
- Help them to pray and embrace quiet. Mass offers families a wonderful "teaching moment" to develop a sense of reverence and respect for the Mass and sacred spaces. Be clear with children about the expectations regarding behavior and participation at Mass.
- Be a dynamic leader of example by actively participating in the Mass responses and singing of hymns.

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Save the date

FATHERHOOD DAY RETREAT

Saturday, June 29, 2024 | 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
1170 North River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016

We invite all dads for a one day retreat focused on the great vocation of Fatherhood, hosted by the Respect Life Ministry and Chastity Education Initiative.

Join Bishop Joseph N. Perry, Fr. James Heyd and speaker Damon Owens for an opportunity to form a brotherhood through fatherhood. This day retreat will begin with Mass and continue with sessions as we learn and receive tools for our faith journeys as fathers. More details to come!

Click here to register: **bit.ly/FatherhoodDay**. Please know that space is limited.



Father's Day Reflection



All men are called to the vocation of spiritual fatherhood; some are also called to live this out as fathers of biological, adopted, or foster children. The societal observance of Father's Day, in addition to the traditional observance of the holiday, is also an opportunity to highlight the spiritual fatherhood of godparents, priests, deacons, uncles, and other men who often serve as fathers in important ways within extended family, parish communities, or individuals' lives.

Fatherhood has its origins in God, who chose to reveal Himself to us as Our Father, sending his only Son for the sake of our salvation. Fathers therefore have a special role "in revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God" (*Familiaris consortio 25*).

Pope Saint John Paul II said fathers are called to exhibit "generous responsibility for the life conceived under the heart of the mother" (*Familiaris consortio 25*). They are uniquely entrusted with the protection and defense of both mother and child and, in this way, in safeguarding the sanctity of human life.

As a Church community, we need to encourage and support men to follow the example of St. Joseph and embrace their role as father. Joseph, himself, was unexpectedly called to fatherhood amid difficult circumstances. But despite all obstacles, he was faithful. He welcomed life, offering care and protection to Mary and Jesus.

In our efforts to honor, offer thanksgiving, and pray for fathers, it is also important to remember that Father's Day can be a difficult holiday for some, such as those who have lost or are estranged from their fathers, couples who are struggling with infertility, and fathers who have lost one or more children through miscarriage, abortion, or in some other way. Please continue to pray for all fathers and spiritual Fathers!

Blessing for All Fathers

God and Father of all creation,
we come before you today with humble hearts.
You are our model of a loving father.
When we fail and fall short of your expectations,
you are always there at the end of the day with open arms,
ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day
and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world
as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children.
Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures.
Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance.
We ask all this in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey

Credit card scrapers

Old credit cards make great scrapers – perfect for getting spilled food off the floor, and stubborn stuff that doesn't wipe easily off counters, like spilled pancake batter. Also try them for scraping the inside of the microwave, and for scraping baking sheets. But be sure to use a card that does not have a current credit card number or a personal ID number.

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*

Gospel Reflection

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private. Mark 4:33–34

The Mysteries of the Kingdom



The deepest mysteries of our faith can only be understood by someone who has deep faith. Understanding requires much more than just a keen intellect; it also requires an interior attentiveness to and familiarity with the voice of God. For that reason, as Jesus spoke to the crowds, He used parables and figures of speech rather than speaking directly about the mysteries of Heaven.

By analogy, if you were to attend a very special feast and you had well-formed taste buds, you might enjoy being served the best cut of meat cooked to perfection with a fine glass of wine. But to a small child, such a meal might not be that appealing. The same is true with music. If you were a musician who studied and played music throughout life, then you might have a greater appreciation for certain types of music. Others might simply be drawn to a certain type of music by the beat or because it has catchy lyrics.

In a similar way, a person who has only a little faith might not be immediately drawn into the deepest mystical truths of God when they are explained directly and clearly. Instead, they might find that a simplified Gospel message that uses familiar imagery or stories is better able to catch their attention and communicate the message.

This is good to understand because it's good for us to turn to the means of communication with God most suited for our depth of faith and understanding. For most people, it will be very useful to see themselves as one of those people in the crowds to whom Jesus spoke His parables. We should especially see ourselves as a part of the crowds as we begin our journey of faith. However, when a person has spent much time in prayer and meditation over the years and their faith begins to deepen, they may find that parables and stories are not as inspiring as they once were. They need more. They long for God to speak to them more clearly and deeply.

Practically speaking, as your faith grows, it is good to look for the deeper ways that God speaks to you. How does He come to you and explain His will and the truths of faith more directly as Jesus did to the Apostles? Perhaps reading the lives of the saints, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or some other spiritual book will engage you more deeply. Also, some Scripture passages may feed you more as you grow in faith, such as the passages where Jesus speaks more directly to His disciples.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you are most fully fed by God's holy Word at this point in your life. The best way to identify this is to consider what it is that has given you the most consolation and inspiration as of late. How has God's Word most powerfully resonated within you over this past year? Identifying the way that God has spoken to you recently is the best way to decide how to continue to receive from Him all that He wants to teach you and reveal to you at this point of your journey of faith. Continue to seek out God's voice, and be open to letting Him draw you ever more deeply into the beautiful depths of the mysteries of His Kingdom.

Glorious Word of God, You choose to speak to Your people in varied ways. To some, You speak through parables and figures of speech. To others, You speak more directly and intimately, revealing the depths of Your Heart. Please speak to me in the ways that will deepen my faith so that I can continue my journey into the many mysteries You wish to reveal. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Joining St. Alphonsus Parish

St. Alphonsus welcomes all community members on their faith journey! Just moved in the area? Coming back to practicing our Catholic faith? You will want to learn about all the events going on at our parish. If you are not receiving our weekly parish newsletter in your email, contact Mario Serrano at mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.church

You can officially register to join the parish at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors

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

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9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon- Fri

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www.alphonsusacademy.org
info@alphonsusacademy.org

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

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