Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024: TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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

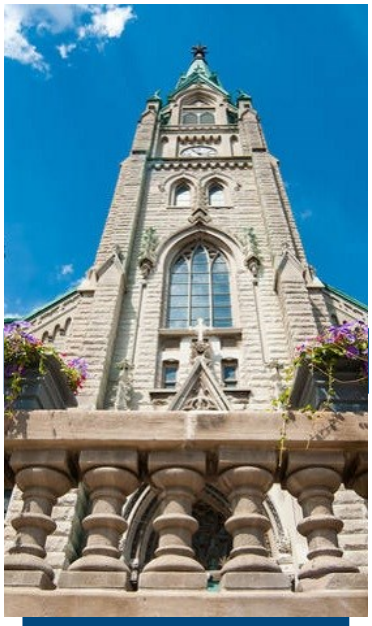
Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM
Saturday	11:00—12:00 PM

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

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



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
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

WEDDING BANNS

Ingrid Soh
and
Leo Nnanabu

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Offertory for 8/25: $12,103

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

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Maialen Grace Hayes

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Adam Andrzejewski

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 1
9:00 AM +Ethel Hayward
Juliana Pellino (Baptism)
11:00 AM Margaret Oliver & Family
12:30 PM +Rosy Valdez
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, September 2 *Labor Day*
9:00 AM +Edward Marsalek

Tuesday, September 3
8:30 AM +Margaret Nolan

Wednesday, September 4
6:00 PM +Geraldine Remmes

Thursday, September 5
8:30 AM +Mary H. Macchione

Friday, September 6
8:30 AM Holy Catechists and a Fruitful RE Year

Saturday, September 7
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, September 8
9:00 AM Michael and Elizabeth Velten (Health)
11:00 AM +Zoila Espinosa
12:30 PM +Mercedes Carrillo
5:00 PM +Gustavo Medina



Oktoberfest!

September 27, 28, and 29th

Admission $10.00
Friday and Saturday

Free Admission on Sunday!

Join us for all the Oktoberfest fun!

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

Entertainment

Friday 5-10 PM

~Leslie Hunt Band, ~iPop,
~The Shagadelics, ~Dancing Queen

Saturday Noon-10 PM

~School of Rock
~Sgt. Saukerkraut's Polka Band
~The Polkaholics

~Fletcher Rockwell
~Fearless, a Taylor Swift Tribute
~16 Candles



Sunday Noon-7 PM

KINDERFEST! JUMBOTRON SCREEN ON TO WATCH THE GAMES!

Craft Beer Tasting

Friday 6-9 PM, Saturday 4-7 PM
Select from dozens of options from local breweries, seasonal selections, and international favorites.
Tickets now available at
bucketlisters.com/experience/oktoberfest-chicago

VIP Experience

VIP's will receive a commemorative 1L stein from Germany, brats, free admission for 4, 2 for 1 beer, Oktoberfest T-Shirts, Hat and more!
Package now available on our parish GiveCentral site,
www.givecentral.org/otp/41554

PROST!!

Faith Formation

What Is A Catechist?

A Catechist is more than a teacher, but is truly a witness of the faith. God has created each of us to be unique and irreplaceable. We each reveal a specific part of God's heart that no one else can reveal in the very same way. By becoming a Catechist, you have the opportunity to reveal the love of God and allow it to shine forth, inspiring little hearts to desire to become saints. Training, a curriculum, and ongoing support are given to Catechists. If you desire to spread the faith and bring the little children to Jesus, contact Emily at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church to discern if this role is for you.

BECOME A CATECHIST FOR ST. ALPHONSUS!



Why Be A Catechist?

- Inspire Joy and Love in Little Hearts
- Bring Christ to the Children
- Be a Role Model and Witness
- Increase in Knowledge of the Faith





Jesus said what you do to the least of these you do to me.



Spread the Faith **Inspire Hearts** **Make a Difference**

Contact Emily Ember, Coor. 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.

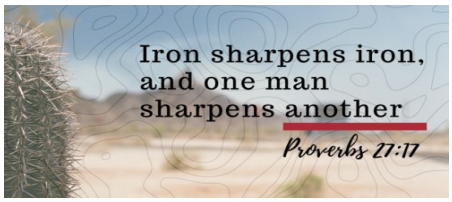
When great conversations happen, synergy that creates connections and helps values be shared develops. *Proverbs 27:17* describes this as two iron tools being sharpened and made more effective. The same applies with friends coming into contact, sharpening and encouraging each other to greater service.

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

The St. Alphonsus Men's Group is hosting a Holy Hour of silent adoration on Friday, September 6th, from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in the church. All parishioners are invited to be in the presence of our Lord during this hour, and confessions will also be heard during this time.



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.

News and Events



Happy Labor Day Weekend!

St. Alphonsus parish wishes you and your loved ones a wonderful Labor Day holiday weekend! Please note daily Mass on Monday, September 2 will be at 9:00 AM, rather than the regular 8:30 AM daily Mass time. The parish rectory and AACA will be closed.

Are You Ready to Become Catholic?

Registration is open for The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with 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.church

Register Your Children for Religious Education!

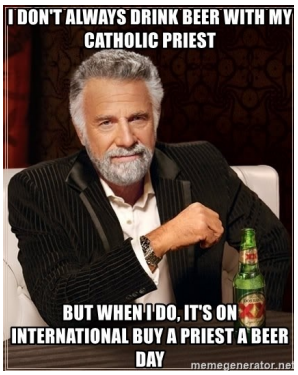


Registration for our Religious Education program is now open for the 2024-2025 school year for grades 1st-8th on Tuesday nights at 6:15 PM. Parent orientation is September 10 and classes will begin on September 17. Please register at the link on our Religious Ed page, www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education

Serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion!

Our parish is in need of faithful Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion. EMHC's should be fully initiated and practicing Catholics having received baptism, confirmation, and first Eucharist. If you would like to volunteer for this important ministry at Mass, please contact Father Bauer. There will be a training session on **Thursday, September 5 at 7 PM in the church**.

International Buy A Priest a Beer Social— Monday, September 9 at 7 PM



Monday, Sept. 9 is International Buy A Priest A Beer day. (This illustrious holiday dates all the way back to 2013 when it was invented by bloggers online called *The Catholic Gentleman*.) **To celebrate, Father Bauer and Father Raya joyfully invite all parishioners to a fun social in the rectory courtyard**. It is a day when Catholics show appreciation for our priests and share with them how their ministry has been important to them. You could also show your appreciation in other ways, such as buying them a different drink, by inviting them over for dinner, or by praying for them. Bringing a beer is not required; this legitimate holiday is just a convenient excuse for parishioners to hang out with our priests on a Monday evening.

Safe Families for Children Meetup

Our Safe Families for Children Ministry will be hosting a "Ministry Meetup" on Tuesday, September 10 from 6:30-8 PM. A small group of Safe Families volunteers (prospective & current, various volunteer roles) is meeting to build community and share volunteer tips & tricks. You are invited!! To register, contact us at safefamiliesstals@gmail.com

Men's Pickup Basketball

Almost every Sunday at 7 PM, there is a competitive men's pickup basketball game(s) for anyone who plays. Games are played in the St. Alphonsus gymnasium that is underneath the Athenaeum. Entrance to the gym is on the side of the building between the church and the Athenaeum. If you would like to be added to the weekly email list that coordinates the games or have any questions, you can reach out to Chris at cberezniak1@yahoo.com

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SAMUEL GROUP

Discernment for young adults

Samuel Group is a program sponsored by the Vocation Office that holds monthly meetings between September 2024 and April 2025. The goal of the program is to help young adults learn to listen more clearly to the voice of God in their daily lives so that they can make a good discernment. Each meeting includes talks, a time for food and fellowship, adoration, confession, and Sunday Mass. For more information, contact Katie Hazen at **khazen@archchicago.org** or 847.508.2023.

St. Alphonsus Parish (Lakeview), 1429 W. Wellington Ave., Chicago, IL 60657
2024: September 22, October 20, November 17, December 15
2025: January 19, February 16, March 23, April 27
Meetings: 1 – 5 p.m., Mass: 5 p.m.
Meetings and Mass are in English

Cost: $45 per person
Register here: bit.ly/4cSnLTJ



Young Adult Ministry

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is one of St. Alphonsus' most active parish groups! YAM is led by a volunteer board and is guided by Pastoral Associate, Brooks Robinson. Stated simply, the ministry's mission is to help one another participate in Christ's mission, that we, as young adult Catholics, may be effective disciples, evangelists, and agents of charity in all that we do. YAM provides many social, intellectual, service, and spiritual opportunities for growth. Members range in age from 21-39 years old. Our YAM group is made up of 4 main pillars, Spiritual, Intellectual, Service, and Social. Visit the St. Alphonsus YAM Facebook page, *www.facebook.com/AlphonsusYoungAdult* or contact the YAM board at *stalphonsusyam@gmail.com*

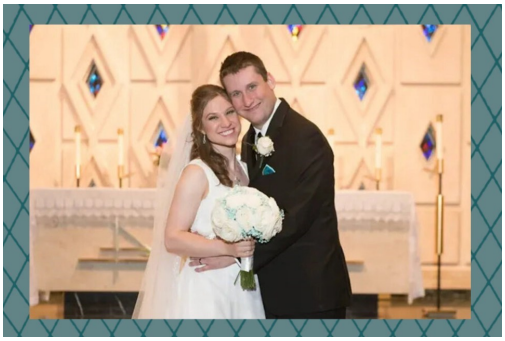
BE SOCIAL
BE SPIRITUAL
BE CHARITABLE
BE INTELLECTUAL
BE CATHOLIC

YAM, The Year Ahead and YOU! — Sunday, September 8



It's almost time to officially kick off another YAM year at St. Al's! Following the 5 PM Mass on Sept. 8, young adults (ages 21-39) are invited to attend the YAM kickoff in the church parking lot. This year's theme is *YAM, The Year Ahead, and YOU*! During the event, learn more about what YAM is, meet the new board and hear about our plans for the coming year, as well as find ways to get involved in the community! Throughout the year, we host numerous events but we can't do it ourselves which is why we need YOU to help us out. Whether it's planning events, assisting with setup, cleanup, or other event logistics all help is greatly appreciated. So come learn how to get involved in our Spiritual, Social, Service and Intellectual pillars as well as small groups. Plus, enjoy the food available for purchase, the free beer and wine, music, and great company! We look forward to seeing you! Whether you're a YAM regular or newcomer, all are welcome!

Sacrament Series— Holy Matrimony — Wednesday, September 11



Join us on Wednesday, September 11 in the St. Alphonsus Rectory's 2nd floor common room as we resume our monthly Sacrament Series with the topic of Holy Matrimony.

We will be joined by Jake and Cathy Moore who first met at YAM's Speed Dating in 2016 and have been married since 2018. Together they host a podcast called the *TruthPop Podcast* which gives a Catholic take on faith and culture. They also produce a Catholic music stream called *TruthPop* (truthpop.net) featuring Christian music with Catholic artists and content. Jake and Cathy have been involved in youth ministry and marriage prep and have helped facilitate retreats and events. They have spoken at multiple young adult events including Theology on Tap and last year's YAM dating panel. Their mission is to help bring Christ's love into the world through their vocation of marriage.

Doors open at 7 PM with the talk starting at 7:30. Hope to see you here!

More Young Adult Events Around Chicago

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS
Working in Witness for Christ™

Join YCP Chicago and Benedictine University Goodwin College of Business on Tuesday, September 17th for their Executive Panel Discussions Series event. Panelists will lead the discussion about ***Faith and Fortitude in the Workplace.*** Attendees enjoy complimentary drinks and catered dinner and have a chance to socialize before and after the evening's presentation. Register at ycp.glueup.com/org/ycpchicago/events

"Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:
This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me."

— Mk 7:5b-6

Rejecting False Accusations



What a foolish thing for these Pharisees and scribes to be concerned about! They were in the presence of the Son of God, the Savior of the World, a man of perfect virtue and pure goodness, and all they could do was to observe that some of Jesus' disciples failed to follow the scrupulous teaching on how they should wash their hands before a meal. The reason for this was their pride. These teachers of Israel had devised a large body of detailed, unwritten, human laws that they treated with the same binding force as the Law of Moses that they received from God. But the scribes' and Pharisees' human traditions were not from God; they were a body of regulations flowing from their own self-righteous need to act as interpreters of the Law. Therefore, whenever someone failed to follow the traditions the Pharisees and scribes taught as binding, they took it personally and reacted with judgment.

One lesson we can learn from these religious leaders is that we should never take things personally. Allowing ourselves to become personally offended at anything at all is, in fact, an act of our own pride. We do need to have sorrow for the sin we see, but that is different than allowing ourselves to become personally offended. For example, even if we were to teach the very Law of God and someone rejects that teaching, our response must be sorrow for them as we reject their error.

Jesus went on to respond to the Pharisees and scribes by quoting to them the Prophet Isaiah: "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts" (See Isaiah 29:13). What's interesting is that Jesus didn't really engage them in conversation about this, defending Himself or His disciples in their eyes. Instead, He rebuked the Pharisees and scribes in a general way so as to dismiss their criticism as false, and then turned away from them and addressed the crowds.

We will all experience unjust condemnation at times. If we are in the wrong, then we must receive the condemnation as if it were from God and repent. But if the condemnation flows from someone's wounded pride or error, then Jesus set the example on how we ought to respond. The best response is to reject their error and then refuse to become engaged in the conversation further. Too often when we are criticized unjustly, we also take it personally. We tend to fight back and justify ourselves, trying to prove that the other person is wrong. But when we do that, we are most likely acting out of our own wounded pride. This will result in angry sulking feelings and the experience of oppression that the evil one inflicts upon us. Jesus' model is to reject the lie and then refuse to engage it further. The reason for this is that the unjust condemnation is actually the seed of the evil one. The person delivering it is only the instrument. So we rebuke the lie of the evil one and refuse to get into a personal battle with the person delivering the lie. Doing so brings freedom from oppression and allows our hearts to remain at peace, no matter what we endure.

Reflect, today, upon any ways that you have taken some conversation personally, allowing it to oppress you with anger, becoming defensive or argumentative. Know that whenever that happens, this is an attack from the evil one as he seeks to oppress you. Do not accept that abuse. The guide for each of us is the peace and joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. Even the greatest martyrs remained at peace and felt joy in the midst of their persecution. Reflect upon any ways that you have allowed the evil one to agitate you and leave you upset with your wounded pride. Do not fall into his trap. Hold on to the truth and remain at peace, and that will be all the defense you need to make.

My persecuted Lord, You endured much criticism in life, but You never allowed it to steal Your peace. You remained perfectly strong, rejecting the lies and turning from them. Please give me the grace I need to always turn away from the lies of the evil one and to listen only to Your clear and gentle voice. Jesus, I trust in You.

Alphonsus Academy



All parishioners are invited to join us under the Southport El stop , 3410 N. Southport, to celebrate our school community among local vendors + entertainers! Low-Line Market is from 3-7 PM on September 3, 10 and 17th.



Low-Line Market, hosted by *Friends of Lakeview*, is a conveniently located and carefully curated farmers market, with the goal of creating an experience where neighbors can meet and gather while having greater access to a collection of high-quality produce, proteins, flowers and artisanal foods from local farms and vendors. www.lakeviewroscoevillage.org/low-line-market

During their first full week of school, Alphonsus Academy seventh and eighth graders visited local nonprofits like the *Greater Chicago Food Depository*, *Share our Spare*, and *Our Lady of the Angels Mission* to give back. They also completed team-building and cooperative activities to strengthen their relationships as the new year begins. Thank you for your leadership, upper middle school students and staff!

Stewardship—First Fruits

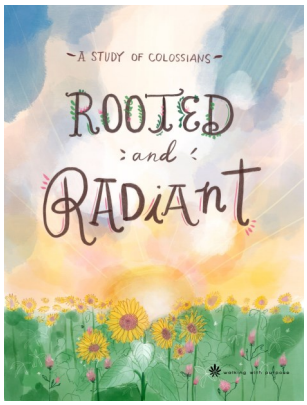
FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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*

Walking With Purpose



Rooted and Radiant Women's Bible Study —
starting Tuesday, September 17

Walking w/ Purpose is a modern woman's guide to the Bible! Join us this fall as we help you enjoy a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, nurtured through personal Bible study and small group discussions created just for women!

In the ***Rooted and*** Radiant study, we will learn the book of Colossians and seek to understand the challenges that faced them, recognizing that they are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.

Sessions are on Tuesdays, mornings are 9:30—11 AM and the evening session is 6:30—8 PM. Questions? Please contact Susan Combes, smbcombes51@gmail.com

St Alphonsus Cub Scouts Pack 3889

Now Accepting New Members in Grades 1 to 5

Camping

Raingutter Regatta



Pinewood Derby

Blue & Gold Banquet

NEW to Scouting? Attend the Taste of Scouting Event in the St. Alphonsus Festival Hall on Friday, September 6 from 4 to 5:30pm.

Step 1. Come meet the Cub Scouts at a regular weekly meeting or special event.
Step 2. New Cub Scouts must register online with BSA to get your Member ID. BSA dues $117 paid directly to BSA.
Step 3. Join a Den – 1st Grade Tigers, 2nd Gr. Wolves, 3rd Gr. Bears, 4th Gr. Webelos, and 5th Grade Arrow of Light.
Step 4. Pay your dues by the end of registration on September 20.

Pack Dues for 2024-25 school year will be $160.
Please pay via Venmo to @Pack3889CubScouts

Registered Cub Scouts, returning members and their families are welcome to join the Family Camping Event on September 20-22 at Indiana Dunes State Park.

Please contact pack leadership with your **Questions/Comments:** pack3889@gmail.com

2024-25 Pack 3889 Cub Scouts Registration

If scanning does not work, please visit: https://forms.gle/YCRezK7YE4bvQ5zj7 or find our blurb in this weekend's parish electronic newsletter! Thanks!!

BSA Registration	*PACK Registration*	*DEN Fees*
SCAN ME	SCAN ME	@Pack3889CubScouts venmo



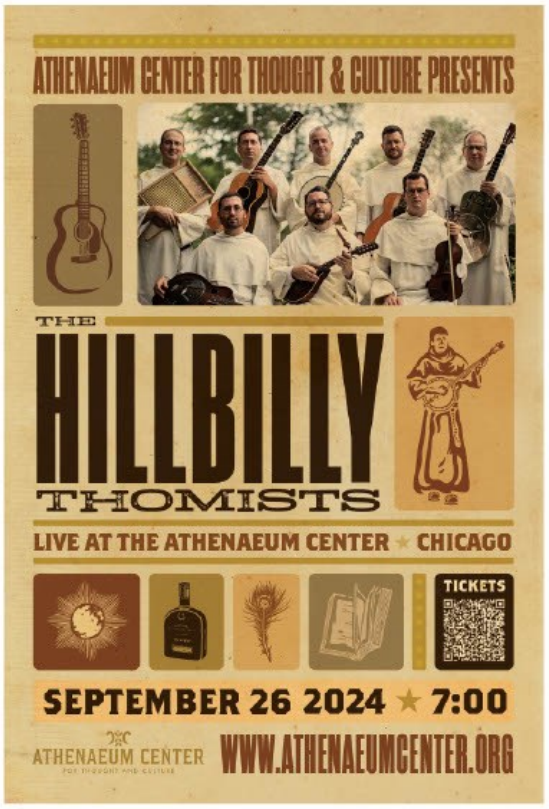
ATHENAEUM CENTER *presents*

Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist

September 18

You're invited to a FREE screening of *Jesus Thirsts* with cast member and noted author Noelle Mering, who will join us for a Q&A following the film. The film embarks on a global journey to rediscover and revive the transformative power of the Eucharist. Engaging in dialogue with notable Catholic figures, the film explores the biblical origins of the Eucharist and shares personal stories of individuals whose lives have been transformed by the Blessed Sacrament. This exploration makes it unmistakably clear that the Eucharist is not merely a symbol, but is indeed Jesus Christ Himself — fervently desiring to quench our spiritual thirst with His boundless love.

TICKETS: www.athenaeumcenter.org OR
CALL: (312)820-6250 / LOCATION: 2936 N Southport Ave



The Hillbilly Thomists *September 26*

This Bluegrass band of Dominican friars will be returning to the Athenaeum Center on a rare US tour! They first graced our stage in 2022, and brought the house down with their tight harmonies and finger-pickin' melodies.

Since then, they've been busy doing what Dominicans do best—preaching, teaching, and serving. Despite living on different continents, they manage to keep making music; and just this month their newly-released album, *Marigold*, rose quickly to #2 on the Billboard Bluegrass Chart!

Gather your friends and family, and join us for a lively, soulful, and inspiring evening of Bluegrass & Americana music!

TICKETS: www.athenaeumcenter.org OR
CALL: (312)820-6250 / LOCATION: 2936 N Southport Ave
Use promo code ALPHONSUS at checkout to receive 10% off, and 10% will be donated to your parish.



Our Archdiocese of Chicago seminarians of Configuration 1 declared candidacy this week, publicly declaring their intention to study for the priesthood and taking a significant step in the journey of discernment to ordination. Candidacy is a public declaration of one's intention to pursue Diaconate and Priesthood. It implies a personal willingness to spiritually prepare for the calling to ordained ministry. It also symbolizes a commitment to one's own Archdiocese or Diocese and a determination to serve the people joyfully and enthusiastically. May God, who has begun His good work in them, bring it to fulfillment!



Community News

Children and Adult Ballet Classes at Athenaeum



Ballet 5:8 is a faith based and family friendly organization that believes in the power of the good, true and beautiful to transform. We believe that training in the arts is a wonderful place to develop as a child, helping them to see the beauty of the world around them. Ballet provides an incredible foundation of physical training, music, movement, and teamwork that will serve kids for whatever is next in their journey. The School of Ballet 5:8 campus in Lakeview is starting its second year. Classes are on Tuesdays at the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, with classes focused on students age 3-9, and an evening class for adults. **The first class is free to try out.** Learn more about the Lakeview campus, the director, and schedules at the website at school.ballet58.org/lakeview

South Lakeview Neighbors Meeting— Tuesday, September 17

South Lakeview Neighbors is a civic organization that meet monthly to socialize and discuss important issues in our community. They will have their next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 PM (a change from the usual 2nd Tues of the month, in order not to conflict with the Presidential debate) at the Paradiso room at the Athenaeum. Learn more at slneighbors.org

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus— Intellectual Disabilities Drive



On Saturday, September 21, our parish Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for their annual Intellectual Disabilities (ID) aka "Tootsie Roll" fundraising drive around the parish campus from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please look for them at the intersections of Southport, Lincoln, and Wellington.



On Sunday, September 22, starting at 9 AM, the Knights will be outside the parish campus again collecting donations for the ID Drive. They will also be in the Narthex after the Sunday Masses (9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM) at St. Alphonsus. **They can use your help with collection volunteers**. To volunteer: contact Don Ogilvie at dono2108@gmail.com or Ray San Agustin at raysanagustin15158@gmail.com

The funds generated from this drive are used to support local programs which help people with special learning and life needs. The St. Alphonsus Knights thank you in advance for your help and generosity!

Our next council meeting will be on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 PM! Open to all Catholic practicing men, please come out and join us!

Pope Francis September Intention

For the Cry of the Earth

"That each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the earth" is the prayer intention for the month of September. Catholics are also asked to pray this month for victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis.

September Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**2** *Labor Day Holiday AACA and Rectory Office Closed* *Mass at 9 AM*	**3** **3:00 PM** Cub Scouts Meeting **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum **7:00 PM** Parish Finance Council Mtg.	**4** **1:45 PM** Junior Scouts (4th) **6:30 PM** Book Club Meeting **7:00 PM** Knights of Columbus Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**5** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training	**6** **4:00 PM** Cub Scouts— Taste of Scouting **7:30 PM** Men's Group Holy Hour Adoration	**7**
8 **10:15 AM** RE Catechist Orientation **6:15 PM** Young Adult Ministry Kick-Off **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**9** *International Buy A Priest A Beer Day— Social at 7 PM in Courtyard* **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Lectio Divina— Salvation	**10** **3:00 PM** Cub Scouts Meeting **6:15 PM** Religious Education— Parent Orientation **6:30 PM** SFFC Ministry Meetup **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**11** **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts (3rd) **6:30 PM** Book Club Meeting **7:00 PM** Sacrament Series: Holy Matrimony **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**12** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Marriage Information Meeting	**13**	**14** **9:00 AM** YAM— Starved Rock State Park Outing

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15 *Catechetical Sunday 2024* **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**16** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Lectio Divina— Salvation **7:00 PM** Baptismal Prep Class	**17** **9:30 AM** Walking w/ Purpose **3:00 PM** Cub Scouts Meeting **6:15 PM** Religious Education— Opening Night **6:30 PM** Walking w/ Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**18** **1:45 PM** Altar Server Training **6:30 PM** Book Club Meeting **7:00 PM** *Jesus Thirsts* Free Film Screening at ACTC **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**19** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group	**20** **7:30 PM** Praise and Adoration	**21** *Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Drive*
22 *Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Drive* *Seminarian Education Collection* **1:00 PM** Samuel Group **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**23** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Lectio Divina— Salvation **6:30 PM** Altar Server Training	**24** **9:30 AM** Walking w/ Purpose **3:00 PM** Cub Scouts Meeting **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking w/ Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**25** **1:45 PM** Daisy Scouts (1st) **6:30 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**26** **8:00 AM** Blessings in a Backpack **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group **7:00 PM** Hillbilly Thomists Concert at ACTC; evening prayer in Church after show	**27** Oktoberfest!	**28**
29 Oktoberfest!	**30** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group					

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Carpet Stains

Invariably, sooner or later, you will get a stain on your carpet. Here is a good way to get the stain out. As soon as possible pick up as much of the staining substance as possible. Use a putty knife or butter knife and scoop it up. Then use a full glass of cold water and pour it on the stain. Use your fingers to mix the soil with the water. (If it is dog poop you may want to use rubber gloves.) Then blot up the water with paper towels. Keep doing that until you can no longer get any water into the paper towels. This may take a whole roll of paper towels. If necessary, repeat the process.

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– 7:30 PM Tues, Thur

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Staff

Parish Staff

Rev. Steven Bauer, Pastor
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Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager
Kathryn Kibler, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator/Parish Secretary

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