Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 2, 2022: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Where is the newborn King of the Jews? We saw His star at its rising, and have come to worship Him.
– Matthew 2:2

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri	8:30 AM
Wed	6:00 PM
Sun	9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 (Spanish) and 5:00 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—11:30 AM

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

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesday	5:50 PM

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Joanna Ravelingeen
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
Rita Gerich
Tessa Sergent
Carolina Goldie
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
Rachel Schopp
Mike Madigan
David Birks
Lorik Oppland
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Doug Tally
Jeff De La Cruz
Stacy Strickland
Tim Dooling
Spencer Lyles
Magdalena Gonzalez
Christopher Bibat
Michael Aldape
Fidel Mercado Chavez
J.J Keils
Dan Brusstar

Welcome to the Parish!

Carolin, Minor, Alexander, and Oliver LeBlond

Tyler, Adriana, Tyler Jr. and Bruno Manic

Melissa and Josephine Oliva

Katie, Austin, Henry, and James Morris

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 12/19/2021: $15,493

Offertory for 12/26/2021: $13,060

The Christmas collection is still being counted as the bulletin went to press.

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



WEDDING BANNS

Patricia Schwerdt

and

Michael Montemayor

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Makeena Angelene Hulbert

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

Find Peace in the Middle of the Week: 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 Wednesday at 6 PM., followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 6:30 – 7:30. That can be a great way to experience re-center yourself in God and experience the peace that only Christ can give.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 2
9:00 AM +Lawrence and Jeanette Doyle
11:00 AM +Deborah Blake
12:30 PM The People of Saint Alphonsus
5:00 PM Mary Ziko & Her Children/Grandchildren

Monday, January 3
8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Tuesday, January 4
8:30 AM +Paul Neils

Wednesday, January 5
6:00 PM +Helen Gorman

Thursday, January 6
8:30 AM +Gaspar Gonzalez

Friday, January 7
8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Sunday, January 9
9:00 AM +Grace Moran
11:00 AM +Neil F. Farrell
12:30 PM +Ernesto Tafur
5:00 PM +Robert Proffit

Parish News and Events

Happy New Year 2022!

St. Alphonsus parish staff is praying for all community members to have a wonderful and safe new year! Now is a great time to reflect and what you can be doing to improve our lives, spiritually, socially, intellectually, etc. Please note the Archdiocese of Chicago has designated this Monday January 3 as a holiday for 2022, so the parish office will be closed.

St. Alphonsus Annual Report

The annual report from St. Alphonsus parish which include the breakdown of all parish and our AACA school's financials as well as previous year's recap/ amusing anecdotes are now available online at the parish website, www.stalphonsuschicago.org.

Book Club at St. Alphonsus

Our parish has a group of intellectual avid readers who love our Catholic faith and learning more about life through the great works. They meet every Wednesday at 6 PM, often in-person in the rectory but occasionally on Zoom. After taking a few weeks off for the holidays, their next meeting will take place January 5. For more info, contact Book Club coordinator Leora at lwallac2@alumni.nd.edu

Tuesday Evening Philosophy Group



Join us on Tuesdays in the St. Alphonsus rectory for weekly philosophy discussions and digging deeper into the greatest thinkers of all time. Get in touch with our YAM Intellectual chair, Ephrem at ephrem.shaffer@gmail.com for more information.

Recovery Programs at St. Alphonsus

If you or loved ones you know have a problem with alcohol/substance abuse, please seek help! Our parish hosts two AA programs. Daily Reflections meet on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM in the rectory Common Room. Contact Lauren Merrill Sammis, lauren.merrill@live.com for more information. There is also a Young People's Big Book AA group that meet Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the Festival Hall. You can contact one of the coordinators, Samuel, samuelaaronmosley@gmail.com for more info.

Living the Gospel of Life

2022 March For Life— Saturday January 8 Downtown Loop



Thousands of pro-life activists are expected to gather in Chicago's Loop next Saturday January 8, for the March for Life Chicago. It is beyond gross that on December 17, "Governor" Pritzker signed a repeal of the Parental Notification of Abortion Act. This despicable action was decried by Kevin Grillot, Director of the March for Life Chicago, "*This is a tragic day for parents, girls, and unborn babies in Illinois and the entire Midwest*". *"By signing the repeal of the Parental Notification of Abortion Act, Governor Pritzker acted in opposition to 72% of Illinois residents who wanted to keep this commonsense law in place. Illinois is now the only state in the Midwest that does not have Parental Notification in place, an open invitation to out-of-state minors to pursue abortions in Illinois. This repeal strips parents of their rights to be involved in the medical care of their daughters and leaves girls increasingly vulnerable to sexual traffickers."*

On Saturday, January 8th, join St. Alphonsus Young Adult Ministry and other pro-life young adults & groups from across the Midwest for the Chicago March for Life. The Rally is at 1:00 PM at Federal Plaza - 50 W. Adams. Information about the Rally and the March is at https://marchforlifechicago.org/march
There is an entire day of events at The Hilton at 720 S. Michigan Ave, including the Pro-Life Convention, banquet dinner and other events.
https://marchforlifechicago.org/schedule
https://marchforlifechicago.org/convention
Pre-registration is required for the convention (free) and the banquet (ticketed)

Faith Formation

Women's Bible Study Meetings– Tuesdays at St. Alphonsus



Are you looking for a way to refuel and be refreshed, make authentic connections with other women, and learn more about God? It's time to come back to community! Our mission at Walking With Purpose is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies.

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

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

Walking With Purpose meet on Tuesdays at the St. Alphonsus Common Room in the rectory.
Meetings are from 9:30 AM to 11 AM or 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. **Walking With Purpose will be taking a short break during the holidays and will reconvene in-person meetings on January 18, 2022.**
For more info, contact suecombes@hotmail.com

Sacraments at St. Alphonsus

Baptisms



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. This Christmas season, as we celebrate the Word of God made flesh, remember your baptism and God's presence in your life. If you are interested in having your child baptized contact Kaitlin Holyk at weddings@stalphonsuschicago.com. For adult baptisms contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.com

Marriage 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 Kaitlin Holyk at weddings@stalphonsuschicago.com.

Made For More



Save the Date! April 5, 2022
An evening of live music, visual beauty, and reflection

Where do we come from and where are we going? These questions are DECISIVE for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfillment. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie clips, YouTube videos, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instill in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive... For more info, contact Dawn Fitzpatrick, dfitzpatrick@archchicago.org or (312) 534-5355 **Ticket sales are now live.**

Young Adult Ministry

BE SOCIAL
BE SPIRITUAL
BE CHARITABLE
BE INTELLECTUAL
BE CATHOLIC

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*

Co-Ed Volleyball League at St. Alphonsus



Sign up for this year's St. Al's Co-Ed Volleyball League! Games will be played in the St. Alphonsus gym on Thursdays starting at 7:30 PM on February 17th and will go through April 28th. Teams will play a total of 8 games each over the course of 11 weeks. You can sign up individually or with up to 2 other people. Sign-ups are online at www.catholicsportsleagues.com. Sign up at the early bird price of $65 by January 21st.

Save the Dates for February YAM Events— Prove Me Wrong and Speed Dating!



Tired of all the mic-dropping in the Twittersphere? Prove Me Wrong is a speaker series that addresses some of your most pressing and complex questions about the faith. Rather than looking for quick, empty wins in an online debate, our speakers consider strong objections to their positions and then provide a response. The next rendition will be **Tuesday, February 15** from 7-8:30 PM in the Festival Hall. Topic and speaker are TBD.



SAVE THE DATE! We are pretty excited for this annual popular event! Speed Dating at St. Alphonsus will be on **Saturday, February 19** in the Festival Hall. Be sure to check the YAM Facebook page and St. Alphonsus bulletin/newsletter when the sign-up goes live as it generally sells out quickly. Must be 21-39 and single to participate. Already taken? Invite your single friends to join!

Young Catholic Professionals Chicago—Executive Speaker Series



Join YCP Chicago on **Tuesday, January 11th** for an Executive Speaker Series event, featuring Julia Hogan-Werner, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and owner of Vita Optimum Counseling & Consulting, LLC., who will speak on ***"Living Your True Identity Beyond Work."*** This event will take place at the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, 2936 N. Southport Ave, next door to St. Alphonsus.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s from ALL industries are invited to this free event, where you will learn insights about the integration of faith and work and network with other young Catholic professionals from the Chicagoland area over complimentary beer, wine, and appetizers.

Mass will be at 6:15 PM (confession will be available starting at 5:30 PM), networking and the speaker's presentation will take place from 7 PM-9 PM. Free parking will be available in either of the St. Alphonsus parking lots (next to or behind the theater). Register at bit.ly/ycpjan22

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*

Support St. Alphonsus with a Christmas/Year-End Gift!

It is not too late to make your Christmas contribution for the 2021 year. You can do this through GiveCentral at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/526 or text **joyful** to (773) 570-7600.
Your gifts help our parish continue our ministries.
We are deeply grateful for every gift that is shared!

Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded in the United States in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, there are more than 1.8 million members in over 15,000 councils across the globe. Dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, the Knights of Columbus organize and participate in numerous charitable activities each year that are designed to benefit their parish communities, to help their brother Knights grow deeper in their faith as Catholic men, and to serve the needy and less fortunate in the world.

Our St Alphonsus Council of the Knights of Columbus is part of a collection of nearly 500 KofC councils in the State of Illinois, and over 75 councils in the Chicago Archdiocese. For more information on our order and their activities worldwide, please visit: *www.kofc.org*

Our council is named after the parish's namesake, St. Alphonsus. We were formed in October 2010, and spearheaded by then Pastor, Fr. James Hurlbert. The St. Alphonsus Council has a strong group of motivated Knights from all ages and walks of life, with our numbers now 100 strong and growing. Our council's main goals are: to rally the Catholic men in our community to a common and noble cause, to assist and defend our church, to serve our community, to encourage growth in faith and prayer in ourselves and in our friends and families, to become better men and fathers, and finally to meet like-minded men that share our same values and belief that you can be a man of the world while still having Christ at the center of your life.

We are always looking for new members, and would welcome the practicing Catholic men of the parish and surrounding community to join our ranks. There is usually a social following our meetings, which is open to all prospective members. To find out more information about the Knights of Columbus at St. Alphonsus, or to apply for membership, feel free to contact parishioner**, Paul Gillespie** at pgillespie15158@gmail.com or visit *www.stalphonsusknights.com*

St. Alphonsus Vitalant Blood Drive— Sunday January 30, 2022

vitalant

Please consider giving blood next month at St. Alphonsus! The blood drive will take place Sunday, Jan. 30 from 9 AM to 3 PM in the Festival Hall. Giving blood greatly benefits local patients and saves lives! There is a severe blood shortage in our area. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome. You can visit vitalant.org to make an appointment. Use the Group Code **ORD00581** to bring up the drive at St. Alphonsus. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact parishioner Paul Gillespie.

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TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Fund a Child's Future



Donate now, reduce your state income tax and invest in our children's future! Take advantage of a limited time 2-for-1 matching gift.

Looking for a way to decrease your Illinois state income tax liability? What if you could decrease what you owe to the state and potentially increase your state tax refund, while also helping fund scholarships for low-income students to attend the Catholic school of their choice?

The Illinois Invest in Kids tax credit scholarship program awarded scholarships to more than 9,300 students in the first four years. This year, as a global pandemic has created so many uncertainties in our society, you can still invest in a brighter future for children from our most vulnerable communities. By contributing through the Illinois **Invest in Kids** program you can make the lifelong advantage of a Catholic school education possible.

Thanks to the generosity of several donors, between Dec. 1, 2021 and Feb. 28, 2022, you can take advantage of a 2-for-1 matching gift program that will triple the impact of your gift! Limitations apply. A donation can be made using cash, check, appreciated stock or credit card.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

The Garcia family makes $50,000/year and pays $2,475 in Illinois state income taxes.

Family Income $50,000/year	Option A	Option B	Option C
Illinois state taxes at 4.95%	$2,475	$2,475	$2,475
Invest in Kids donation	**$500**	**$1,000**	**$3,300**
Tax refund	$375	$750	$2,475
Total taxes paid to Illinois (after refund)	**$2,100**	**$1,725**	**$0**
Cost of donation to family after refund	$125	$250	$825
2-for-1 matching gift program triples impact and provides three times the scholarships	**$1,500**	**$3,000**	**$9,900**

Each option provides a refund to the family; however, **Option C** completely eliminates the family's tax burden and provides nearly $10,000 in scholarships for students to attend Catholic schools.

For more information please contact the TCS hotline at **312.534.2617** or **tcs@archchicago.org**, or visit **archchicago.org/tcs**.

Please consider donating and designating Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts for your funds. Last year there was funding for only 6 out of 10 qualifying students. We need your help to give everyone an opportunity!

Gospel Meditation

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

Around the Archdiocese

Big Questions and Catholic Scientists

The Lumen Christi Institute's Newman Forum for High School Students presents "Big Questions and Catholic Scientists: A Science-and-Religion Fair for High School Students" February 5 at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. Join us at beautiful Mundelein Seminary for a day full of scientific presentations from the country's premier Catholic scientists. We'll hear a keynote lecture, and then have three "lightning rounds," where students will choose from four mini-lectures each round, whichever sparks their interest most. Then we'll gather for our "reverse science fair," and students will have the chance to ask scientists questions one-on-one. There will also be opportunities for prayer. Learn more and register at https://newmanforum.org/2021/08/06/science-and-religion/

Luncheon with Bishop Barron

On March 10-11, Mundelein Seminary will host Bishop Robert Barron for a special luncheon as he delivers the Albert Cardinal Meyer lecture series. Bishop Barron, as the creator of the award-winning *Catholicism* series and founder of global media ministry Word on Fire, is the world's most influential and followed Catholics. More info to follow at https://100.usml.edu/events/luncheon-with-bishop-robert-barron/

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Use a Waffle Iron For Perfect Hash Browns

Make hash browns in a waffle iron. It makes the potatoes so much more crunchy because it has a greater surface area. The process streamlines cook time and the inside of the potato waffle is silky smooth.

You can use fresh potatoes, frozen hash brown rounds, or you can even make them with tater tots. Add onions, scallions or cooked bacon to the mix. The possibilities are endless.

What is Lifelong Formation?

Lifelong formation is the process through which we come to follow Jesus more closely throughout the course of our lives. Grounded in the Gospel, instruction in the faith and accompaniment in this journey of spiritual growth, lifelong formation equips us to respond to the events of our lives in light of the Gospel. These experiences, guided by the Holy Spirit and in communion with God and one another through the Church, help us answer our baptismal call to live as missionary disciples through the seasons of our lives.

Lifelong formation leads to deeper engagement in the life of the Church and in one's community, including social transformation in light of the Gospel. In this way, lifelong formation plays a pivotal role in answering the call of *Renew My Church* to make disciples, build community and inspire witness.

Encountering Christ

At the center of lifelong formation is encounter with Christ. As the *Directory for Catechesis* teaches, faith formation "is oriented toward forming persons who get to know Jesus Christ and his Gospel of liberating salvation even better; who live a profound encounter with him and choose his own way of life and his very sentiments, striving to realize, in the historical situations in which they live, the mission of Christ which is the proclamation of the kingdom of God" (DC 75).

Faith formation proclaims and reaffirms God's saving love in Jesus Christ, and also "makes the initial conversion ripen and helps Christians give a complete meaning to their existence, educating them in a *mentality of faith* in keeping with the Gospel, to the point of gradually coming to feel, think and act like Christ" (DC 77).

Why "Lifelong"?

"Formation," the *Directory for Catechesis* tells us, "is an ongoing process that, under the guidance of the Spirit and in the living womb of the Christian community, helps the baptized person take shape," unveiling our deepest identity as children of God in profound communion with others. (DC 131)

Faith formation is intended for people at all stages of life. "Every one of the baptized, called to the maturity of faith, has the right to adequate catechesis. … For one thing, faith is not a linear process and it participates in the development of the person, and this in turn influences the journey of faith. It cannot be forgotten that every phase of life is exposed to specific challenges and must confront the ever-new dynamics of the Christian vocation" (DC 224).

What Does It Look Like?

Faith formation includes every action, experience, and relationship that nurtures a deep and abiding relationship with God, which shapes the way we interact with God's creation. This includes:

- Sharing of the Gospel in word and deed
- Learning about the faith in a way that brings spiritual growth
- Meaningful relationships and faith dialogue with fellow disciples of Jesus
- Individual and communal prayer
- Scriptural reflection and study
- Discerning personal gifts and the call to share them in witnessing to the Gospel

Participation in the lifelong formation can strengthen the relationship between the community of believers and Jesus, helping make the Kingdom of God present in our world. This can include:

- Participating in the liturgical, spiritual and social life of the parish community
- Celebrating the sacraments
- Discussing and practicing faith in private, family and social life
- Participating in works of justice and mercy within and beyond the parish

Community and Belonging

Faith formation occurs most effectively in the context of a supportive community in which people are invited, welcomed and feel they belong.

As the *Directory for Catechesis* teaches, "The faith is professed, celebrated, expressed, and lived above all in community" (DC 88). Because the deepening of trust in God is fundamental to lifelong formation, the individual participating in faith formation must also be able to trust the community, mentors and instructors accompanying their spiritual growth. This means that they must feel welcomed and accepted, able to express doubts and confusion as they grow in faith. To accompany people on a journey of lifelong formation we must invite and welcome them into a community of faith, where they can experience the love of God more fully over time. This includes meeting them with continued patience and love, respecting each person's unique gifts, pace, and calling during their journey with Christ.

Contact

Sacramental Information

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

How to Offer a Mass Intention

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/baptism

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/marriage

St. Alphonsus Social Media

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

Directory

Parish Office

1429 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
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www.stalphonsuschicago.org

Parish Office Hours:

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

School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
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www.alphonsusacademy.org

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

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