Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 24, 2022: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks, receives;
and the one who seeks, finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Lk 11:9-10)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 8:30 AM
Wed 6:00 PM
Sun 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (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 AM—12:00 PM
**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: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Joanna Ravelingeen
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
Tessa Sergent
Carolina Goldie
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
Rachel Schopp
Mike Madigan
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Mary Perisin
Edward Marsalek
Rita Longnecker
Cheryl Nester-Detweiler

Giving Update

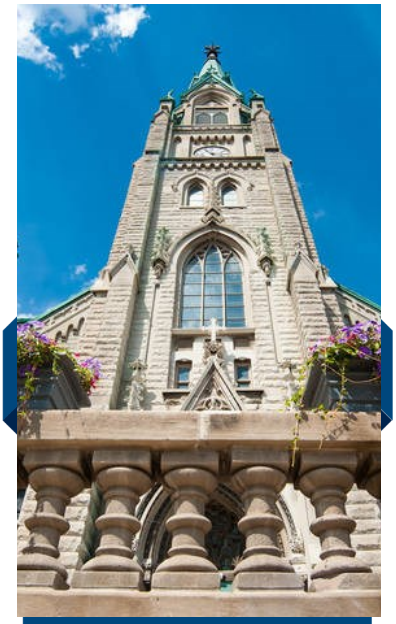
Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 7/17: $11,117

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

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. That 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
All men in the parish are invited to pray with us every Wednesday evening from 8:00-9 PM in the sanctuary.



WEDDING BANNS

Kristine Sevilla
and
Alan Mui

Christina Poon
and
Jack Curtin

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Adam Emmanuel Munoz
Caelub Jordi Almazo

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 24
9:00 AM +Anna Riffner
11:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM +Ruth Rhode

Monday, July 25
8:30 AM +Melina Joy Orillaza

Tuesday, July 26
8:30 AM +Ben Eisler

Wednesday, July 27
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, July 28
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, July 29
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, July 31
9:00 AM Jane Keppler
11:00 AM +Anna Riffner
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM +Jack Micelli

News and Events

Safe Families for Children Ministry
Summer Baby Registry! July 24– Aug 28



The Safe Families for Children ministry is holding a summer baby registry to stock up our Festival Hall supply closet with essential baby & toddler items, **and we need YOUR help to purchase these items!**

Baby Registry link: bit.ly/babyregistry22

Registry items range from kids' toothpaste ($2) to pack-and-plays ($110), and include everything in between.

Safe Families for Children is a national, Christian non-profit organization that connects families in crisis, often single mothers with no support system, with local "Safe Families" that volunteer to host children while the parent(s) get back on their feet.

The items donated via this baby registry will be available to parishioner families who volunteer as "host families" for local children, and will return home with the children at the end of hosting. Taking in a child is challenging, and many children arrive at their host family's home with few possessions. Our ministry supports our "host families" with whatever material items the children need during their stay (clothes, diapers, toys, etc.), reducing the financial burden of hosting a child.

Thank you for your generosity! God Bless!
Learn more at safe-families.org or contact us at safefamiliesstals@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Social
Friday, August 19 at 6:30 PM

Come one, come all, to a parish social hosted by the St. Alphonsus' Knights of Columbus council on Friday, August 19th 6:30-9:00 PM in the side courtyard near the Festival Hall. (weather permitting)

Summer isn't over yet! What better way to see what your fellow parishioners have been getting up to this summer then eating, drinking, and socializing together at St. Als on a Friday night. All are welcome. Food and drinks to be provided at no cost. See you there!

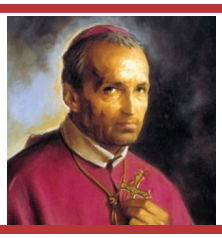
Save the Dates! Oktoberfest— Sept 23-25

Our parish is planning our biggest fundraiser, Oktoberfest and all the festive joy that goes with it! Kinderfest on Sunday, the return of Craft Beer Night in the Festival Hall, and other surprises! More details to come!!

Night of Mercy



Thank you to all who braved the rain, volunteered, and came to pray at Night of Mercy with the Franciscans of the Eucharist on Friday July 15!



Feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori

In honor of our parish's saint, whose feast day is August 1, our parish will be celebrating with coffee and donuts after the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses on Sunday July 31. There will be refreshments after the 5 PM as well.

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*

Faith Formation

Walking With Purpose— Summer Prayer Group



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.

Walking With Purpose summer group will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM in the St. Alphonsus Common Room in the rectory. We will come together to share our intentions and pray the rosary. All women are welcome! Please join us on August 9 and September 13 to pray in community. For more info, contact suecombes@hotmail.com

Quo Vadis Days— July 31 to August 3



Quo Vadis Days is a four day/3 night camp sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet and led by the seminarians. The camp is filled with dynamic talks, small group discussion, prayer experiences, as well as plenty of fun— sports, canoeing, capture the flag, fires and smores and much more.

The camp is open to all 13-18 year old men that want to grow in their relationship with the Lord and learn more about the priesthood. More info and registration at vocations.archchicago.org/events/quo-vadis-days
Questions? Contact Ray Grieshaber at rgrieshaber@archchicago.org

Gospel Meditation



Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.

Young Adult Ministry

Theology on Tap— July 27
Speaker— Julia Hogan

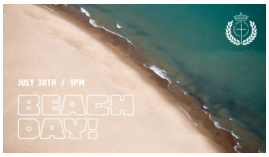


"Tools To Discern God's Plan for Your Life"

Drinks and Food at 6:30 PM; Talk Starts at 7 PM

Julia Hogan-Werner is a licensed clinical professional counselor in Chicago and owner of Vita Optimum Counseling & Consulting, LLC. She attended the Institute for the Psychological Sciences for her graduate degree and has spoken at Deloitte, Notre Dame University, and Metro Achievement Center for Girls. She leads workshops and writes on topics related to self-care, relationships and mental health. Her book, *It's Ok to Start with You* is all about the power of embracing your authentic self through self-care. Her second book, *A Work in Progress: Embracing the Life God Gave You*, is about finding purpose and direction in life. She is passionate about empowering individuals to be their most authentic selves. You can find more of her work online at juliamariehogan.com.

Beach Day!— Saturday July 30



St. Al's YAM is planning for some fun in the sun at Montrose Beach! If you haven't gotten burnt by the end of July, now is the time. Come meet new people and enjoy the (hopefully) warm lake water and amazing weather. Make sure to bring your own beach towel, sunscreen and any other beach games/activities you'd like! Please be sure to RSVP by filling out the Google Doc form found on the YAM event page on Facebook. Contact stalsyamsocial@gmail.com with any questions.

Young Adult Retreat— Sept 16-18



Eagle Eye Ministries is excited to invite you to its annual young adult retreat for the Chicagoland area! All young adults 18-35 are invited to their annual young adult retreat. See more details and register at https://buff.ly/3PsMmlY

Led by Fr. Hugh Mary of the Community of St. John, the weekend will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, Intellectual Formation, and Community. Spend time in prayer, reflection, and fellowship while learning about St. Joseph and how he can be a beacon of holiness for us on our journey towards heaven.

Young Catholic Professionals— Executive Speaker Series Tuesday Aug 2



Join YCP Chicago on Tuesday, August 2nd for an Executive Speaker Series event, featuring Dr. Ken Torrens, Chiropractor, Personal Trainer, & Life Coach at Legendary Life. Register at bit.ly/ycpaugust2022

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 at St. Alphonsus, and networking and the speaker's presentation will take place from 7 PM-9 PM at the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture.

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
(P): 773-525-0709 | (F): 773-525-3238
www.stalphonsuschicago.org

Parish Office Hours:

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

School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
(P): 773-892-1397 | (F): 773-348-4829
www.alphonsusacademy.org

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

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

School Staff

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Caroline Jordan, Advancement Director
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