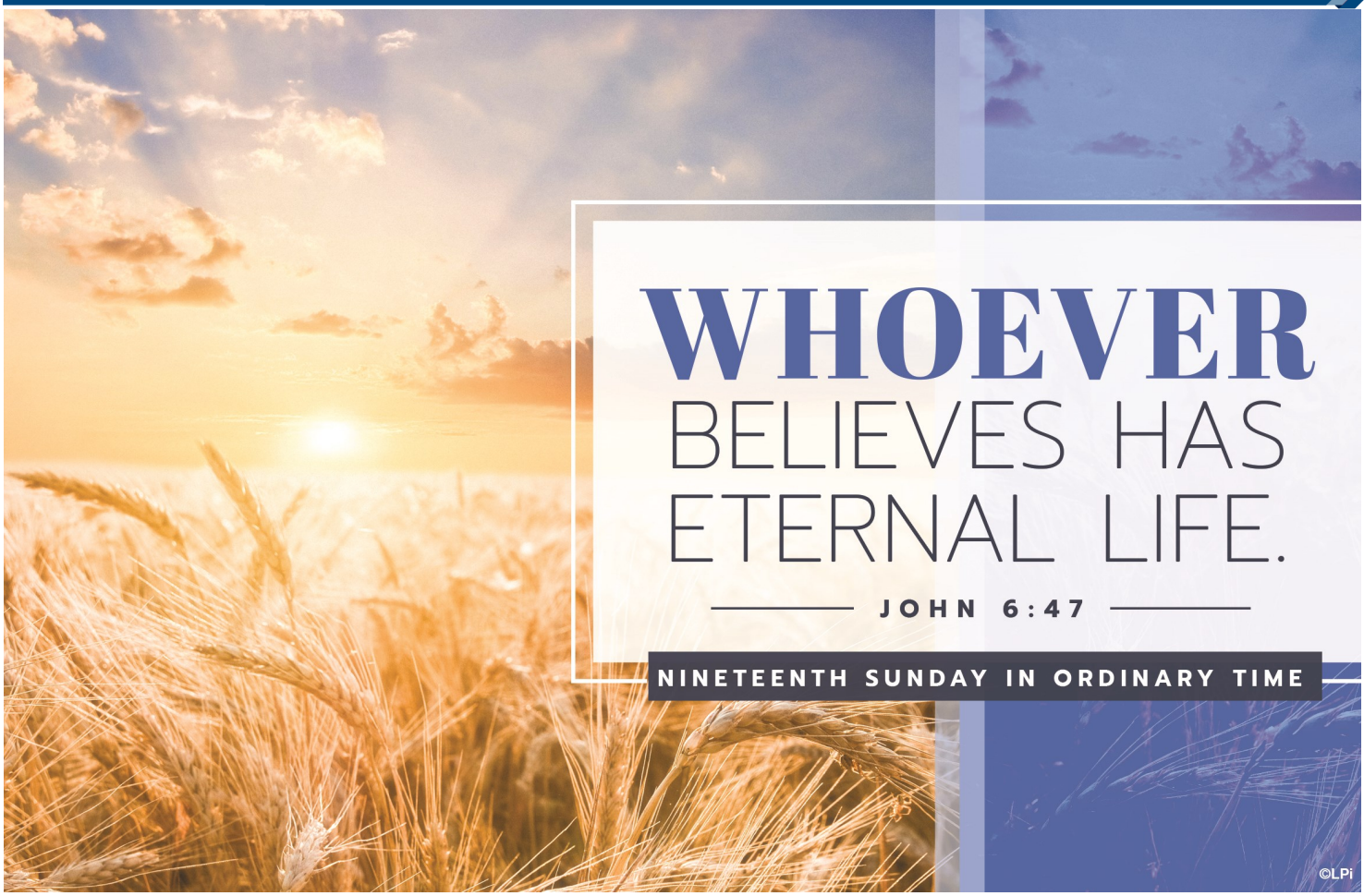
Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 11, 2024: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (Jn 6:51)

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*

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Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Offertory for 8/4: $15,599

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

Jillian Caputo
and
Michael Ward

Maria Castellucci
and
Jason Olson

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Emma Margaret Kohnen

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Magdalena Gonzalez

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 11
9:00 AM +Ed and Mary Gobat
11:00 AM +Floro Espinosa & Asuncion Pritchett
12:30 PM +Dolores and Delfina Gutierrez
+Florentino Ornelas
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, August 12
8:30 AM +Madeline Jerich

Tuesday, August 13
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, August 14
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, August 15
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, August 16
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Saturday, August 17
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, August 18
9:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
11:00 AM Huffman Family
12:30 PM +Felipe Marcelina y Roberto Rodriguez
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

News and Events

Serve as a Eucharistic 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.

Girl Scouts of St. Alphonsus In Need of Group Leader

We are blessed to have parents in our community who are eager to lead and support the girls of AACA in building a sense of community, doing acts of service, and learning new skills through Girl Scouts. We are in need of a Group Leader to plan group events for Daisies to Juniors to engage in including Christmas Caroling, optional camping trip, Girl Scout Cookie sales after mass, and the Bridge Ceremony. It is a gratifying role that requires limited time. Please reach out to Renee Thomas, rthomas@alphonsusacademy.org if you are interested.

Alphonsus Academy— Back to School Mass Aug. 18

Next Sunday after the 9 AM Mass, we will be serving coffee and donuts on the veranda. Molly DaPisa, Director of Marketing & Communications for Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts, will make an announcement to our faithful about our wonderful parish school and the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.

ATHENAEUM CENTER



AUGUST 19–22, 2024

As you are likely aware, the Democratic National Convention (DNC) is being held in Chicago on Aug. 19—22. The Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture is hosting The Daily Show to tape broadcasts, provide live coverage of the DNC, and conduct interviews.

Please note that our parish's Southport parking lot will be unavailable from August 13—23.

Are You Ready to Become Catholic?

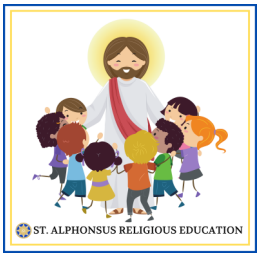
Registration is open for The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA program is the study of the Catholic Faith and the process of introduction into the faith community.

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

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 and Young People's Big Book AA Group. Daily Reflections meets on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM in the rectory 1st Fl. dining room. You may contact Lauren Merrill Sammis at lauren.merrill@live.com for more information.

Young People's Big Book AA Group meets Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the Festival Hall. Contact coordinator Denver Baker, dtbaker97@gmail.com for info.

Thursday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM. The 6 PM Vigil Mass on Wednesday, August 14 also satisfies this obligation.

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed."

— Lk 1:46-48

The Assumption of the Mother of God



On Thursday, August 15, the Church celebrates one of seventeen different memorials, feasts and solemnities in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary that are found on the Roman Liturgical Calendar. This celebration is one of the four great Solemnities by which our Blessed Mother is honored. Obviously, no other person other than our Lord is honored and celebrated with as much solemnity as the Mother of God.

The Solemnity of the Assumption honors the fact that when the Blessed Virgin Mary completed her life on earth, she was taken body and soul into Heaven to be with her resurrected Son so as to adore the Most Holy Trinity forever. It's an amazing fact to consider that she retains her body and soul, united as one in Heaven, in anticipation of that glorious day when the new Heavens and Earth will be created and when all the faithful will rise so as to live in a new bodily form forever with God.

Though this dogma of our faith had been held and believed by the faithful from the earliest times of our Church, especially since it was witnessed by those closest to our Blessed Mother at the time of her glorious Assumption, it wasn't until November 1, 1950, that Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaimed it to be so, raising this teaching of our faith to the level of a dogma, meaning, it must be held and believed by all. In part, the Holy Father declared, "...we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

The Gospel passage quoted above comes from the beginning of Mary's song of praise, her Magnificat, by which she not only gives the greatest glory to God but also reveals who she is. She is the one whom "all generations" will call "blessed." She is the one for whom "the Almighty has done great things." She is the one who will eternally proclaim "the greatness of the Lord" and whose spirit will forever rejoice in God her Savior. And she is that lowliest of servants whom God has raised up to the greatest glory. Reflect, today, with the whole Church, upon the Most Glorious Ever-Virgin Mary who was conceived without sin, remained sinless throughout her life, and was taken body and soul into Heaven where she now adores the Most Holy Trinity and intercedes for you and for the whole Church. This is a Solemnity of great rejoicing! Share in this joy with the whole Church and with all the saints in Heaven!

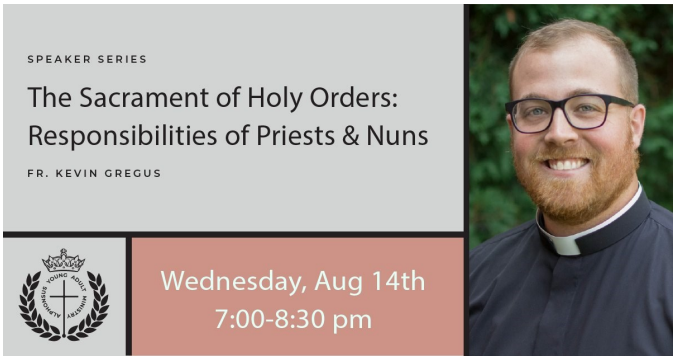
Most glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, I rejoice today with you and with the whole Church for the most glorious things that God has done for you. You are beauty beyond beauty, Immaculate in every way, and worthy of our deepest love. As you now share body and soul in the glories of Heaven, please pray for me and for all your dear children on earth. Cover us with your mantle of love and pour forth the mercy of God upon us always. Mother Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Jesus, I trust in You.

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

Sacrament Series: Holy Orders



How does one become a priest? Is the process the same between a diocesan and religious priest? What are the responsibilities of a priest? Do religious sisters also receive holy orders? If you've ever wondered about the answers to these questions and others like them, we've got just the event for you!

Join us on August 14th in the St. Alphonsus rectory's 2nd floor Common room as we resume our monthly Sacrament Series lectures. We are excited to be joined by Fr. Kevin Gregus of the Archdiocese of Chicago who will speak to us on the sacrament of holy orders. Fr. Kevin was ordained to the priesthood in 2023 and is currently serving as associate pastor of Two Holy Martyrs parish in Chicago.

Doors open at 7 PM with Fr. Kevin's talk starting at 7:30. Hope to see you here!

Volunteer at Mission of Our Lady of the Angels Back to School Block Party!

On August 17th, YAM will be volunteering with Mission OLA for the annual block party. The event will run from 9-2 PM and volunteers will be assisting with setup, distribution of backpacks and school supplies to hundreds of kids, and cleanup. Lunch and snacks will be served! Parking is limited, so public transit or carpooling (picking up at St. Alphonsus at 8:30) is encouraged. If you would like to join us, please sign up at bit.ly/volunteermola

August Praise and Adoration Holy Hour



Our Young Adult Ministry is taking advantage of the glorious summer weather this month! On August 23 at 7:30 PM, spend time with our Lord in our monthly Praise and Adoration Holy Hour reverently **on the parish rooftop**, rather than 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!
In instance of inclement weather, Adoration will take place in the Church.

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.

Knights of Columbus

Join Us for Golf on Saturday, September 7!



We are currently planning our 2024 KOC Charity Golf Tournament, to be held on Saturday, September 7 at Bartlett Hills Golf Club! Please click on the QR code or visit stalphonsusgolfclassic.rsvpify.com/
If you would like to receive more information about attending or sponsoring this event, please email us at knightsofcolumbus.15158@gmail.com.



Pope Francis' August 2024 Intention

For Political Leaders

During the month of August, Catholics are asked to pray that political leaders "be at the service of their own people" and also that they work for the common good, integral human development, and take care of those who have lost their jobs.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Rust rings

Many of the items you use in your bathroom come in aerosol cans. But if you place them on your counter, the bottom gets rusty and leaves a circle on the counter. Paint the bottom ring of the cans with clear nail polish, and they won't leave rust rings in your bathroom.

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*

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



Men's Vespers– WED evening
Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday from 8-9 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door) It's a great way to take your spiritual life a step further as we enrich our knowledge of the faith, encourage each other in life's challenges, and grow in fortitude together. We chant the Liturgy of the Hours and share reflections on the upcoming Sunday gospel reading, followed by a social with refreshments, fellowship, and conversation. All men of the parish are invited. Questions or more info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com

NATIONAL
Eucharistic Revival

Three Years of Abundant Grace and Transformation

There is someone in your life right now whom Jesus longs to call closer to his Eucharistic heart. And he wants YOU to be a part of that story! This is your opportunity to be God's instrument in the life of another person.

Imagine how our families, neighborhoods, and country will be transformed if every active Catholic answers the call to spread the Good News of his Eucharistic Presence!

Walk with One is the key initiative of the Year of Mission, so you won't be doing this alone! Together as one Church, we will embrace our apostolic roots and show the world how beautiful it is to be Catholic. All are encouraged to learn more at www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one

The Congress kicked off a new phase of the National Eucharistic Revival movement: the Year of Mission. It's time for this movement to spread outward, going from initiatives in the pews to on-fire Catholics setting their communities ablaze with Eucharistic love! It's time to take what you have received and share it.

Parishioner Thomas Tran attended the June Revival event at St. Alphonsus and the July Congress in Indianapolis, and was kind enough to share what these experiences mean to him!

The Eucharist has always been special to me. In his homily during the Chicago Revival, Father Tim said, "No one dies for cheap wine and bread." This bread is made of wheat flour and water, yet the most extraordinary death pays for it. It is expensive, and it is why I'm Catholic. Jesus is real! And the Eucharist is more than just a symbol!

In her Diary, St. Faustina wrote: "*...I saw its inconceivable beauties and the happiness that awaits us after death. I saw how all creatures give ceaseless praise and glory to God. I saw how great is happiness in God, which spreads to all creatures, making them happy, and then all the glory and praise from this happiness returns to its source."*

That is what I saw! I was in the same place with over fifty thousand others and numerous familiar faces. Some are my friends, some of whom I consider my "Catholic heroes." We were in the same place: "Give ceaseless praise and glory to God." I witnessed many tears of joy as we sang and danced together, listened to and were inspired by many great speakers, and were healed in His presence at Adoration. As the world watched, ten thousand of us walked the street of Indianapolis to prove our love. Ten thousand of our knees were dropped because our Lord and Savior, unquestionably present in the Eucharist, was passing before us.

As I kneeled in the Lucas Oil Stadium, next to all my brothers and sisters at Adoration, I felt joy, peace, worthy, unworthy, and proud. Yet why me? I could think of many people who deserve this more than me. Yet God probably knows I needed that revival. As a young adult balancing faith and the secular world, I struggle to pay attention to what matters most. This is God's demonstration that Jesus is real and a reminder of how much I hunger for Him.

The Eucharistic Congress revived me and taught me that love is qualification and demonstration. The sacrificial love that He poured out for me and others. He shows it! We received it! It is our talents, gifts, and, most notably, our salvation and our communion of faith. As a young Catholic adult and then a Knight of Columbus, I know what it is like to look for and be a part of something.

The Congress might end, but the Revival doesn't end here. At the closing mass, 1600 Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, Seminarians, and Deacons led by a few hundred Knights from various orders. The procession took over twenty minutes. It was a humble experience, but it also served as a good reminder that we all have a role in our spiritual procession into heaven. The Revival calls us to go out and transform ourselves! Now, I'm playing my role. What is yours? How will you "transform it" so that others want to be part of that spiritual procession with you?

Gospel Reflection

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." — Jn 6:51

Transforming Faith From Knowledge



We continue this Sunday with the beautiful "Bread of Life Discourse" from John's Gospel. At the beginning of today's passage, we read that the people listening to this discourse "murmured about Jesus." They did so because He had been teaching them that He was the Bread of Life Who had come down from Heaven. For some of His listeners, this was too much to accept. It was especially difficult for those who knew Jesus and His family from Nazareth. When Jesus became aware of their murmurs, He confronted them straight on saying, "Stop murmuring among yourselves." He then doubled down on His teaching, taking it even further, telling them that whoever eats His flesh will live forever.

In some ways, Jesus' teaching could be said to defy human reason. Imagine hearing this teaching for the first time from someone who grew up in your hometown. Human reason alone is insufficient to comprehend and accept such teaching. But that is precisely the point. Human reason alone is insufficient. But when human reason is endowed with a special revelation from the Father in Heaven, then all becomes clear and all makes sense.

On that point, Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him" and that "Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me." Therefore, even though it is beyond the ability of natural human reason alone to make sense of what Jesus was teaching, those who were drawn by the Father and listened to His voice were given a new form of knowledge that brought clarity to their human minds. This knowledge is essential if we are to know and understand the path to eternal life and if we are to understand and believe in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Sometimes we can fall into the trap of thinking that faith is just believing in something that is beyond us. But faith is much more. It's not just blindly believing. It's not just wishful thinking that turns into a personal choice to believe. Faith is based on something absolutely real and unmistakable. It's based on true spiritually revealed knowledge—a knowledge given to us by God. In fact, this form of knowledge, given by God, is far more certain than any other form of knowledge.

For example, you know that 2+2=4 because you can take two objects, add two more, and then count four. Or you know that music is playing because your ears perceive the sound. Thus, you rely upon your senses to produce knowledge to arrive at conclusions. Spiritually infused knowledge, however, is even more certain than that which we can obtain through our senses because it is God Who reveals the truth. Therefore, if God speaks to you and imparts to you a knowledge that His flesh is true food and His blood is true drink, and that if you eat His flesh and drink His blood then you will obtain eternal life, then this knowledge is certain, transforming, and becomes the basis of a life of pure faith. Though this may seem overly philosophical, it is true and necessary to understand.

Reflect, today, upon anything that you fail to have perfect faith in. Do you believe in the Most Holy Eucharist? Do you believe that it is the food for eternal life? Do you believe in everything Jesus taught? Examine your faith and where it is lacking; seek the voice of the Father. Only God can impart the deepest spiritual knowledge to you. For your part, you must listen, comprehend, accept and believe. Doing so will produce the gift of faith within your human reason, and that faith will be your guide to the life of the fullness of grace.

Lord, You have revealed to us the deepest mysteries of life. You have revealed Your love and compassion, and You have revealed the way to eternal life. Please give me the gift of faith so that I will believe all that You have revealed. Please especially deepen my faith in the Gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Faith Formation

Become a Catechist for the 2024-2025 School Year!

The kids need you!! Me? You're thinking. I don't know the faith well enough. I'm not a teacher. I wouldn't know where to begin! The good news is, when you give your Yes, God hears your 'yes' and fills in where you're lacking. He will complete the good work He has begun in you! All you need to do is allow the Holy Spirit to guide; you are ***never*** *alone.*

Our Religious Education Program meets on Tuesday evenings (September to May), beginning on September 17. If you are feeling a pull on your heart, I would love to talk with you so you can discern if God is calling you to be a catechist this year. Jesus desires to fill you with an abundance of joy and love, and He will always give you the grace to accomplish what He asks!

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



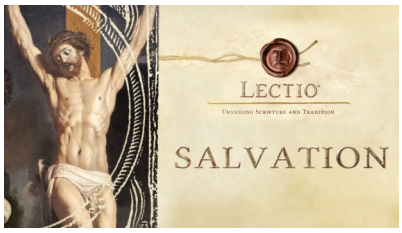


Jesus said what you do to the least of these you do to me.



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

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



Lectio Series — Salvation

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

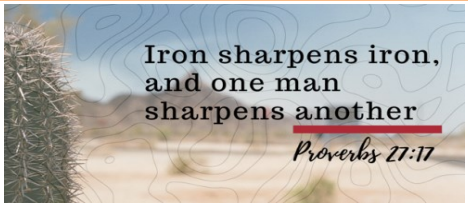
Continuing on Monday evenings at 7 PM, we will set out to explore these and related questions using the FORMED Lectio series on Salvation. To sign up, costs, location, or for other questions, contact Brooks Robinson, brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

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

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REGISTRATION CLOSING SOON

Are you passionate about serving your parish community and making a positive impact?

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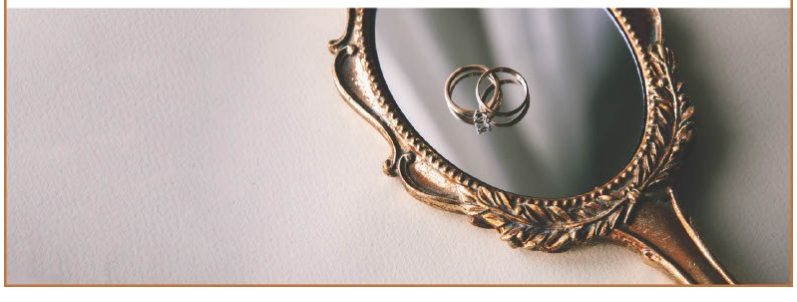
MARRIED IN 1974?

Have you registered for the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass?

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on **Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.** The Mass will be held at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois.

Please email **gwa@archchicago.org** or contact your parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit **pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.**

We hope to see you there!



World Wide Marriage Encounter

"Living together is an art, a patient, beautiful, fascinating journey. It does not end once you have won each other's love... Rather; it is precisely there where the journey begins".
Pope Francis

As Pope Francis states, living together is an art and can be a beautiful journey. Marriage can be challenging with family, work, finances, kids, busy schedules, and all that life offers. Losing focus on what is important in life is easy.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend experience focuses on what's important in your marriage and provides the tools to live a beautiful journey together.

Enrich your marriage at an upcoming World Wide Marriage Encounter session! Upcoming weekends are Sept. 6—8 and October 11—13 in Geneva, IL. Learn more and apply at www.wwme.org

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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Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM– 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
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Parish Staff

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Brian Bloye, Director of Music and Organist
Daniel Szymanski, Director of Operations
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager
Kathryn Kibler, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator/Parish Secretary

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Angela Kladis, Assistant Principal
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