Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 27, 2024: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"
The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." (Mk 10:51)

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

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: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Saturday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

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

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Carys Kendall Clarke

Kalea Ai'Lana Cabiling

Wedding Banns

II. Kara Mahoney and Colin McKay

I. Taylor Arnold and Justin Rutschilling



WEDDING BANNS

Jessica Giannoni
and
Ivan Dilnyy

Morgan Stasell
and
Nicholas Greenlee

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 27
9:00 AM +Ed and Mary Gobat
11:00 AM +Jon Krebsbach
12:30 PM +Amalia Flores
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, October 28
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, October 29
8:30 AM +Ed Gobat

Wednesday, October 30
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, October 31
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

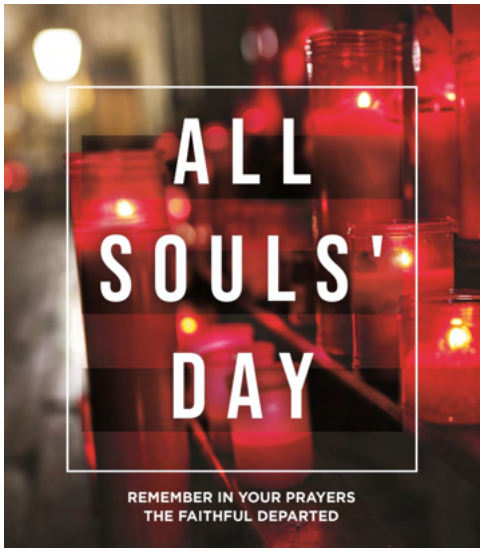
Friday, November 1 (All Saints Day)
8:30 AM AACA Students and Families
7:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Saturday, November 2 (All Souls Day)
8:30 AM +For All Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM +For All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, November 3
9:00 AM Petryshyn Family & Friends (Health)
11:00 AM +Jorge and Elvia Bouso
12:30 PM Estrella Rodriguez Valle
5:00 PM +Kathryn Altonji

News and Events

All Souls Day— Saturday, November 2 at 5 PM



November 2nd is a special day in the life of the Church as we take time to pray for our deceased family members and friends who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith. **St. Alphonsus will be holding a special Requiem Mass on Saturday, November 2nd at 5 PM**, to pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died. Through the Sacred Liturgy, the Church invokes the forgiving love and abundant mercy of God, that He may receive all those we remember into His kingdom so they can come to know the fullness of life and peace of Heaven.

If you would like to honor a loved one who has died, go to our parish website and click on the All Souls logo or you can go to: bit.ly/stals2024allsouls All those who complete the form and make a suggested offering of $15 or more for a name will receive their designated unlit candle before Mass begins. After the homily, while the choir sings, the person will come forward in a line with their candle, light it from the Paschal Candle, and place it on the Communion rail. Additionally, our music director is arranging a special program with a men's schola singing chant in Latin and English from the traditional Requiem Mass of the Church. You can also write the names of your loved ones in the Book of the Names of the Dead, which will be available in the Church during November.

All Saints Day— Friday, Nov. 1



The Catholic Church celebrates All Saints Day on November 1. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times at St. Alphonsus will be at 8:30 AM and 7 PM.

Election Day is Nov. 5!

Our parish Festival Hall will be utilized as a Polling Place from 6 AM to 7 PM on Election Day.

AACA Rocket Rumble

Our parish school's Father's Club is hosting an amateur boxing event on Saturday, November 9 at 7 PM. For more information and tickets to this all-inclusive event, please contact Chris at aacarocketrumble@gmail.com

Give a Gift of Hope

Shepherds of Bethlehem are honored to bless your home and the homes of your loved ones with unique, handmade gifts lovingly carved by our talented craftsmen. Each one-of-a-kind piece will serve as a devout and stunning visual reminder of the presence of God, your relationship to the Lord, and your connection to the Holy Land. *Carvings for sale after all Masses this Sunday.*

Mass of Remembrance



On **Wednesday, November 13** at the 6:00 PM Mass, our community will remember all babies and children lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, illness, or injury. Grief over the loss of a child is profound and long-lasting. All who have lost a child of any age, as well as those who wish to support these families, are encouraged to worship. Immediately following Mass, there will also be a special time of Eucharistic Adoration in which families can light a candle, inscribe the name of a child in a book of remembrance, or offer other personal prayers.

Living the Gospel of Life!

This October, our parish participated in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting Aid for Women. Please return your bottle filled with your donation to the baskets on the tables as you leave Mass. Thank you for your support!

Aid for Women

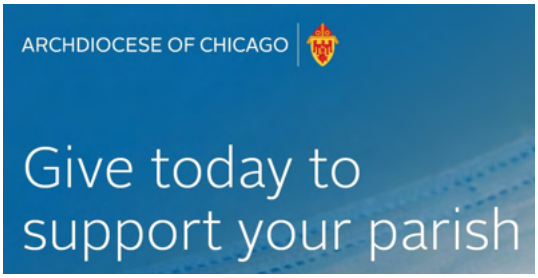
Blood Drive

Please consider donating life-giving blood in our Festival Hall on Sunday, November 3 from 9 AM— 2 PM! Appointments at redcrossblood.org. All donors will receive a $10 gift card via email!

GIVE BLOOD
American Red Cross

Stewardship— First Fruits

Sharing



From the time we were very small, we were taught to share our possessions. We often watched as our beloved toys were in the hands of little friends and, even though we wanted to keep them all to ourselves, we obeyed our parents and shared our favorite playthings.

As we grow older, it's important to remember these early teachings and to incorporate them into our everyday lives. Sharing is not just something that our parents wanted us to do – it's an expectation from our Father in Heaven that is repeated time and time again throughout the Scriptures.

Stewardship is all about sharing but, unfortunately, some people back away from this idea because they feel it is something Church leadership is suggesting just to help our Parish meet our current needs. This could not be further from the truth. If everyone offered a portion of the goodness in their lives, the St. Alphonsus community would flourish but, more importantly, the people of St. Alphonsus would find themselves even more blessed. The Bible states this very clearly and simply... ***"Give and it will be given to you."*** Luke 6:38

Recently, someone said that being a good steward is not about doing something different, but rather being something different. That is what we all should strive to achieve. We must understand that our sharing is not about just giving to needs, but needing to give. Our family of faith has much to offer through our time, talent and treasure. If we each use a portion of our time for prayer, our talent for volunteer efforts and our treasure as a measure of gratitude for the blessings God has bestowed upon us, St. Alphonsus Parish would want for nothing.

Thank you to the families and friends of St. Alphonsus who are living the lives of good Christian stewards, who are sharing their gifts and who gratefully "give back" to the One who makes all things possible.

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.

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

Sign up at *www.givecentral.org/location/39*

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192
Offertory for 10/20: $12,279

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

Young Adult Ministry

YAM Fall Retreat; What Are You Seeking?



"What are you seeking?" That is the question we'll be pondering on our Fall Retreat! On November 2nd, all young adults (18-39 years old) are invited to join us at St. Alphonsus for a half day retreat. This event will kick off at 12 PM and end at 4:45 PM. We will be joined by Fr. Bob Regan who will offer talks on the four levels of happiness and lead us in small group discussions. Additionally, confession and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be available and we will end the retreat in time to join the 5 PM All Souls Requiem Mass.

The cost to attend this event will be $15/person. Sandwiches will be available in the afternoon with additional snacks available throughout the retreat. We ask that you sign up in advance so we can get an accurate count of attendees.
Sign up at www.givecentral.org/otp/41828

Psalms Series— Starting Monday, November 4!

He said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.'" (Lk 24:44)



Starting November 4, the Young Adult Ministry will be hosting a free 10-part series on the book of Psalms for young adults in their 20s and 30s to learn:

- how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms
- how to meditate on the Psalms using lectio divina
- how the Psalms foretell the life and mission of Jesus
- ...and much more!

On Mondays at 7:00 PM-8:30 PM throughout November – January, we will watch video materials from Ascension Press presented by Jeff Cavins, Tim Gray, and Sarah Christmyer, followed by a group discussion. No preparation or supplies are needed, though there is an accompanying workbook if you would like to go deeper, which can be purchased from Ascension Press.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Brendan at brendanmdaley@gmail.com



Sacrament Series— Reconciliation— Wednesday, October 30 at 7:30 PM

"I absolve you of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". These powerful words mark the conclusion of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Described as "the second plank of salvation after the shipwreck which is the loss of grace" [CCC 1446], this sacrament offers as a powerful remedy the forgiveness of sins, thereby returning us to a state of grace. As we turn our attention to this gift for October's entry in our Sacraments Series, we are joined by Fr. Steve Bartczyszyn, C.R.

A priest within the Congregation of the Resurrection, Fr. Steve serves as associate pastor of St. Hyacinth Basilica in Avondale and is the current Provincial Superior for the Congregation's United States Province. In addition to his pastoral duties and within the order, Fr. Steve was named a Missionary of Mercy by Pope Francis during the 2016 Year of Mercy. With this nomination, Fr. Steve became one of 800 priests around the world who are given blanket permission to hear confessions regardless of where they are along with the authority to forgive certain sins which normally only the Pope can forgive. Please join us for what is sure to be an informative lecture open to the entire parish community. Doors open at 7 PM with the lecture beginning at 7:30. Confessions will be available after the session.

Faith Formation

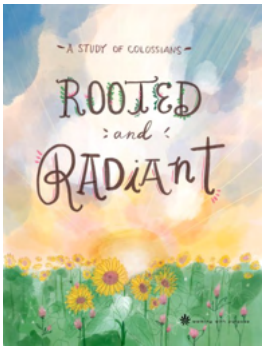
Are You Ready to Become Catholic?

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



Rooted and Radiant Women's Bible Study

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 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.

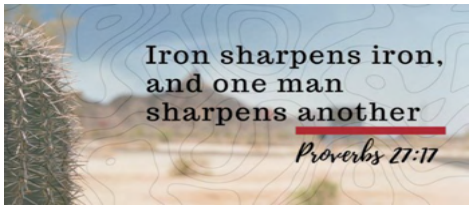
When great conversations happen, synergy that creates connections and helps values be shared develops. *Proverbs 27:17* describes this as two iron tools being sharpened and made more effective. The same applies with friends coming into contact, sharpening and encouraging each other to greater service.

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, November 8th, 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.





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Altar Server Meeting

Calling all altar servers to attend our October meeting on

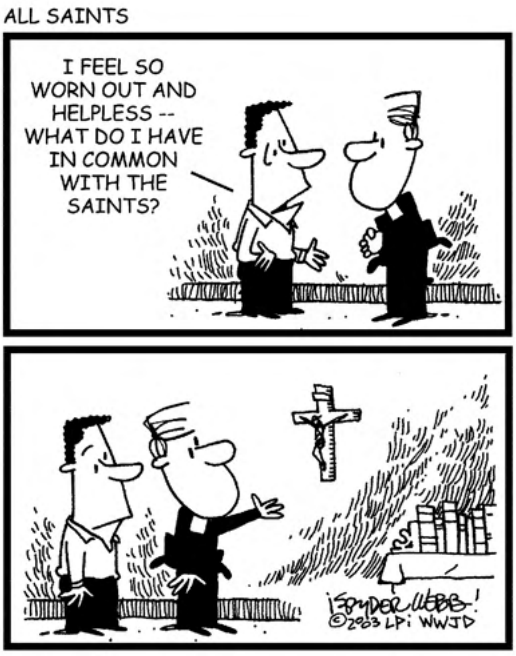
Monday, October 28th at 6:30pm in Church

If you are interested in becoming an altar server, you can attend this meeting. To be an altar server you must be in 4th-12th grade, have received First Holy Communion, and commit to serving at least one Sunday Mass per month.

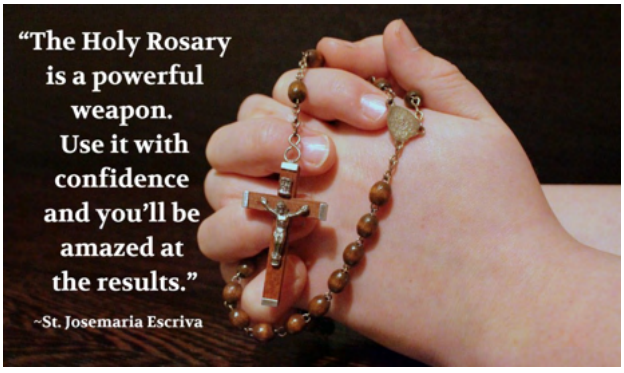
Light refreshments will served.

For questions or details contact Fr. Jesus Raya (Fr. Chuy)
jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church





More News and Events



Mysteries of the Rosary Series

Mondays, Nov. 4th - Dec. 16th
9:30 AM-11 AM, Rectory Common Room

Prepare your hearts for Advent and Christmas by diving into the Joyful Mysteries! Filmed on location in the Holy Land, join us for this video and discussion series as we venture through deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. An authentic encounter with Christ leads to our transformation and sanctification! This is your opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord. Contact Emily, eember@stalphonsuschicago.church for more details.

Volunteer at Misericordia Bakery!

MISERICORDIA
HEART OF MERCY

Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge, – which means "heart of mercy" in Latin – is an organization focused on providing care and support for over 600 individuals with intellectual and development disabilities coming from diverse racial, religious and socio-economic backgrounds. In collaboration with St. Mary of the Lake's young adult ministry, all young adults of St. Alphonsus are highly encouraged to sign-up and volunteer on November 9th from 8:30-10:30AM. We will be working at their holiday bakery, and tasks will include baking, packaging, and displaying bakery products (no bakery experience is required!) A carpool will be available, leaving from St. Alphonsus just before 8 AM. Please sign-up on the event page on our YAM Facebook or the link on our newsletter!



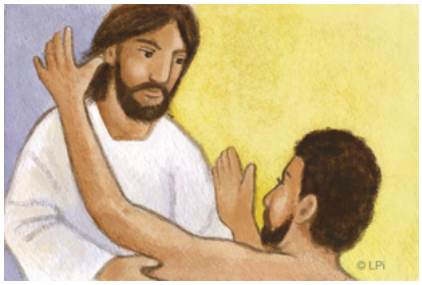
Alphonsus Academy Athletics

Congratulations to our 5th Grade Blue Volleyball team who took home the CHAMPIONSHIP trophy of the Chicago Northside Catholic League last weekend! We're proud of your effort, teamwork, and determination! Thank you to all of our parents and coaches for your time and support!

"Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."

— Mk 10:48c-49, 51

I Want To See



Imagine the humiliation you might experience if your only way to survive each day was to sit on the side of the road and beg. As a blind man at that time, Bartimaeus was not able to work and support himself. Many saw his blindness as a curse from God and the result of his sin or the sins of his parents. He would have been treated as an outcast of society and as a burden to his family and community. Thus, the mental and emotional trauma a blind person experienced at that time would have been just as difficult to deal with as the physical blindness itself.

The symbolism in this story is extraordinary and teaches us many things about our Christian journey. First, we must strive to identify with Bartimaeus' humility and weakness. On a spiritual level, we are all blind and, in our fallen natural state, we are spiritual outcasts. This means that we cannot attain Heaven by ourselves. Bartimaeus is a symbol of our fallen natural state. We need to humble ourselves every day and see ourselves as people in dire need who are incapable of saving our own souls.

Bartimaeus is also a symbol of what we must do in order to be drawn out of the blindness and misery we experience in life. The moment he heard that Jesus was walking by, he cried out for mercy. But he didn't just cry out to our Lord. He did so with perseverance. The people who heard him crying out rebuked him and told him to stop. But their rebukes only led him to be more fervent in his prayer. Also, it appears that Jesus ignored him at first. Why would Jesus do that? It certainly wasn't because Jesus didn't care. It was because our Lord knew that Bartimaeus would persevere and He wanted him to do so. Jesus wanted Bartimaeus' prayer to become more resolute, and it did.

The prayer of Bartimaeus must become the way we pray. It is very easy to become discouraged in life and to lose hope. When that happens, our prayer becomes weak and ineffective. At times, we will experience many other temptations to give up on prayer. The rebukes by the crowd are a symbol of the many temptations we will experience to give up on prayer. When those temptations come, we must double our effort and strengthen our resolve. Jesus' silence at first must also be seen as an invitation to pray with greater faith. If we pray and feel as though God is not listening, we must know that God does hear us and His initial silence is His way of inviting us closer and to a deeper level of faith and prayer.

When Jesus stopped and told the disciples to bring Bartimaeus to Him, Bartimaeus immediately got up, threw off his cloak and went to our Lord. His cloak is a symbol of everything we need to shed in life that keeps us from immediately and quickly responding to the promptings of grace. Though there is nothing wrong with having a cloak, in that moment it was a slight hindrance to his prompt response to Jesus. So also with us; we must be ready and willing to eliminate anything that keeps us from responding to God the moment He calls to us.

Finally, Bartimaeus' prayer was perfect. "Master, I want to see." Spiritually speaking, we must work to foster the deepest desire to see God, to see our Lord. If we desire the gift of faith, the ability to see spiritual truths and understand them, then our Lord will answer that prayer. Our Lord will also say to us, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Reflect, today, upon this poor blind beggar, Bartimaeus. See in his humble soul a model of how you must see yourself and of how you must pray. Observe the humility of your fallen state, the isolation you experience from your sin, and the perseverance you need to have in prayer. Follow the example of Bartimaeus, and our Lord will remove the blindness of your heart so that you can follow Him more fully every day.

My healing Lord, by myself I am weak, a beggar and a sinner. My only hope is to cry out to You in my need and to do so with much zeal. Please do restore my sight, dear Lord. Heal me and help me to see You so that I can follow You wherever You lead. Jesus, I trust in You.

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ELECTION 2024



Weigh Your Conscience Before Casting Your Ballot

On November 5th, 2024, all Americans eligible to vote will have the opportunity to shape our form of government for the next 2 years and beyond. In the midst of the commotion surrounding elections, especially presidential races, it is worth taking time to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a country where we are able to choose our leaders.

Before casting our ballot, we have the obligation to reflect on the issues affecting our state and our nation. To help guide us on the particular issues of concern to the Catholic Church, we offer the following as a reminder.

Millions of dollars are spent trying to influence how you will cast your ballot, so it is up to each of us to both form and inform our conscience by recalling the heart of the Gospel and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

What do we mean when we refer to "conscience?"

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking." (1777)

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has re-issued its document, ***Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship***, which may be found at:
https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf

This note will not tell you who to vote for, but it will help you to reflect on the issues and the person that can best promote the common good for each office. **We ask that you keep in mind the following questions that stem from the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching.**

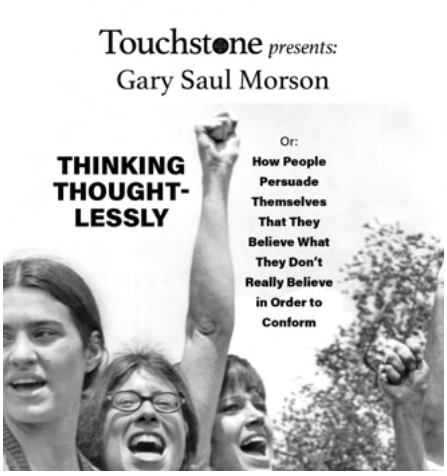
- ✓ Does the Candidate work to protect sacred human life from conception to natural death? Does the candidate oppose abortion, physician-assisted suicide, human cloning and racism? These are all evils that must be guarded against and avoided.
- ✓ Does the candidate care for God's creation? Does the candidate support policies that protect the planet and understand the importance of our stewardship of the Earth?
- ✓ Does the candidate recognize traditional marriage and family as the central social institutions that must be supported?
- ✓ Does the candidate recognize that every person has a fundamental right to life and to those things required for human decency, including food, water, shelter, employment and healthcare?
- ✓ Does the candidate embrace all those in greatest need who deserve our preferential concerns, such as children, the disabled, the elderly, refugees, the unemployed and the poor?
- ✓ Does the candidate recognize policies that promote basic rights for workers, such as fair wages, workplace safety, collective bargaining, and the right to private property and economic initiatives?
- ✓ Does the candidate recognize that whatever our national, racial, ethnic or ideological differences, we are all our brothers' and sisters' keepers? We must all work to create unity through dialogue and a civil discourse that is respectful to others.

Catholic Conference of Illinois

At the Athenaeum

For over 100 years, the Athenaeum Theatre has stood as a cornerstone in the Lakeview neighborhood. It is Chicago's oldest continuously operating Off-Loop theatre. Management continues to bring in wide and varied lineups of talent in the performing arts ranging from stage actors, dancers, musicians, comedians, and podcast/ YouTube sensations. At The Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, we believe that beauty has the capacity to build up culture, transform society, and change lives. We hope to help you contemplate, encounter, and delight in beauty. **Check out all upcoming shows at the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, visit athenaeumcenter.org/events/**

Thinking Thoughtlessly - How We Convince Ourselves to Believe in Order to Belong— Tuesday, October 29 at 7:00 PM



Touchstone Magazine cordially invites you "*Thinking Thoughtlessly*" with Gary Saul Morson. This evening of reflection and conversation will explore the intriguing question of how people persuade themselves that they believe what they don't really believe in order to conform.

The event will take place on October 29, beginning with a reception at 6 PM, followed by Dr. Morson's talk at 7 PM.

About the Speaker: Gary Saul Morson is the Lawrence B. Dumas Professor of the Arts and Humanities and Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures at Northwestern University. A leading scholar in Russian literature, his work on authors such as Chekhov, Gogol, Dostoevsky, and Tolstoy has earned him wide acclaim, including "best book of the year" honors from the American Comparative Literature Association and the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European languages.
Limited seating. Tickets are free with a suggested donation.

Dante 360— November 8-10



Dante 360 returns to the stage for its fourth year as the launch of our 2024–2025 theatrical season, and single tickets are now on sale!

On one level, Dante 360 is an entertaining theatrical production of one of the most epic stories of Western Literature; on a deeper level, it's a meditation on our journey from this beautiful but ever-challenging world to the joy of Heaven.

The show enriches our understanding of the meaning of life as well as our experience of the journey through it in a compelling narrative of hope and beauty.

Starring the celebrated art historian Elizabeth Lev, Schola Antiqua, and a cast of some of Chicago's finest actors, Dante 360 brings Dante's story to life, pointing us to the ultimate end of our existence: the call to Paradise. Get your tickets today for the trip of a lifetime. One weekend only: November 8–10.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Pants hanger

Many things in the house can have an alternate use. Take a pants hanger and clip your recipe below it and suspend it from a cabinet knob in the kitchen. The recipe is then at a convenient height for cooking and will not get wet from the items on the counter.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS



Día de los Muertos or Day of the Dead is not to be confused with a Latino version of Halloween—so what is it? Día de los Muertos festivities unfold over two days (Nov. 1-2) in an explosion of color and life-affirming joy. Although rooted in practices commemorating the dead in pre-Hispanic cultures, Día de los Muertos was incorporated into the Catholic Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) giving the practice a Christian interpretation.

For the indigenous cultures in Mexico and other parts of Latin America, death was a natural phase in life's long continuum. The dead were members of the community and kept alive in memory and spirit. During Día de los Muertos, the spirits of the deceased temporarily returned to Earth or the realm of the living where family members prepared an *altar de muertos* or *ofrenda* (an offering). The *ofrenda* was loaded with offerings such as food and water to quench hunger/thirst after the journey into the realm of the living. It was a place of rest and encounter.

In Christianity, these *ofrendas* are not altars for worshipping nor places of rest for the spirits; rather, they are memorial shrines honoring our deceased loved ones. The *ofrenda* includes pictures of our deceased relatives and the different items or decorations represent Christian beliefs about life and death. For example, water represents cleansing waters of baptism and the skeletons the fragility of life. Catholics add images of Jesus and saints to represent our hope in the resurrection and life to come. An *ofrenda* can have different levels. For example, two levels represent the earth and heavens; three levels represent the Holy Trinity; and seven levels represent the Christian understating of overcoming the Seven Deadly Sins.

As with other religious holidays that have been secularized, Día de los Muertos is popularly detached from religious practices. Nonetheless, for Christians it is an opportunity to pray and remember those who have died. In short, Día de los Muertos festivities incorporate our Christian faith and hope in the resurrection.

ST. ALPHONSUS ALTAR DE MUERTOS

(MEMORIAL SHRINE OF THE DEAD)

- Visit our community's *ofrenda* in the narthex and pray for the deceased members of our parish.
- If you would like to remember someone at the *altar de muertos*, please bring a picture of them and add it to the memorial located in the narthex (attach a post-it note to the back of the picture with your contact info).
- Hot Chocolate and Mexican bread will be served in the Veranda after the 5:00 PM Mass on November 2nd.



St. Alphonsus Church Blood Drive
Festival Hall

1429 W Wellington Ave
Chicago, IL 60657

Sunday, November 3, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Appointments preferred.

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.

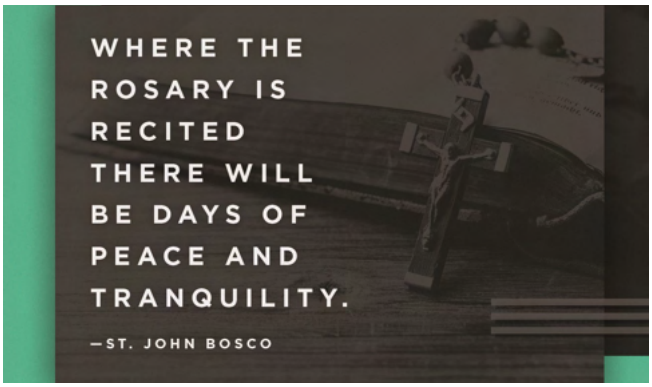
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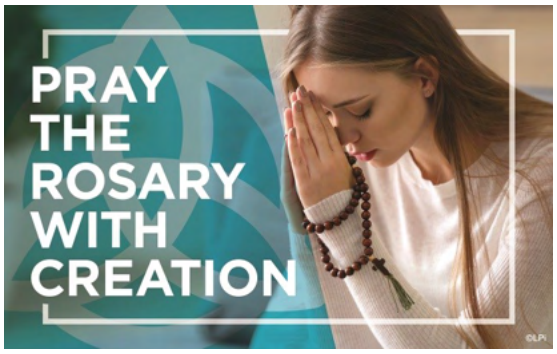
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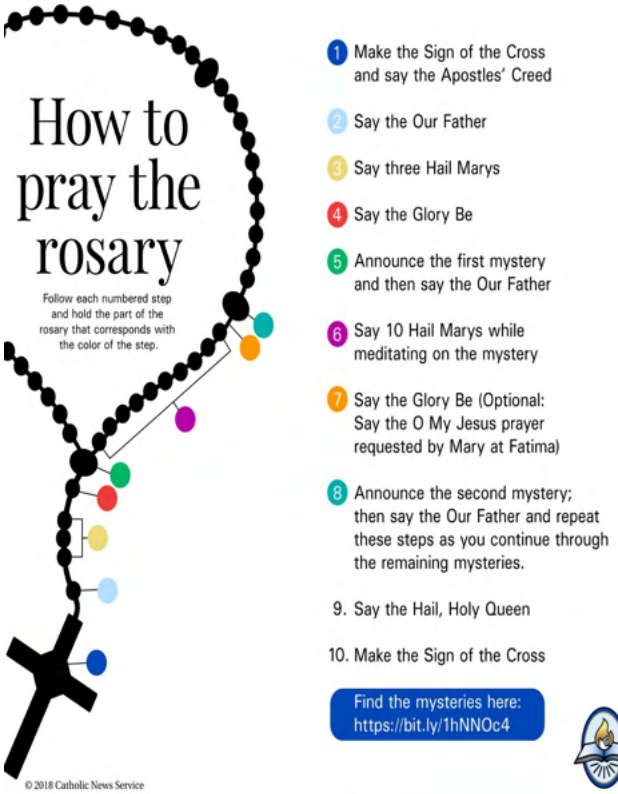
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November Calendar

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
					1 ***All Saints Day— Mass at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM***	2 ***All Souls Day— Requiem Mass @ 5 PM*** **9:00 AM** Religious Education— Holy Fire Retreat @ Credit Union 1Arena **12:00 PM** Young Adult Ministry Fall Retreat
3 ***Daylight Saving Time Ends*** **9:00 AM** Red Cross Blood Drive **2:30 PM** RCIA **6:00 PM** YAM Board Meeting **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	4 **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **9:30 AM** Mysteries of the Rosary Series **6:00 PM** RE— First Communion Seminar **7:00 PM** Baptismal Prep Class **7:00 PM** Psalm Series **7:00 PM** Knights of Columbus Meeting	5 ***Election Day— Festival Hall Polling Place 6 AM—7 PM*** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **3:00 PM** Cub Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	6 ***6 PM Mass & Holy Hour. Special Intentions for Seminarians in Configuration Stage*** **1:45 PM** Junior Scouts—4th **6:30 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	7 **6:15 PM** Leonine Forum Mass **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group	8 ***AACA— No School*** **7:00 PM** Dante 360 @ ACTC **7:30 PM** Men's Group Adoration	9 **2:00 AM** Dante 360 @ ACTC **2:00 PM** Dante 360 @ ACTC **6:00 PM** AACA Father's Club— Fight Night **7:00 PM** Dante 360 @ ACTC

National Vocations Awareness Week Nov 3-9

vocations.archchicago.org/events/national-vocation-awareness-week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 **9:00 AM** Family Mass w/ Children's Choir **2:30 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Dante 360 @ ACTC **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**11** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **9:30 AM** Mysteries of the Rosary Series **7:00 PM** Psalm Series	**12** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **3:00 PM** Cub Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**13** ***6 PM Mass of Remembrance for Lost Children*** **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 3rd **6:30 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**14** **6:00 PM** AACA— Back to Basics **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Marriage Information Meeting	**15** **9:00 AM** AACA Admissions Open House **3:00 PM** Boy Scouts— Webelos Meeting	**16** **10:00 AM** YAM Tailgate/Chili Cook-Off
	AACA Scholastic Book Fair in Festival Hall					
17 ***Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection*** ***Celebration of Giving/ Giving Tree Service project Begins*** **1:00 PM** Samuel Group **2:30 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**18** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **9:30 AM** Mysteries of the Rosary Series **5:30 PM** Cub Scouts Meeting— Tiger **6:00 PM** RE— First Communion Seminar **7:00 PM** Psalm Series	**19** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **3:00 PM** Cub Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**20** **6:00 PM** AACA Fall Band Concert **6:30 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**21** **8:00 AM** Blessings in a Backpack **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group	**22** **7:30 PM** Praise and Adoration	**23**
24 **2:30 PM** RCIA **6:00 PM** Lakeview Roscoe Village Community Tree Lighting **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**25** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **9:30 AM** Mysteries of the Rosary Series	**26** ***No RE— Thanksgiving Break*** **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**27** **1:45 PM** Daisy Scouts— 1st **6:30 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**28** ***Thanksgiving*** ***Mass at 9:00 AM*** 	**29**	**30**
	AACA No School; PD/Thanksgiving Break					

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.

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