



Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 4, 2024: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*"I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (Jn 6:35)*

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

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

Alphonsus Academy & Center For the Arts

Friday 8:30 AM or as announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 6:30—7:30 PM

Confessions

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

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

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Next 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

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds	Tessa Sergent	David Birks	Jacob Duda	Rosemarie Cordero
Jamie Wallett	Diane Mareci	Celeste Soult	Dorothy O'Brien	Gary Masterson
Monica Alexis Rios	William Ahearn	Magdalena Gonzalez	Ryan Meadow	Ramona Colon
Margaret Nichols	Emilia Hurtado	Michael Aldape	Danny Browder	
	Michael and Elizabeth Velten	Janet Horvat	Carol Kania	
	Fidel Mercado Chavez	Frank G. Bauer	Leslie Salimi	
		Al Corleone	Jason Jamero	
		Tracy Duda		

Welcome to the Parish!

Vaughn Zmolek
Stephanie Haldorsen
Elizabeth Toscano
Amy & Andrew Hausmann
Samson
Shawn & Mark Kmety
Beth Scudder & Kyle Kalkofen
Kristin Kopicki & Andrew Gard Graham
Erin Kolasinski
Zack LaPuma
Max Arciniega
Cristina Garcia & Michael Sulit
Jonathan Bruno

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount:
\$15,192
Offertory for 7/28:
\$16,143

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

Left QR code for GiveCentral; Right QR code for Venmo



For Mass donations via Zelle, please
submit to general parish email account,
parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Adriel Amilcar Henriquez
Ellis Paul Van Ryzin
Benjamin Arturo McCatty
Kylie Addison Mora

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 4

9:00 AM +John Maher
11:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
12:30 PM +Manuel and Maria Naula
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, August 5

8:30 AM James Pellino (birthday blessings)

Tuesday, August 6

8:30 AM +Sean Gibbons

Wednesday, August 7

6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, August 8

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, August 9

8:30 AM Lynn Ray (Health)

Saturday, August 10

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

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

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.

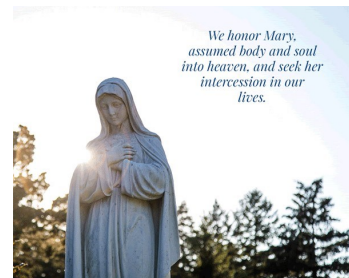
Girl Scouts of St. Alphonsus In Need of Group Leader

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.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.



Religious Goods Sale this Sunday, August 4

The Franciscan Clarist Sisters of Ciudad Altamirano, Guerrero, México will be selling religious goods in the Narthex of the church after each Mass this Sunday, August 4. The community currently has 73 sisters; they are dedicated to contemplative prayer. The sisters sustain their monastery through generous donations and the selling of religious articles and cultural crafts. Please stop by their table to check out what they sell and support them with your religious items purchase.



Are You Ready to Become Catholic?

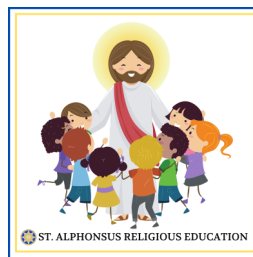
Registration is open for The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA program is the study of the Catholic Faith and the process of introduction into the faith community.

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.

Knights of Columbus

The St. Alphonsus Council has a strong group of motivated Knights from all ages and walks of life, w/ our numbers over 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, Ray San Agustin at raysanagustin15158@gmail.com or visit www.stalphonsusknights.com

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 7 at 7:00 PM! Social on the parish rooftop to follow! Open to all Catholic practicing men, please come out and join us!

Sacrament Series—Holy Orders Wednesday, August 14



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!

Stewardship—First Fruits



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



Young Adult Ministry

Theology on Tap Speaker Series— Wednesday, August 7 at 7 PM

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THEOLOGY ON TAP



Join us for our final 2024 Theology on Tap event to deepen our knowledge of the faith, grow closer to one another in fellowship, and lead lives of charity. Theology On Tap helps support and celebrate your spiritual growth as you explore how God is present in your life in a number of new and exhilarating ways and deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ your way.

Alessandro DiSanto is our guest speaker.

Hear the founding story of the Hallow app and how Alessandro's eucharistic journey has led him to a life of surrendering to God's will

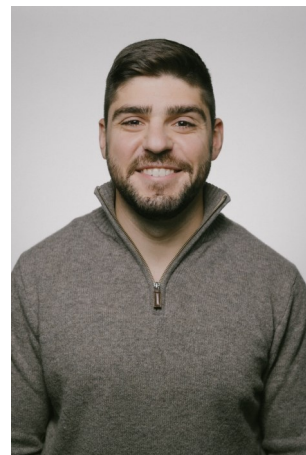
Alessandro is one of the co-founders at Hallow, the #1 Catholic app in the world. Raised in a large Italian-American family, Alessandro is a proud product of Catholic education from kindergarten through college, ultimately graduating summa cum laude from the University of Notre Dame with degrees in finance and economics. Alessandro began his career on Wall St, at Goldman Sachs in New York City before becoming a private equity investor in Chicago.

After a series of life-changing experiences in prayer, Alessandro left his career in finance to join his friends in building Hallow, a Catholic prayer and meditation app. Alessandro serves as CFO and leads Hallow's efforts in supporting the institutional church, especially in the area of Catholic education.

Alessandro is founding member and venture partner at the 81 Collection, a Chicago-based venture capital fund focused on providing capital to founders in industries often overlooked by traditional venture capital funds. He also advises early-stage technology start-ups on go-to-market and product strategy.

He speaks and has written on the topics of prayer, mental health, and entrepreneurship and has been featured on platforms including EWTN, CatholicTV, and Fox News, as well as in dioceses across the country. Along with the other co-founders of Hallow, Alessandro was recognized as a member of the Forbes 30 Under 30 class of 2021 for consumer technology. Alessandro serves on the Department of Economics Advisory Board at the University of Notre Dame and is a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. He lives in Chicago with his wife and children.

Join us for fellowship, food, and refreshments starting at 7 PM; with the speaker's talk at 7:30 PM. We encourage you to attend mass at 6 PM followed by Eucharistic adoration from 6:30-7:30 PM. We hope to see you here!



Air & Water Show Viewing Party!



Come join St. Al's YAM on **Saturday, Aug. 10 from 11 AM to 3 PM** as we watch the Chicago Air Show from the St. Al's rectory rooftop. Enjoy the great weather, fantastic views of the Chicago skyline and have a great time meeting new friends! The spire of St. Al's tower is used as an orientation point for the show, so you are sure to have great views of the planes! We will have drinks, and a grill for hot dogs and hamburgers. Contact us with any questions at stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

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



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Everyone Can Evangelize

We are all called to evangelize, and thanks to the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are well-equipped for this mission. It may not mean spreading the Gospel in a foreign land or going door-to-door with the Good News—and it may require overcoming some fears—but the Lord is asking each of us to step out of our comfort zone and evangelize one-on-one.

There is someone in your life right now whom Jesus longs to call to himself. He wants to spark a relationship with them and bless them with his sacraments. In this Year of Mission, Catholics across the U.S. are saying “yes” to a special form of heart-to-heart accompaniment called the Walk With One initiative. 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 this call!

The Stages of Spiritual Companionship

1

Identify

Don’t just pick someone. Ask God whom he wants you to accompany on their journey home to the Church. He will point you to the person he has in mind and open doors for the conversations that need to happen.

3

Connect

Look for ways to build a deeper relationship with this person. Get together with them for coffee or lunch. Listen deeply for promptings from the Holy Spirit as you get to know your friend’s joys and struggles. Share with them some of your own.

2

Intercede

As soon as the Lord lays someone on your heart, begin to pray for them! Ask God to remove whatever obstacles are making it difficult for this person to draw closer to Christ and his Church. Pray for the grace to be able to accompany them well.

4

Invite

Follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit. When the time is right, invite your friend to take a concrete next step in fostering a personal relationship with Jesus and the Church. This might mean joining you for a small group or Mass on Sunday.

www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

On June 28th, 2024, I attended evening Mass and adoration at St. Alphonsus; to some, this may seem like an ordinary evening, but this particular evening's Mass and adoration were extraordinary. As part of Chicago's stop on the Eucharistic Pilgrimage, I was able to adore Our Lord who traveled miles and miles, state across state, along with thousands of others beyond the gathering at St. Al's that evening. Mass was followed by a Eucharistic progression within the church with lights slightly dimmed and single flames dancing forth from the hands of each person gathered. As I retrospectively bring myself back to adoration that night, a swarm of emotions fills my heart. I see priests following suit behind the Lord as He's processed throughout the church. I hear the sound of song from above and around me as the Lord is adored. I feel the leather of the kneeler beneath me as each member present turns to follow the monstrance. I smell the faint burning of candles, and taste the remnants of the Eucharist on my tongue from only a few short moments ago. But greatest of all, what

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.

Meghan Grill attended the Young Adult Pilgrimage event this June at St. Alphonsus, and was kind enough to share what this experience meant to her!

I experience with my whole sense of self, is an abiding peace, sureness, and rest within the gaze of The King.

Having recently moved over 600+ miles from Chicago, I find myself experiencing many unknowns as I adjust to the start of a new chapter of life in Fargo, North Dakota. Amongst the change, there is a constant regardless of the town, city, state, or country I'm in - the Holy Mass. The same Lord present in the Eucharistic Pilgrimage traveling the country is the same Lord present here with me in a town many miles from home; as I kneel in a new church, a new adoration chapel decorated with new stained glass windows, pews, people - I lift my eyes to find the gaze of the same Lord present on the Eucharistic Pilgrimage, present at a high school retreat, in Chicago, at U of I, in a tiny chapel amongst the fields, here with me now. Within that gaze between the Lord and I, I find timelessness, yearning, understanding, simplicity, rest, hope; and forever, I hope to live in that gaze until the moment I meet Love Himself.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Stirred or Shaken

For cocktails shake if there is citrus, stir if there is not. If the cocktail ingredients are mostly, or entirely, spirits (such as in a Manhattan, Martini or Negroni), you should stir. If a cocktail includes juice (such as in a Margarita, Daiquiri or Cosmo), you should shake. Here you want to break up the viscous juices. If you shake a martini with ice, more ice is melted and the drink becomes diluted with water and weaker. James Bond was a wimp.



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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

University of Saint Mary of the Lake provides academic courses and formative experiences for those seeking to build the Kingdom of God in our world. The School of Parish Leadership and Evangelization is your gateway to enhancing your skills, deepening your faith, and becoming a confident leader within the Catholic Church. Unlock the doors to a transformative experience.

APPLY TODAY for the Certificate of Lay Leadership program.

Curious about our Graduate Degree Programs, including a Doctor in Ministry? Are you discerning a possible call to diaconal ministry?

Join us **August 5th at 6:30 pm** for our online information session!

Email Llewandowski@usml.edu to register.

<https://usml.edu/sple/parish-ministry-programs/>



Gospel Reflection

“Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus answered them and said, “Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.” John 6:25–27

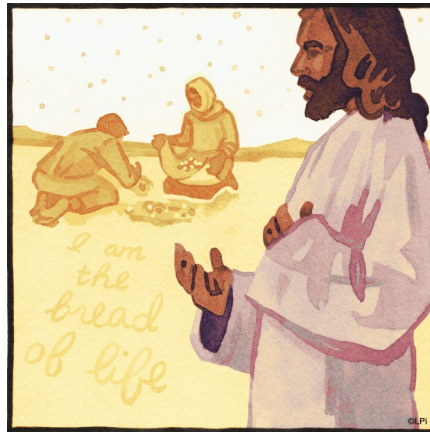
Hunger For God

The day before, Jesus fed the crowds at the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. The next day, the people were hungry again, so they went looking for Jesus thinking that He might miraculously feed them again. In the passage above, Jesus uses their physical hunger to point them to a deeper spiritual reality.

Each one of us is hungry. We continually have cravings that we want satiated. Certainly, food and drink are among our cravings, but the deepest craving we each have is a spiritual one. The problem is that we often try to satiate ourselves in ways that will never satisfy us. Therefore, we each need to hear Jesus say, “Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.” What is that food that the Son of Man will give to us? Of course, it is His very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. It is the Most Holy Eucharist.

This passage begins the lengthy “Bread of Life Discourse” from which we will read over the next three Sundays. Throughout this discourse, Jesus makes it clear that His flesh is true food and His blood is true drink. Eating Jesus’ flesh and blood is the only way to eternal life. Some who listen to this teaching find that it is too difficult to accept and, as a result, reject Jesus and His teaching. The discourse ends with Jesus asking the Twelve if they want to leave too. Peter gives the perfect response by saying, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

As we ponder this teaching of Jesus over the next few weekends, it is important to start with the foundation. The foundation is our spiritual hunger. We each experience it. We each are aware of it. We cannot escape it. For that reason, look into your own soul. What do you see? Do you see a certain restlessness and unfulfilled desire? Do you sense the cravings within your own soul? When you see this, know that you have discovered the starting point of the life of fulfillment.



Unless you can see that hunger within, you cannot turn to the source of satiation.

The Eucharist is the source of all that we long for in life; however, too often we fail to see that. We can easily fall into the trap of seeing the Eucharist as an obligation we must meet each week. Sometimes Mass can even be seen as an inconvenience. If this is your struggle, try to use the next few Sundays to reexamine your understanding of the Most Holy Eucharist.

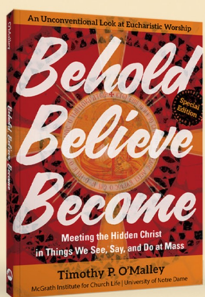
Sunday Mass, more than anything else in life, must be understood as the source of our deepest satisfaction in life. It must be seen as the answer to every interior longing and restlessness we have. It is not money, recognition, status, power, or anything else in life that fulfills us. It is God. And God comes to us first and foremost in the celebration of the Mass. Do you believe this? Do you understand?

Reflect, today, and for the next few weeks, upon the Gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. As you do, try to see it as the answer to every interior longing and hunger that you have in life. Try to make an act of faith in this spiritual truth. If you do not regularly experience the satiation offered by consuming the Eucharist, ask yourself why not. Believe in everything that Jesus teaches in this holy discourse of the Bread of Life. If you do, you will also begin to receive the nourishment that our Lord promises.

My Eucharistic Lord, You are the Bread of Life and the source of all satisfaction in life. Your Body and Blood, given to me through my participation in the Holy Mass, is the greatest Gift I could ever receive. Please renew and deepen my love for You in this Gift so that I will find full satisfaction and fulfillment in You alone. Jesus, I trust in You.

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BOOK STUDY



**ALL
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*Discover how Christ is hidden in the things
we see, say, and do at Mass.*

Faith Formation

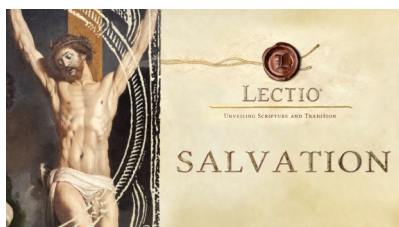
Behold, Believe, Become Book Study ***Sundays at 6 PM, Rectory Common Room,*** ***NOW through August 11***

Have you ever thought of the Mass as boring?? Come discover the Hidden Christ in some of the elements we encounter at Mass. Everything we see, say, and do at Mass tells us something about who Christ is and who we are to become as Christian people. But if we don't look for that deeper meaning, if we don't understand, then the Mass *can* seem boring because we are missing out. Every encounter with God has the power to completely transform you. Are you ready to live a transformed life, both during the Mass and out in the world?

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.

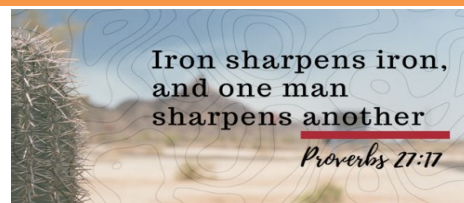
When great conversations happen, synergy that creates connections and helps values be shared develops. *Proverbs 27:17* describes this as two iron tools being sharpened and made more effective. The same applies with friends coming into contact, sharpening and encouraging each other to greater service.

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***



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

August Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 <i>Franciscan Clarist Sisters Religious Goods Sale After All Masses</i> 6:00 PM Behold, Believe, Become Book Study 7:00 PM Big Book AA Meeting	5 8:30 AM AA Daily Reflections Group 6:00 PM Lectio Series: Salvation	6 9:30 AM Walking w/ Purpose Organizational Meeting 7:00 PM Philosophy Forum	7 7:00 PM Theology on Tap 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting/ Rooftop Social to Follow 8:00 PM Men's Group Vespers	8 6:30 PM Women's Faith Group 7:00 PM Men's Faith Group	9	10 11:00 AM YAM Air & Water Show Viewing Party on Rooftop
11 2:00 PM YAM Board Retreat 6:00 PM Behold, Believe, Become Book Study 7:00 PM Big Book AA Meeting	12 8:30 AM AA Daily Reflections Group 6:00 PM Lectio Series: Salvation 7:00 PM Baptismal Prep Class	13 6:00 PM Walking w/ Purpose Rooftop Social 7:00 PM Philosophy Forum	14 6:30 PM Book Club 7:30 PM YAM Sacrament Series: Holy Orders 8:00 PM Men's Group Vespers	15 <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Mass at 8:30 AM & 7 PM</i> 6:30 PM Women's Faith Group 7:00 PM Men's Faith Group	16 4:00 PM AACA Ice Cream Social	17 9:00 AM YAM Service: Volunteer at Mission OLA Back to School Block Party
18 <i>AACA Academy Day Back to School Mass at 9 AM</i> 2:00 PM Big Book AA Elections Meeting 7:00 PM Big Book AA Meeting	19 8:30 AM AA Daily Reflections Group 6:00 PM Lectio Series: Salvation	20 6:30 PM AACA Back to School Night 7:00 PM Philosophy Forum	21 <i>AACA— First Day of School</i> 6:30 PM Book Club 8:00 PM Men's Group Vespers	22 6:30 PM Women's Faith Group 7:00 PM Men's Faith Group	23 7:30 PM Praise and Adoration	24
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Joining St. Alphonsus Parish

St. Alphonsus welcomes all community members on their faith journey! Just moved in the area? Coming back to practicing our Catholic faith? You will want to learn about all the events going on at our parish. If you are not receiving our weekly parish newsletter in your email, contact Mario Serrano at mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.church

You can officially register to join the parish at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors

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.stalphonsusknight.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
9:00 AM— 7:30 PM Tues, Thur

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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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