Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 30, 2025: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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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

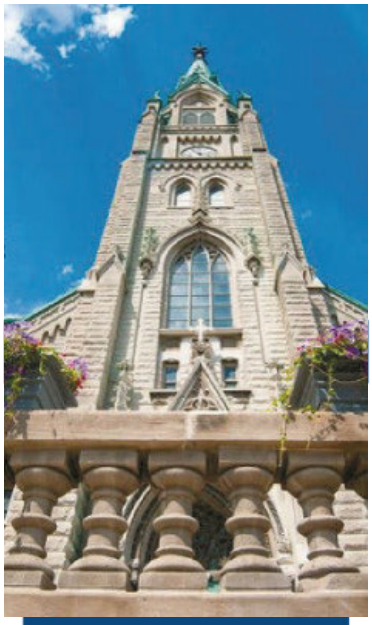
Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM

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: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-4Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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
Michelle Renee Moya
Vera Wilkinson
Ernest Nora
Albert Meier
Daniel Kathrein

WEDDING

Jennifer Garcia
and
Alan Garcia

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, March 30
9:00 AM Carolyn Marsalek (Birthday Blessings)
11:00 AM +Eileen Kruse
12:30 PM +Felipe Dominguez
+Arcadia Meza
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, March 31
8:30 AM +Colette Marie Morris

Tuesday, April 1
8:30 AM Tommy Kallao

Wednesday, April 2
6:00 PM +Mary Gobat

Thursday, April 3
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, April 4
8:30 AM +Colette Marie Morris

Saturday, April 5
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, April 6
9:00 AM William Graham (Birthday Blessings)
Kathy Graham (Birthday Blessings)
11:00 AM Maria Magturo & Family (Birthday Blessings)
Michael & Elizabeth Velten (50th Wedding Anniversary)
12:30 PM +Perfecta Monico y Genaro Corral
5:00 PM +Sarah Jean Hobart

Holy Week & Easter Schedule



Palm Sunday, April 13
Mass times: Sunday 9:00, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (Spanish) and 5:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 17
8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 18
8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours
3:00 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 19
12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM (en Español)
No 5:00 PM Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27
Mass times: 9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 PM (en Español) and 5 PM
3:00 PM Holy Hour & Confessions

St. Alphonsus– Generation to Generation Campaign

Our parish's participation in the campaign over the next few years, will meet the particular needs of individual parishes and also support Catholic ministries throughout Cook and Lake counties. For St. Alphonsus, our participation will allow us to save our veranda, restore the organ to its original glory, and undertake some campus beautification projects, as detailed by the posters in the narthex.

To learn more about the campaign, all are welcome to join us for a wine & cheese reception in our Festival Hall on Thursday, April 10 from 6:30 - 8 PM, complete with a tour of the veranda's underside and an organ demonstration. Or feel free to contact the rectory to arrange a meeting with one of the campaign committee members.





Children's Liturgy of the Word
This Sunday at 9 AM Mass

Children ages 4-7 are invited to join us during the 9 AM Sunday Mass for Children's Liturgy of the Word! The children will hear the Word of God proclaimed in a way that they can understand, enter into prayer, and learn how to actively participate in the Mass! No sign up required. Children will be called up to the front of the Church near the beginning of Mass for a blessing, and Parents may accompany shy/ hesitant children to make them feel more comfortable.

Upcoming CLOW Dates are March 30th, May 4th, June 1st.
Questions? Contact Emily at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church



Faith Formation

Walking With Purpose—Women's Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 AM; Evenings at 6:30 PM

Come as you are. You are welcome here. Make authentic connections with other women. Refuel and refresh. Learn more about God!

Become a true , dynamic disciple of Jesus Christ.

Passionate Discipleship is a Bible study focused on equipping women to know Christ and to make Him known. Study 2 Timothy verse by verse as we immerse ourselves in Paul's last and deeply personal letter to his beloved friend and mentee, Timothy.

walking with purpose

Come learn how to live as disciples of Christ, living with Him as the center of our lives and entrusting this message to others who can pass it on as well.

Meetings take place every Tuesday on the 2nd Floor Common Room in the parish rectory. For questions and more info, please contact Marianne at mariannek36@yahoo.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

Confirmation is April 4— Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom

Wisdom allows us to know the purpose and plan of God and value it above all else. God's wisdom is His truth. God gives us a share in His wisdom to allow us to recognize the truth and see things from His point of view.

Understanding

Understanding empowers human intelligence to know and comprehend the truths of the Catholic Faith that go beyond simple human abilities. It allows us to discover God's will in everything through prayer, reading Scripture, and receiving the Sacraments.

Counsel

Right judgment or counsel helps us to know right from wrong and avoid sin. It allows us to make the right decisions in the face of temptation and evil. Right judgment empowers us to live a moral life and attain salvation.

Fortitude

Fortitude emboldens us to stand up for and defend the Catholic Faith in the face of persecution, even to the point of physical harm or death. This gift strengthens us to do God's will, and helps us overcome fear.

Knowledge

Knowledge allows us to be aware of God's plan in our lives and to apply it and take action on it. Knowledge sheds light on our weaknesses, sins, and failures and helps us strive to overcome them with the grace of God.



Piety

Reverence moves us to serve God in humility and love. It allows us to worship God rightly, not because we feel a responsibility or duty, but because we love Him and desire to worship Him.

Fear of the Lord

The gift of wonder and awe or fear of the Lord allows us to recognize that God is God and we are not. By this gift, we rightly know our relationship to God and His glory and greatness. We fear displeasing God by our sin and desire to be close to Him.

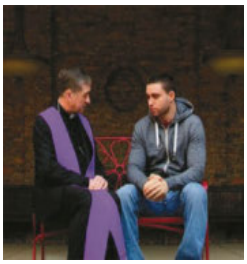
Lenten Teaching Mass— Saturday, April 5



Are you looking to learn more about the mass in this season of Lent? Have you ever wondered where certain parts of the mass come from and how the mass as it is now became to be? Have you ever wanted to ask why the priest adds water to the wine? What does the sign we make before the Gospel mean? Now is your chance to learn and ask questions! Our Pastor Father Steve will be hosting a Teaching/Explanatory Saturday Vigil mass.

The event begins at 5:00 PM and will begin with a brief explanation of the history of mass. We will then have a Saturday Vigil Mass, but Father Steve will stop at appropriate times during the mass to explain what he is doing and why. After mass, we will open the floor to questions you may have that were not covered. All questions are welcome. This is a great time for everyone to learn more about mass and I guarantee at least one other person is wondering the same thing you are! Depending on what time we finish, we will be having a social afterwards. This is a unique event, so be sure to come!

Coming to Confession During Lent



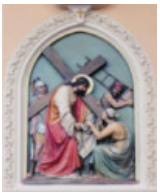
Lent is a traditional time to 'take stock' and discover the ways in which we can turn more fully toward the Lord and away from the sin that weighs us down. It is a great season in which to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

The sacrament is Reconciliation is regularly offered twice each week: Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 PM; Saturday from 11:00 to 11:30 AM. You may also contact the rectory office and schedule an appointment with a priest.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 6:40 PM on Fridays before Stations. If you need a refresher on how to pray the chaplet, you can go to www.catholic-link.org/how-to-pray-the-divine-mercy-chaplet-your-step-by-step-visual-guide/

Stations of the Cross



Each Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6 PM (en Espanol) and 7 PM (in English). This prayer allows us to meditate on Christ's Passion and death while walking the "Way of the Cross." It is a wonderful way to grow in one's knowledge of being a disciple of the Lord.



Lakeview Easter Egg Hunt— Saturday, April 19 at 11 AM

Hop on down to the brand new Lakeview Egg Hunt event on April 19th, perfect for families and small children, near our parish's Veranda at Lincoln & Wellington. (same area as the Christmas tree)

Enjoy a 100% free Easter Bunny photo opportunity, giveaways, a small -scale Egg Hunt with eggs including candy for kids and small gift cards and coupons from Lakeview businesses for parents.

Funded by Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce's SSA 27 grant programs. Learn more at www.lakeviewssa27.com

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.

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Offertory for 3/23: $18,116

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

Stewardship Reflection

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." - Joshua 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Here are the recipes to dye your Easter eggs without the commercial dyes.

Easter Egg Dyeing

Add one tablespoon white vinegar to every cup of strained dye liquid.

Per cup of water use the following:

1 cup chopped purple cabbage = blue on white eggs, green on brown eggs

1 cup red onion skins = lavender on red eggs

1 cup yellow onion skins = orange on white eggs, rusty red on brown eggs

1 cup shredded beets = pink on white eggs, maroon on brown eggs

2 tablespoons ground turmeric = yellow eggs

1 bag Red Zinger tea = lavender eggs

For every dozen eggs plan on using at least four cups of dye liquid.

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable.

Luke 15:1–3

Seeking the Lost

This is good news! Our Lord "welcomes sinners and eats with them." For that reason, there is room at His table for you!

Sometimes it's hard to admit that we are sinners. Of course we know in our minds that we are. But our pride can easily lead us to justify our sin, downplay it and conclude that we are not that bad after all. If you find yourself thinking this way, be careful. Doing so will make you like the Pharisees and scribes in the passage above. Clearly they did not see themselves as sinners, which is why they condemned Jesus for welcoming sinners and eating with them.

The passage above comes from the beginning of Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel and serves as an introduction to three subsequent parables. First, our Lord tells the Parable of the Lost Sheep, then the Parable of the Lost Coin, and then the Parable found in the rest of today's Gospel passage, the Parable of the Lost Son. In the first parable, the shepherd who finds his lost sheep rejoices. In the second parable, the woman who finds her lost coin rejoices. And in the parable we read today, the father who finds his lost son rejoices and throws a party to celebrate.

Return, again, to the passage above that introduces these three parables: "Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus." Once they drew near, Jesus spoke to them about the joy of finding that which was lost. Perhaps as Jesus initially spoke about the finding of the lost sheep and lost coin, this would have resonated with these tax collectors and sinners to a certain degree. But then our Lord tells them the long and detailed story about this boy who disrespects his father, takes his inheritance, squanders it on illicit living, and ends up with nothing. The story expresses the confusion of this boy, his desperation, his guilt and his shame. We learn of his interior thinking, reasoning, fears and anxiety.



As you ponder this parable, try to understand the effect that it would have had upon the tax collectors and sinners who all drew near to our Lord. They were spiritually hungry, just as the prodigal son was. They had a past full of regret, just as this boy. They were unsatisfied in life and were looking for a way out, just as this son of the loving father was. For these reasons, those tax collectors and sinners who drew near Jesus would have been mesmerized by all that Jesus taught them and filled with hope that they, too, could share in the joy that was so generously bestowed upon this wayward son.

Reflect, today, upon the touching image of these tax collectors and sinners drawing near to Jesus. Though they may have had a certain fear and caution, they would have also had hope. Try to understand what they must have thought and felt as they heard this story of the father's abundant mercy. Think about how they would have related as they discovered that there was hope for them, too. If you struggle with being like the scribes and Pharisees, reject that temptation. Instead, see yourself as one of those sinners who drew near to our Lord and you will be the cause of joy in the Heart of the Father in Heaven.

Most loving and compassionate Lord, tax collectors and sinners were drawn to You. They found in You someone Who could free them from the burdens they carried within. Please help me to see myself as one of those humble souls in need of You and Your mercy. I reject my pride that leads me to self-justification and pray for humility so that I can come to You and gladden the Heart of the Father in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.

Religious Education News

NET Missionary Housing and Food Donations Needed!



Invest in the faith of our next generation! A perfect tithe for your Lenten Almsgiving! Help provide either shelter or food for NET Missionaries who are coming to St. Alphonsus to hold retreats for our 7th & 8th graders!

We are hoping to find 3 families to provide:

- **A Space for 2-3 Missionaries to Sleep April 10th-12th** (*they have their own sleeping bags so floorspace, couches, or air mattresses are fine)*
- **Shower Access**
- **Continental Breakfast** *(like cereal, yogurt, or fruit)*

We are also looking for families to help provide meals for the missionaries *(either home cooked or gift cards like Chipotle/Panera, etc).*

During this Jubilee Year, you can receive an indulgence for performing a work of mercy! Please help us to host these missionaries that will help to spark the faith in our youth! Email any questions to Emily Ember at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church

More News and Events

Donate Blood at St. Alphonsus!

GIVE BLOOD
American Red Cross

Our parish will be hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Sunday, April 6 in the Festival Hall. You can register for an appointment by going online to www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive and type in **StAlphonsusChurch** for available times. All donors will also receive a $15 gift card to Amazon.com via email.

Volunteer with Safe Families for Children



Looking for a meaningful way to serve local moms in need?

Then join the many parish families who generously care for adorable little guys like this one, and consider becoming a Safe Families volunteer!

- "**Host Family**" - host local children in your home for short periods of time
- "**Family Friend**" - provide volunteer babysitting, emotional support, and/or transportation
- "**Resource Friend**" - provide material items or financial support
- "**Closet Worker**" - stewardship of the St. Al's Resource Closet

Learn more at safe-families.org or please contact us at safefamiliesstals@gmail.com! God Bless!

At the Athenaeum

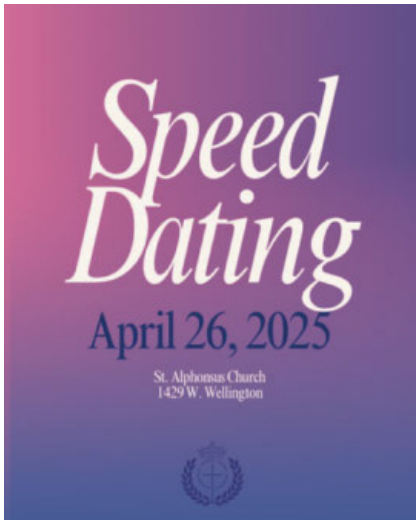
Monday, March 31 at 7:30 PM The Athenaeum is excited to host Abraham Alexander for a performance this Monday following his Best Song Oscar nomination for *Sing Sing*. The first in our 'Beauty from Brokenness' series, the evening will feature musical performance and conversation as we engage with the profound themes explored in his work and life. Alexander's art is a triumphant example of commitment to beauty in the face of difficulty.



Get your tickets for this event and check out more coming to the Athenaeum at athenaeumcenter.org/events/

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Speed Dating— Saturday, April 26



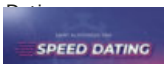
Mark your calendar! Young Adult (21 - 39 years old) Speed Dating will take place on Saturday, April 26th, with check-ins beginning at 6:00 PM. This event will be held in St. Alphonsus Festival Hall.

Cost per individual ticket will be $50. You must pre-register for the event! Sign-ups at the door will NOT be allowed. This is a necessity to ensure that we are able to properly plan everyone's conversations. The final day to register will be Wednesday, April 23rd at NOON, no exceptions. Cost of entry includes light refreshments, two drink tickets for the beginning of the event and two drink tickets for afterwards. We will NOT be serving a full dinner so we strongly recommend eating dinner before arriving as this is a longer event.
In order to register for this event, each individual will have to sign up through two links: Give Central (to pay for the event) and our Speed Dating link (your account will require your email, a password to see matches afterwards, your age, your minimum dating age, and your maximum dating age). Remember, you must both pay and sign up through the link order to attend this event.
GiveCentral Link for Men: www.givecentral.org/otp/42962
GiveCentral Link for Women: www.givecentral.org/otp/42961
Speed Dating Account (all signups): www.stalphonsuschicago.org/yam-speed-dating-form

April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 **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 Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	2 **1:45 PM** Girl Scout Troop Meeting **6:00 PM** AACA Spring Concert @ Athenaeum **6:30 PM** Young Adult Book Club **8:00 PM** CL School of Community **8:15 PM** Men's Vespers	3 **6:15 PM** Leonine Forum Chicago Mass **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** CSL Volleyball League	4 ***Confirmation at 7 PM*** **9:00 PM** Confirmation Reception in Festival Hall	5 **9:00 AM** Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby **5:00 PM** Lenten Teaching Mass
6 **9:00 AM** Red Cross Blood Drive **2:30 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	7 **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **5:30 PM** Legion of Mary **6:00 PM** AACA—College Basketball Championship Event **7:00 PM** Baptism Prep Class **7:00 PM** Knights of Columbus Meeting	8 **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 Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	9 **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts—3rd **6:30 PM** Young Adult Book Club **8:00 PM** CL School of Community **8:15 PM** Men's Vespers	10 **8:30 AM** AACA 8th—NET Retreat **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **6:30 PM** Gen to Gen Wine/Cheese Social **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** CSL Volleyball League	11 **8:30 AM** AACA 7th—NET Retreat **5:00 PM** Legion of Mary **5:30 PM** AACA Father-Daughter Dance **6:00 PM** Stations of the Cross (Español) **7:00 PM** Stations of the Cross (English) **7:45 PM** Praise and Adoration	12 **8:30 AM** Religious Education— NET Retreat

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13 ***Palm Sunday*** **2:30 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**14** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **5:30 PM** Legion of Mary **6:00 PM** AACA School Board Meeting	**15** **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 Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**16** **6:00 PM** AACA Musical @Athenaeum **6:30 PM** Young Adult Book Club **8:00 PM** CL School of Community **8:15 PM** Men's Vespers	**17** ***Holy Thursday*** **8:30 AM** Liturgy of the Hours **7:00 PM** Mass of the Lord's Supper	**18** ***Good Friday*** ***AACA— No School Rectory Office Closed*** **8:30 AM** Liturgy of the Hours **3:00 PM** Stations of the Cross **7:00 PM** Good Friday Liturgy	**19** ***Holy Saturday*** **11:00 AM** LRVCC Easter Event for Children **12:00 PM** Blessing of Easter Baskets **8:00 PM** Easter Vigil
20 ***Easter Sunday*** **7:30 AM** Mass **9:00 AM** Mass **11:00 AM** Mass **1:00 PM** Mass (en Espanol) **No 5 PM Mass**	**21** ***AACA— No School*** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **5:30 PM** Cub Scouts Tiger Den **5:30 PM** Legion of Mary	**22** **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 Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum **7:00 PM** Parish Finance Council Meeting	**23** **1:45 PM** Daisy Scouts— 1st **6:30 PM** Young Adult Book Club **8:00 PM** CL School of Community **8:15 PM** Men's Vespers	**24** **8:15 PM** Blessings in a Backpack **3:30 PM** Cub Scouts Wolf Den— 2nd **5:15 PM** Leonine Forum Chicago Mass **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group	**25** **3:00 PM** Boy Scouts Webelos 3889 Meeting **5:00 PM** Legion of Mary **6:00 PM** AACA Deanery Dance	**26** **10:00 AM** AA Sponsorship Conference **6:00 PM** Young Adult Speed 
27 ***Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour & Confessions at 3 PM*** **1:00 PM** Samuel Group **6:00 PM** Young Adult Ministry Board Meeting **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**28** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **5:30 PM** Legion of Mary	**29** **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 Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**30** **6:30 PM** Young Adult Book Club **8:00 PM** CL School of Community **8:15 PM** Men's Vespers			

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.

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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