# Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 2, 2022: TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,*
*you would say to this mulberry tree,*
*'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."*
*(Lk 17: 6)*

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Mass Schedule

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

### Alphonsus Academy & Center For the Arts

***Friday*** 8:30 AM or as announced

### Eucharistic Adoration

***Wednesday*** 6:30— 7:30 PM

### Confessions

***Wednesday*** 6:30—7:30 PM
***Saturday*** 11:00 AM—12:00 PM
**Or call one of the priests for an appointment*

### Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

***Wednesday*** 5:50 PM

# Worship

## This Week's Readings

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

## Please Pray for the Sick

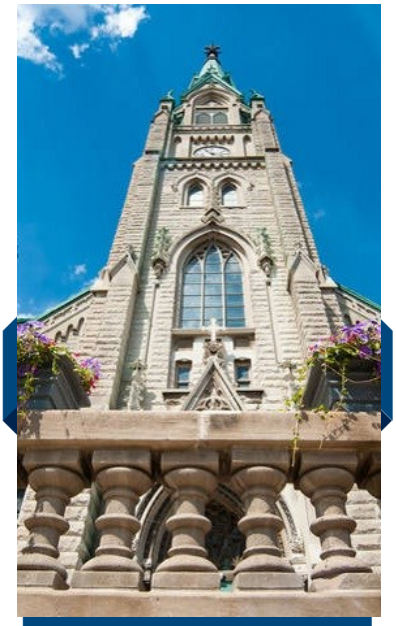
Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
Tessa Sergent
Carolina Goldie
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
Rachel Schopp
Mike Madigan
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
Fidel Mercado Chavez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

## Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 9/25: $14,234

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



## WEDDING BANNS

**Julia Huinker**
**and**
**Brennan Mulroe**

**Kelsey Schattnik**
**and**
**Peter Nero**




**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.

**Wednesday Evening Men's Vespers** All men in the parish are invited to pray with us every Wednesday evening from 8:00-9 PM in the sanctuary.

## Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Brooks Jacob Christy

Emmett Joseph Stec

## MASS INTENTIONS

***Sunday, October 2***
9:00 AM +Steven, Eloise, Carol Ann, & Eva Szeibert
11:00 AM +Christian Diaz
12:30 PM Guadalupe and Esteban Corral
5:00 PM +Edward Marsalek Sr.

***Monday, October 3***
8:30 AM +Edward Marsalek Sr.

***Tuesday, October 4***
8:30 AM +Marty Collins

***Wednesday, October 5***
6:00 PM Thelma Bascos & Robert McDonald

***Thursday, October 6***
8:30 AM +Frances Zajczenko

***Friday, October 7***
8:30 AM +Jan Alice Isenberg

***Sunday, October 9***
9:00 AM +Kathleen Riggs
11:00 AM +Rev. Erasmo Ramirez
12:30 PM Genaro Corral, Esteban Corral
Genaro Corral Castillas
5:00 PM Joe Peroni

# *Dankeschön for Oktoberfest!*

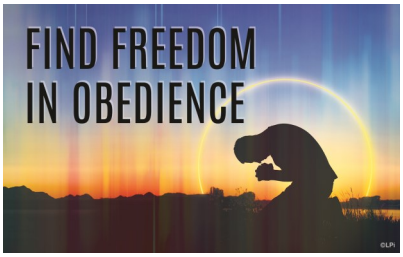
*Dankeschön* is the German word for "thank you," and it is hardly adequate for us to express our gratitude to all the volunteers and collaborators that helped make this year's Oktoberfest such a grand success. We are so grateful to all the parishioners, school parents, neighbors and friends helped as a volunteer or attended the Fest and lent their support during the weekend. The weather couldn't have been better, and thousands of people came to experience that atmosphere of fun and celebration that the Germans call *Gemütlichkeit*. And again, that was only possible with the help of so many volunteers… many thanks to everyone!

Volunteers should check their email for details about the upcoming volunteer party, and everyone should mark their calendars for Sept 22, 23 and 24 of 2023 for the next great installment of Oktoberfest… Prost!





# *Gospel Meditation*




As adults, unless we are dealing with children, "obedience" is not a word we typically like to hear. It often brings connotations of military protocols, deference to superiors at work, or conforming to laws and practices. In a culture that has learned to challenge authority, being obedient is understood more as something I "have" to do, not "want" to do. Do you ever see merit in wanting to be obedient? Encouraged to develop independent, self-sufficient egos and personas, we learn to focus on our own wills and merits as we strive for success and achieve a sense of well-being. Giving ourselves over to the will of another, especially when done blindly, can sometimes carry more risk than we are willing to take. Also, blindly following orders without any deference to ethics or morality can lead to atrocious crimes and violence against humanity.

St. Ignatius of Loyola states, "There are three sorts of obedience; the first, obedience when a strict obligation is imposed upon us, and this is good; the second when the simple word of the superior, without any strict command, suffices for us, and this is better; the third, when a thing is done without waiting for an express command, from a knowledge that it will be pleasing to the superior, and this is the best of all." St. Ignatius sees obedience as an act of love. When the person we are obeying genuinely has our best interest in mind, acting themselves with love and integrity, then what St. Ignatius says makes excellent sense. When mutual trust and a bond of love and respect are present, obedience can lead to freedom and truth.

We ask God to increase our faith. In other words, increase our trust that God knows best how to live and act in this world. We desire the same confidence, determination, and patience Jesus had that the fulfillment of God's vision would one day come. Nurturing a deep love of God and trusting in his providence, we obediently do what we know is pleasing to God: love, repent of sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. As we willingly give witness to our faith, we do only what we are obliged to do, expecting nothing in return. Spared from the task of having to figure it all out for ourselves, we discover freedom.






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## *Respect Life Sunday*

All are welcome!! Join our faith community at St. Alphonsus as we kick off Respect Life Month of October w/ a Mass celebrated by Bishop Bartosic this Sunday October 2 at 5 PM.

# *Faith Formation*

### Register Your Child(ren) for Religious Education!



Each year, St. Alphonsus joyfully educates the children of our parish in their Catholic faith. If you would like to spend more time with children, strengthen the faith bonds in our families or enjoy serving in our parish— please consider volunteering as a catechist for our religious education program! We'd love to talk to you and no experience is necessary :) There are training opportunities and support as you get started and throughout your time of service. Contact our RE Coordinator Erica Cook, ecook@stalphonsuschicago.church for more information.

Our Religious Education program is currently underway for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact Erica or visit our Religious Ed page, www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education for more information.

### 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

# *Walking With Purpose*

## *Women's Group at St. Alphonsus— Tuesday mornings and evenings 9:30-11 AM or 6:30-8 PM*




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

As we look at Old Testament people and events, we'll encounter problems that only Christ will solve, needs that only He will satisfy, and promises that only He can deliver.

**Beholding His Glory**, a nine-lesson Bible study, reminds us how all Scripture points us to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We will learn to recognize and appreciate God's plan for our own lives, His awe-inspiring majesty, and His desire for personal intimacy with each one of us. Contact Susan Combes at suecombes@hotmail.com

# News and Events

## Support "The Baby Bottle Project"

### Pick Up Your Bottle This Sunday



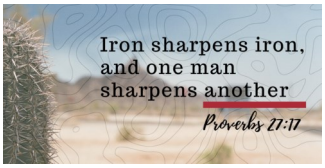
This October, our parish will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing and monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the center's three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. Please take a Baby Bottle home with you next weekend. Fill it with your spare change and return it to church by Sunday, October 16. The bottles may be found at the exits as you leave Mass. Thank you for your support!

## Communio: A Men's Prayer Group

Men of the parish are invited to attend the Communio prayer group each Wednesday at 8 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door at the southwest corner of the building at 7:55). 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, share reflections on the upcoming Sunday gospel reading, followed by a social with refreshments, fellowship, and conversation. All men of the parish are invited. For questions or more info, contact Fr. Bauer.

## St. Alphonsus Men's Group

### Thursday Evenings




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 Matt Duff at mduff527@gmail.com.

## St. Francis Day and the Blessing of Pets



Saint Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) is famous for many things, the most popular things of which were his love for Jesus, care for the poor, founding the a religious order referred to as the Little Brothers (a.k.a., the Order of Friars Minor), his love for the beauty of God's creation and the ability to preach to animals.

To celebrate his feast day, we will be having special outdoor prayer services with a Blessing of Pets on **Tuesday, October 4th, one after school at 3:15 PM for our AACA school families and one at 5:30 PM for parishioners** in the parish/school parking lot. Make sure that all pets are appropriately leashed (or caged), and "walked" before arriving, please and thank you!

## Pumpkin Carving Event



Pumpkin decorating and carving, **Sunday, October 23 after the 11 AM mass**, outside of Festival Hall (near the St. Alphonsus parking lot). All are invited! Pumpkins, supplies and treats will be provided. To help with the pumpkin count, please RSVP: bit.ly/2022stalspumpkin The pumpkins are being harvested from Michigan. The event will relocate to Festival Hall in the case of bad weather. Hosted by our parish Knights of Columbus.

## Natural Family Planning

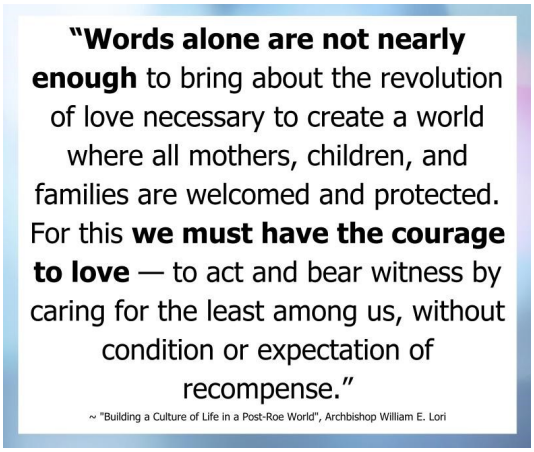
Interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning (NFP) and the different method options? Looking to be connected with instructors? Stephanie Sullivan can help you navigate these questions! She knows from personal experience that it can be overwhelming to choose a method and figure out the best option for you as a couple. She is available to help couples discern this process and connect you with instructors and other NFP resources. NFP can help couples achieve or avoid pregnancy in addition to helping identify and treat health concerns. Contact Stephanie Sullivan at stephanie.lazar523@gmail.com.

## Register as a Member of St. Alphonsus!

St. Alphonsus is blessed to welcome many visitors each year. If you worship at our church, you are invited to formally join our faith community! Register at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors If you have moved and would like to update your address, contact Mario Serrano at mserranostals@gmail.com

# Safe Families For Children

## *Taking Action To Love Mothers and Fathers During Respect Life Month*




As we kick off Respect Life month this Sunday, I'd like to encourage our parish to consider taking action by getting involved with our Safe Families for Children ministry.

In his statement *"Building a Culture of Life in a Post-Roe World",* Archbishop William E. Lori (Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities) calls us to "build a world in which all are welcome" during this month of Respecting Life. Building this world requires "not only justice, but compassion, healing, and above all, unconditional love." To achieve this, "we must shift the paradigm to what Saint Pope John Paul II described as radical solidarity, making the good of others our own good, including especially mothers, babies (born and preborn), and families throughout the entire human lifespan. It is a call to friendship and compassion rooted in the truth that we are made to love our neighbor as ourselves."




Bringing this love to the families who need it, Archbishop Lori urges, is not a metaphysical concept, but rather one that requires action. "Words alone are not nearly enough to bring about the revolution of love necessary to create a world where all mothers, children, and families are welcomed and protected. For this we must have the courage to love—to act and bear witness by caring for the least among us, without condition or expectation of recompense. It is only through such radical witness that hearts will be softened such that they can receive the truth of the Gospel of Life."

He goes on to remind us that "fortunately, Catholics already have a strong foundation in the Church's centuries-long encouragement of parental and societal duties. Millions of individual Catholics from all walks of life are already personally endeavoring to build the bonds of solidarity and compassion throughout our society. Many are engaged in parish and community initiatives..."; here at St Alphonsus, our Safe Families for Children Ministry brings this solidarity and compassion to families in need in Chicago.




The mission of Safe Families is not adoption. Nor is it foster care or babysitting. Safe Families is a Christian movement to provide extended-family-like support for local families without any support system, in order to help keep families intact. Safe Families does this by facilitating short-term placements of children with thoroughly background-checked families. Volunteer families provide love, compassion, and hospitality to these children, while their parent(s), often young single mothers, navigate the crisis situations and get back on their feet.

The existence of such a support system is often the difference between a child remaining in a stable environment with their original family, versus unnecessarily entering and languishing in the foster care system.

This means that when Safe Families are present in a community, children do not need to enter foster care merely because their single parent is hospitalized. It means that when a single mom loses her job and subsequently also loses subsidized daycare, that she has a safe place for her kids to stay while she interviews and trains for her next job. It means that a set of young siblings have warm meals and bedtime stories while their mom secures stable housing after escaping a domestic violence situation. When Safe Families volunteer to provide Christ's love and compassion to the most vulnerable in our community, these beautiful families can bounce back and remain intact after a crisis ends.

As Archbishop Lori said, "We must live and act in radical solidarity with mothers, children, and families in need." At St. Alphonsus, participation in the Safe Families for Children ministry to support pregnant and parenting mothers aligns beautifully with this call.

If you're interested in getting involved, individually or with a group, please reach out to safefamiliesstals@gmail.com or stop by our table in the narthex. Thank you and God Bless!

# Young Adult Ministry

**BE SOCIAL**
**BE SPIRITUAL**
**BE CHARITABLE**
**BE INTELLECTUAL**
**BE CATHOLIC**

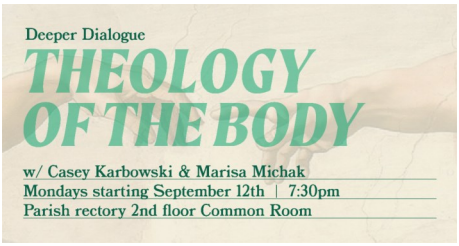
The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is one of St. Alphonsus' most active parish groups! YAM is led by a volunteer board and is guided by Pastoral Associate, Brooks Robinson. Stated simply, the ministry's mission is to help one another participate in Christ's mission, that we, as young adult Catholics, may be effective disciples, evangelists, and agents of charity in all that we do. YAM provides many social, intellectual, service, and spiritual opportunities for growth. Members range in age from 21-39 years old.

Our YAM group is made up of 4 main pillars, Spiritual, Intellectual, Service, and Social.

Visit the St. Alphonsus YAM Facebook page, *www.facebook.com/AlphonsusYoungAdult* or contact the YAM board at *stalphonsusyam@gmail.com*

## Deeper Dialogue—Theology of the Body

**Monday evenings at 7:30 PM**




Immerse yourself in a deeper form of conversation surrounding JPII's Theology of the Body. Led by Casey Karbowski and Marisa Michak, the group will examine excerpts from the book as well as other related materials to break up the content into more digestible and easily understandable elements for discussion. No need to have a hard copy of any Theology of the Body books as all materials and discussion points will be provided on a weekly basis.

## Cheer on TEAM MOLA at the Marathon!



**Next Sunday October 8**, our Young Adult Ministry group will be cheering on Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, (including religious marathon GOAT, Sister Stephanie Baliga and members of our parish YAM) A group will meet at St. Al's at 7:40 AM to walk to Brown Line and head to the cheer section near Damen/Adams.

You're encouraged to make signs or anything else to support the runners! We will go somewhere after for lunch.

For more info for all upcoming events, be sure to visit our Facebook, Instagram or linktr.ee/stalphonsusyam

## County Line Orchard




Hay there, St. Al's YAM community! We will be going to County Line Orchard on **Saturday, October 15th**. The orchard has apple picking, pumpkin patch, farm, corn maze and train. So pumpkin spice up your life and come along with us to this appletastic event.

Find out more about the orchard, pumpkin patch, corn maze, barn activities, food and fun things to do at their website, www.countylineorchard.com Contact us at stalsyamsocial@gmail.com with any questions!

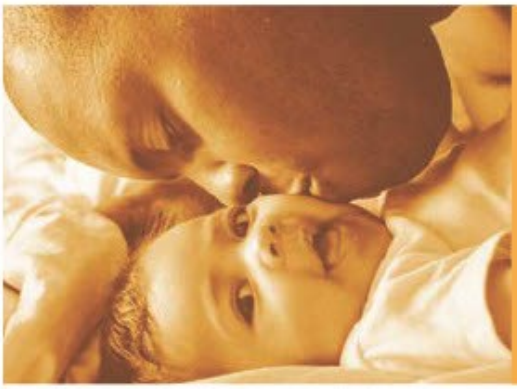
## More Young Adult News and Events

Catholic Sports Leagues

Celebrate five years of faith, community, and fun! Catholic Sports Leagues is hosting a fun social on Saturday October 15 at D'Agostino's, 1351 W. Addison at 7 PM. Join for an incredible night of pizza, games, raffles, giveaways, and more. Whether you're a CSL veteran or new to Chicago and looking to get involved, all are welcome! Visit www.catholicsportsleagues.com to RSVP.

## Small Groups at St. Alphonsus

If you are interested in leading (either by yourself or with another person) or joining a small group, please contact our Small Group Coordinator at st.alsyamsmallgroup@gmail.com.



# How to Build a Culture of Life

## THE PROBLEM

*Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death?*

## OUR CHRISTIAN IDENTITY

To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who *we* are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: "*We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures*; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son."[1]

We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God, and we can grow in this closeness with him through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and frequent participation in the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist.

## OUR MISSION AS CHRISTIANS

The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to God and, at the same time, impels us to share his love with others.

Embracing a relationship with God means following in his footsteps, wherever he may call. Just as Jesus invited St. Peter and St. Andrew to become his disciples, he invites us to do the same: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).

Being a disciple of Jesus naturally includes sharing the Gospel with others and inviting them into a deeper relationship with God. As Christians, our identity and our mission are two sides of the same coin; like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples.

## MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

This doesn't necessarily mean quitting our jobs or moving to foreign countries. For most of us, our mission field is daily life: "Christ teaches us how to evangelize, how to invite people into communion with him, and how to create a culture of witness: namely, through love. A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization."[2]

The first step towards living this life is allowing Jesus to meet and transform us daily. If we respond to his grace, our lives will show we have something beyond what the world offers: we follow a person whose love changes our lives, so we want others to also experience his transforming love.

When we live in union with God, open to his prompting, we're more able to see the opportunities for witness and his guidance in responding to these opportunities. We may fear doing the wrong thing or saying the wrong thing, but we do not need to be afraid. Jesus promised his disciples, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

## IDENTITY CRISIS

As a society and as individuals, we often measure ourselves by false standards: by what and how much we do, our successes or failures, how others treat us, the degree of our pleasure or independence, etc. And when these changeable substitutes prove to be insufficient, or when we are faced with challenges and suffering, we may feel helpless, alone, or abandoned; we may be tempted to feel as though our lives have decreased value or worth.

But God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.

## OUR RESPONSE

When someone is facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however he directs.

When a woman becomes pregnant, and her boyfriend threatens to leave if she continues the pregnancy, we need to lovingly walk with her. When family members or friends become seriously ill, we need to assure them that God still offers them something in this life, and they still have purpose. We need to consistently be with them every step of the way.

Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.

## A CULTURE OF LIFE

This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God's love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus—the source of joy and love.

When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.

Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us.


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# October Calendar

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| 2<br>**6:00 PM** Young Adult Ministry Board Meeting<br>**3:00 PM** RCIA<br>**7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting | 3<br>**8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group<br>**6:00 PM** Women's Group<br>**7:00 PM** AACA School Board<br>**7:00 PM** Deeper Dialogue Theology of the Body<br>**7:00 PM** Knights of Columbus Meeting | 4<br>**9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose<br>**4:00 PM** Boy Scouts— Webelos<br>**6:15 PM** Religious Education<br>**6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose<br>**6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting<br>**7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum | 5<br>**1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 2nd<br>**7:00 PM** Book Club Meeting<br>**8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers | 6<br>**8:00 AM** AACA Rocket Run Pre-K & K<br>**6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group<br>**7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group | 7<br>**8:00 AM** AACA Rocket Run 1st through 8th | 8 |

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| **16**<br>**1:00 PM** Samuel Group<br>**3:00 PM** RCIA<br>**7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting | **17**<br>**8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group<br>**6:00 PM** Women's Group<br>**7:00 PM** Deeper Dialogue Theology of the Body | **18**<br>**9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose<br>**4:00 PM** Boy Scouts— Webelos<br>**6:15 PM** Religious Education<br>**6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose<br>**6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting<br>**7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum | **19**<br>**7:00 PM** Book Club Meeting<br>**8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers | **20**<br>**6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group<br>**7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group | **21**<br>***AACA Scholastic Book Fair in Festival Hall MON-FRI*** | **22** |
| **23**<br>***World Mission Sunday Collection***<br>**12:00 PM** Knights of Columbus Pumpkin Carving<br>**3:00 PM** RCIA<br>**7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting | **24**<br>**8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group<br>**6:00 PM** Women's Group<br>**7:00 PM** Deeper Dialogue Theology of the Body | **25**<br>**9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose<br>**4:00 PM** Boy Scouts— Webelos<br>**6:15 PM** Religious Education<br>**6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose<br>**6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting<br>**7:00 PM** Finance Council Meeting<br>**7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum | **26**<br>**1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 3rd<br>**7:00 PM** Book Club Meeting<br>**8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers | **27**<br>**10:00 AM** Blessings In A Backpack<br>**6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group<br>**7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group | **28**<br>**4:00 PM** AACA Trunk or Treat<br>**7:30 PM** Praise and Adoration | **29** |
| **30**<br>**3:00 PM** RCIA<br>**7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting | **31**<br>**8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group<br>**6:00 PM** Women's Group<br>**7:00 PM** Deeper Dialogue Theology of the Body | | | | | |

# Contact

## Sacramental Information

Contact our parish office (773) 525-0709 for information regarding celebrating sacraments including Baptisms (infant and adult), Reconciliation (confession), Eucharist (Communion), Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick. For information regarding Funerals, please first contact the funeral director of your choice to begin making arrangements.

## How to Offer a Mass Intention

Did you ever notice that every Mass said here at St. Alphonsus is offered for a special intention? The entire congregation prays for that intention during the petitions (Prayers of the Faithful) when we say, "For those who have died, and for the intention of this Mass: (named intention)"

You can make a Mass Intention request here. Masses are often offered for family, friends and relatives that have died. Praying for the dead is a Spiritual Work of Mercy. Offering a Mass for someone that has died is an especially comforting gesture to the family. Mass can also be offered to commemorate joyful occasions and to give thanks to God for blessings received.

***The customary offering for a Mass here is $15***. However, any amount that you would like to offer is completely acceptable. You can request Masses by visiting the Parish Office during office hours or calling the Parish Office at (773) 525-0709.

You can ***register in the parish*** by coming to the rectory office or going online at *www.stalphonsuschicago.org*. The advantage to registering is that we know who you are and can better plan our programs by knowing whom we serve.

**Want *to find out what is happening in the young adult community?*** Join the St. Al's Young Adult Listserv. We send out monthly emails to let people know about our upcoming events. To register for the listserv, contact *stalphonsusyam@gmail.com*

The ***Knights of Columbus*** are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. For more information, visit *www.stalphonsusknights.com*

Our parish has received permission to once again host important sacraments. Please be patient as the pandemic created a scheduling backlog regarding Baptisms and Weddings. You can find more info at:

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/baptism

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/marriage

## St. Alphonsus Social Media

Choose to participate in meaningful engagement! Having an attitude of engagement challenges us to love our digital neighbor as ourselves. You can find St. Alphonsus' Facebook and Twitter by going to the parish website and clicking the icons at the footer of the page.

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