# Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 26, 2022: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." (Lk 9:57)*

## 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: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

## Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Joanna Ravelingeen
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
Edward Marsalek
Rita Longnecker
Cheryl Nester-Detweiler
John Adams

## Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 6/19: $11,703

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

## Welcome to the Parish!

Maria Pozo
Quinn and Richard Day
Allyson Ingles
Grace Quigley
Patrick Stewart
Lisa Julin Siena
Mary Jennings and Patrick Blue Mason
Melanie Castellanos
Carlene Pellino Francesca Rivera
Rose Nebel and Nicholas Varchetto

**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. That 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

Claire Acuna
Anthony James Kruse
Edith Lawrence
Lincoln Lawrence

## At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Rita Gerich
Aleandra Figueroa

**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 mserranostals@gmail.com

## MASS INTENTIONS

***Sunday, June 26***
9:00 AM +Albert Zayia
11:00 AM Marisca, Albert, Mares & the Stiopei Family
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

***Monday, June 27***
8:30 AM +Carolyn Condit

***Tuesday, June 28***
8:30 AM Prayer Service/No Mass

***Wednesday, June 29***
6:00 PM Prayer Service/No Mass

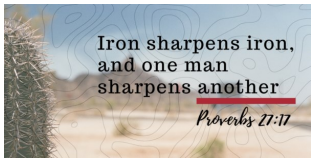
***Thursday, June 30***
8:30 AM Prayer Service/No Mass

***Friday, July 1***
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

***Sunday, July 3***
9:00 AM +Christian Diaz
11:00 AM Wasik Family
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM Marisca, Albert, Mares & the Stiopei Family

# News and Events

## 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.

## Prayer Services Tues-Thurs This Week

Please note that due to the Archdiocesan priest convocation in Lake Geneva this week, both parish priests will be away, so the regular 8:30AM on Tues and Thurs and the 6 PM on Wed will be prayer services instead of Masses. Deacon Michael Mehringer will preach at these services, with distribution of Holy Communion. On Wed, Deacon Mehringer will still preside during Adoration but Confessions will not be heard.

## 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 meet on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM in the rectory Common Room. Contact Lauren Merrill Sammis, lauren.merrill@live.com for more information. There is also a Young People's Big Book AA group that meet Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the Festival Hall. You can contact one of the coordinators, Samuel, samuelaaronmosley@gmail.com for more info.

## Peter's Pence




Please be generous in today's Peter's Pence collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html to learn more.

# Gospel Meditation




And to another he said, "Follow me." In every moment of every day, in every circumstance and experience, God is calling us. We can easily get distracted and not hear it or simply ignore it, pretending it wasn't even heard. When we do hear it and favorably respond, there are some conditions that must be met. Jesus makes it clear that once we say yes to his invitation, we must stay focused and forge ahead. We cannot keep looking behind or worry about unfinished business. There are some tasks, and discipleship is one, that require our full devotion.

There are many "masters" vying for our attention. We need something or someone to give us direction. Human nature requires it. Our motives and actions reveal what has our allegiance. It is tempting to give ourselves to masters that lure us with intriguing promises. When given the choice between a "master" that promises worldly success, abundant wealth, status, privilege, and security versus a "master" that asks for self-sacrifice, hardship, suffering, ridicule, and death, to whom do we go? While the promise of immediate pleasure is enticing, there is always a catch. For all that secular masters can promise, they always keep us looking behind, checking on ourselves, second guessing choices, calculating options, and being slaves to excessive worry. Our guard can never come down. Only one master really promises life: Jesus Christ. Hearing his call, we either trust him or we don't.

Saying yes to following Christ does come with a risk. But it also comes with the brightness of future hopes and dreams. There is no need to keep looking behind. Sins are forgiven and regrets serve no effective purpose. God is not there. He's moved beyond all that stuff. God is in the today and the tomorrow and what he can continually do with our daily affirmation to follow Him. All we need to do is be obedient. St. Gianna Molla is credited with saying, "The stillness of prayer is the most essential condition for fruitful action. Before all else, the disciple kneels down." Begin with prayer. We will not only hear God's call but find the courage to trust that He will guide us where we need to be. God uses us in the most ordinary of ways through the simple daily expression of our lives.

# Faith Formation

## Spring Your Kids Into Totus Tuus Summer Camp!




Now that summer is here, we've got the perfect thing for your children to do: the Archdiocese is bringing the Totus Tuus summer camp back to St. Alphonsus, **July 10-15.** It's like a week-long vacation Bible school, only way more fun and active! Each session is limited to only 50 participants. All safety protocols will be followed to ensure the health & safety of all participants and volunteers. For more information, please visit: https://vocations.archchicago.org/events/totus-tuus/what-is-totus-tuus

The price is only $60 per child for an entire week!
Register on our parish website Religious Education page at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education

Any parent or parishioner interested in volunteering with Totus Tuus should contact Erica Cook, ecook@stalphonsuschicago.org




## Nights of Mercy

Archdiocese of Chicago Vicariates II and III and the Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago invite you to join us for Nights of Mercy this summer and early fall. Each evening will include Adoration, Music, Reconciliation, and street evangelization from 6 – 8:30 PM at the following locations:

**Friday, July 15 – St. Alphonsus**

Friday, August 26 – St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church, 2823 S. Princeton Ave. Chicago, 60616

Friday, September 23 – Bl. Carlo Acutis Parish at St. Hedwig, 2226 N. Hoyne Ave. Chicago, 60647

We are in need of volunteers to make Nights of Mercy possible. If you are able to volunteer or if you have questions about volunteering, contact our Pastoral Associate Brooks Robinson brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.org

## Walking With Purpose— Summer Prayer Group




Are you looking for a way to refuel and be refreshed, make authentic connections with other women, and learn more about God? It's time to come back to community! Our mission at Walking With Purpose is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies.

Walking With Purpose summer group will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of the month (June– Sept) at 9:30 AM in the St. Alphonsus Common Room in the rectory. We will come together to share our intentions and pray the rosary. All women are welcome! Please join us on July 12, August 9 and September 13 to pray in community. For more info, contact suecombes@hotmail.com

## Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Clean Glass Shower Doors with Vinegar

In a spray bottle, combine 2 cups of vinegar and 2 tablespoons of Dawn dish soap. Spray mixture on the shower glass. Let it sit for 10 to 15 minutes. Scrub the glass with a sponge, then rinse thoroughly. Use a squeegee to dry and get a clear finish.

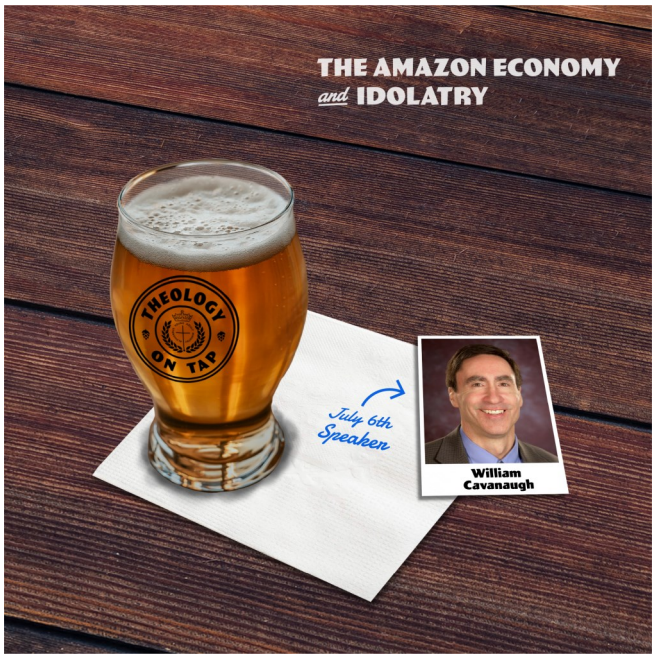
For cloudy shower doors, leave the solution on overnight before wiping off.

For shower door runners, use the same mixture and let it soak for a couple of hours. Then use an old toothbrush.

# Young Adult Ministry

## Theology on Tap— July 6 Speaker— William Cavanaugh

**Drinks and Food at 6:30 PM; Talk Starts at 7 PM**




Join us on Wednesday, July 6th for our first speaker in the Theology on Tap series where William Cavanaugh will be talking about ***The Amazon Economy and Idolatry.***

Sociologist Max Weber famously said that the modern world is disenchanted, heartlessly rational and secularized. Others say that consumerism is our new religion and capitalism our new god. Who's right? Using Amazon.com and the biblical concept of idolatry to explore this question.

William is a professor of Catholic studies and director of the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology, a research center housed in the Department of Catholic Studies at DePaul University and focusing on the Catholic Church in the global South—Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

### Future Theology on Tap Speakers

July 13: Marriage Panel— TBA
July 20: Liz Meenan— **"Gesundheit– The Last Great Conversation Starter"**
July 27: Julia Hogan— **"Tools To Discern God's Plan for Your Life"**

# Community News

## Lowline Market on Southport




Now in its 10th season, Low-Line Market returns on Tuesdays from 3-7 PM through October 11 along the Lakeview Low-Line under the Southport Brown Line CTA station! Get excited to shop the market weekly for high-quality produce, proteins, specialty drinks, ready to eat meals, sweets, flowers, artisanal goods and more from local farms and vendors. The market is proud to accept Illinois LINK cards for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program. For additional information check out LakeviewRoscoeVillage.org/LowLineMarket

## Ministering God's Love to Families in Need




Founded in 2003, Safe Families for Children surrounds families in crisis with caring, compassionate community. It is a volunteer-driven nonprofit movement located in 70 cities across the U.S. It creates extended family-like supports for families through a community of devoted volunteers who are motivated by faith to keep children safe and keep families intact. Safe Families for Children mission hosts vulnerable children and creates extended family–like supports for families through a community of devoted volunteers who are motivated by compassion to keep children safe and families intact.

- Keep children safe during a family crisis such as homelessness, hospitalization, or domestic violence in an effort to prevent child abuse and/or neglect.
- Support, and stabilize families in crisis by surrounding them with caring, compassionate community.
- Reunite families and reduce the number of children entering the child welfare system. We seek to be an alternative to foster care, where appropriate.

*Learn more at safe-families.org or contact us at safefamiliesstals@gmail.com*

# Health and Wellness

## Setting S.M.A.R.T Milestones and Goals




Small children usually need punishments and rewards to help them acquire virtue and self-control. Adults take ownership of their lives, shaping themselves by the repetition of good acts and avoiding the near occasions of unhealthy and sinful behavior. To acquire digital virtue, start with setting goals for yourself (and your children), such as:

• how much time you will spend on digital devices, screens, apps;
• where you will and will not use your digital devices;
• what destructive behavior you wish to eliminate: bullying or being bullied, porn, comparing your life (body, possessions, vacation…) with that of others.

Try to visualize how a virtuous person would live with digital technology. How would Jesus use digital technology if he grew up in our age? Review "Purposes of the Internet and Electronic Devices" and consider how Jesus would and would not use tools to communicate, to teach, and to develop healthy relationships.

This doesn't mean we must eliminate all digital activity in our life: remember, how the Pharisees criticized Jesus because he "partied" with friends… but virtuously:

*"John the Baptist came eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man comes eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'" (Luke 7:33-35).*

The first thing is to identify the goal (the type of virtuous behavior you want to achieve), do the same with technology, and then make it "S.M.A.R.T." (an acronym used in business for making action strategies to goals achievable).

"S.M.A.R.T." stands for:

• **Strategic:** with a specific action needed to achieve the goal.
• **Measurable:** where everyone can see that you achieved your milestone or goal.
• **Achievable:** our goals should push us, but always within reach.
• **Relevant:** does this goal lead me to my overall goal of holiness and getting to heaven.
• **Time-bound:** create a date or deadline to achieve this goal.

An example might help. Suppose we want to lose weight and get in better physical shape. That is good, but a bit abstract. What do we do? To turn this into a S.M.A.R.T. goal we need to start with a strategic action verb: "I will exercise more." Better yet, make the exercise even more specific: "I will swim." Then make it measurable: "I will swim four times per week for 30 minutes."

Now make sure it is achievable. Perhaps 30 minutes is too long at the beginning, so we'll make it achievable by starting off with 10 minutes of swimming and extending that time by 5 minutes every two weeks. This is also relevant to the overall goal of losing weight and getting in better shape. A time-bound deadline will make this goal SMART:

"I will swim four times per week, beginning with 10 minutes each time and increasing it by 5 minutes every two weeks. I will keep track of this and my weight each week for the next 6 months."

Let's think of some SMART goals that we can set to acquire the digital virtue we all need. For example, suppose we wish to stop having digital devices dominate us so much. We could set a SMART goal:

"I will turn off all Notifications, Alerts, Badges, and Banners, and after one week allow myself to turn on one if needed. I will review with my friend/spouse/parent every month."

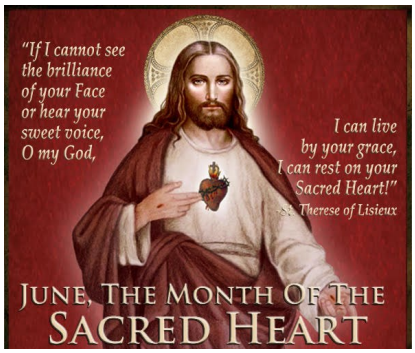
"I will de-clutter my home screens, deleting apps that I don't need. I will reduce the number to 20 the first week, to 15 the second week, and to 10 by the third week."

Entrust your efforts to Our Lady who encourages you and me to grow in virtue as her children and as virtuous children of God.

Reflection by Father John Waiss, pastor of St. Mary of the Angels, Chicago, used by permission.
https://relevantradio.com/2022/06/setting-s-m-a-r-t-milestones-and-goals/

# The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

## Why Is June the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus?




June is known as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus most simply because the solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated during it. This year, the solemnity fell on June 24. The date changes each year because it is celebrated on the Friday after the Corpus Christi octave, or the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost.

However, other reasons exist as to why June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The feast dates back to 1673, when a French nun, belonging to the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Visitandines) in eastern France, began to receive visions about the Sacred Heart.

Jesus appeared to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealed ways to venerate his Sacred Heart and explained the immense love he has for humanity, appearing with his heart visible outside his chest, on fire, and surrounded by a crown of thorns. These different ways include partaking in a holy hour on Thursdays and the reception of the Eucharist on the first Friday of every month.

Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary, "My Sacred Heart is so intense in its love for men, and for you in particular, that not being able to contain within it the flames of its ardent charity, they must be transmitted through all means."

These visions continued for 18 months. On June 16, 1675, Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary to promote a feast that honored his Sacred Heart. He also gave Sister Margaret Mary 12 promises made to all who venerated and promoted the devotion of the Sacred Heart.

He said, "I ask of you that the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi be set apart for a special feast to honor my heart, by communicating on that day, and making reparation to it by a solemn act, in order to make amends for the indignities which it has received during the time it has been exposed on the altars. I promise you that my heart shall expand itself to shed in abundance the influence of its divine love upon those who shall thus honor it, and cause it to be honored."

Sister Margaret Mary died in 1690 and was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 13, 1920. The Vatican was hesitant to declare a feast to the Sacred Heart, but as the devotion spread throughout France the Vatican granted the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to France in 1765.

In 1856, Pope Pius IX designated the Friday following the Feast of Corpus Christi as the Feast of the Sacred Heart for the universal Church. Ever since, the month of June has been devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and his immense love for us all.

On the current calendar, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a solemnity, the highest-ranking feast in the liturgical calendar, although it is not a holy day of obligation.

These are the promises the Sacred Heart of Jesus made to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque:
1) I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.

2) I will give peace in their families.

3) I will console them in all their troubles.

4) I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.

5) I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.

6) Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.

7) Tepid souls shall become fervent.

8) Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.

9) I will bless those places wherein the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.

10) I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.

11) Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.

12) In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.

## 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.

To receive a low gluten host at Mass, please come to the sacristy at least ten minutes before mass begins, so that one can be prepared for you. Then, be sure to get into the communion line to receive from the priest.

# At the Athenaeum

## PJ Morton— Watch the Sun Tour
### July 16 at 8 PM



PJ Morton is a multi Grammy-winning R&B and soul singer, songwriter, performer and producer whose latest project, Gospel According to PJ, earned the 2021 Grammy Award for Best Gospel Album. The New York Times says the New Orleans native "runs the influences of Allen Toussaint and Stevie Wonder through a bevy ideas from R&B's more recent decades," and since the break-through of his 2017 LP Gumbo he's led a creative and critically-acclaimed streak of six self-released and self-produced albums, ten Grammy nominations and back-to-back-to-back wins, his first-ever NAACP Image Award and Soul Train nominations, BET Award nominations, appearances on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, The Daily Show, The Tonight Show, TODAY Show, MSNBC, CNN, Inside the NBA, NPR's Tiny Desk, COLORS, The Super Bowl Halftime Show, Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve and more.

On top of his remarkable resume, which includes running his own record label, working as Maroon 5's full-time keyboardist, serving as Solange's former music director, and collaborating with the likes of Erykah Badu, JoJo, Kirk Franklin, Lil Wayne, Rapsody, Stevie Wonder, Tyler Perry, Yebba and dozens of others, Morton is a staunch community advocate in New Orleans. He is currently backing initiatives for local Black-owned banks, leading a campaign to restore the home of jazz pioneer Buddy Bolden, and serving as Dillard University's first-ever artist-in-residence. In 2020, he launched his own weekly, live-streamed trivia show The Culture, celebrating Black art and entertainment with contestants like Angela Rye, Bakari Sellers, Jill Scott, Lalah Hathaway, Miguel, Omari Hardwick and Questlove.

## Hillbilly Thomists
### July 29 at 7 PM



The Hillbilly Thomists are an 8-piece traditional folk and bluegrass band made up of Dominican Friars. What began as as a casual creative outlet for these brothers from the Northeastern Division of the Order of Preachers soon grew into a surprise success when their eponymous debut album, consisting mostly of bluegrass and Americana favorites, reached #3 on the Billboard Bluegrass chart.

Since then, the friars have been busy contemplating, preaching, serving and writing music. The fruit of this labor is their latest album, *Living for the Other Side*. Recorded at the Alberthaus in the Catskills, it features mostly original songs. The album is a soulful and at times rollicking meditation on grace, suffering, faith, conversion, and the soul's dogged desire for what really matters.

***Dante 360 will also be returning in November! Check out more shows and purchase tickets online at [athenaeumcenter.org/events/](athenaeumcenter.org/events/)***

## Ladygang: The Lady Secrets Tour
### Tuesday September 13 at 7 PM




Ladygang began with a podcast with the mission to make women feel less alone. Since 2015, the show has boasted over 175 million downloads, topped the podcast charts, and spawned a television series, clothing line, accessories line and books. LadyGang, the podcast, was a People's Choice Award nominee and a Webby Award nominee for best series, has been featured on Entertainment Weekly's coveted "Must List" and was judged "Podcast of the Year" in 2016. The creators - Keltie Knight, Becca Tobin, and Jac Vanek - have been featured in Good Morning America, TODAY, People, Variety, Who What Wear, Entertainment Tonight, The New York Times, and The Hollywood Reporter. Their first book, *Act Like a Lady*, was a New York Times instant bestseller, a USA Today Best-seller, and their 2nd book *Lady Secrets* will be out Sept. 20.

# July Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3<br>**7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting | 4<br>***Independence Day Holiday— Rectory Closed*** | 5<br>**7:00 PM** St. Paul Bible Study<br>**7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum | 6<br>**6:30 PM** Theology on Tap<br>**7:30 PM** Young Adult Small Faith Group<br>**8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers | 7<br>**6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group<br>**7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group<br>**8:30 PM** CL School of Community | 8 | 9 |
| 10<br>**7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting | 11<br>**8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group | 12<br>**9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose Summer Prayer Group<br>**7:00 PM** St. Paul Bible Study<br>**7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum | 13<br>**6:30 PM** Theology on Tap<br>**7:30 PM** Young Adult Small Faith Group<br>**8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers | 14<br>**6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group<br>**7:00 PM** Marriage Information Meeting<br>**7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group<br>**8:30 PM** CL School of Community | 15<br>**6:00 PM** Archdiocese Night of Mercy w/ Adoration, Confessions, and Music | 16 |
| | ***Totus Tuus at St. Alphonsus*** | | | | | |
| 17<br>**7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting | 18<br>**8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group | 19<br>**7:00 PM** St. Paul Bible Study<br>**7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum | 20<br>**6:30 PM** Theology on Tap<br>**7:30 PM** Young Adult Small Faith Group<br>**8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers | 21<br>**6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group<br>**7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group<br>**8:30 PM** CL School of Community | 22<br>**9:00 AM** AACA/ Archdiocese Schools-Professional Development Day in Festival Hall | 23 |
| 24<br>***World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly***<br>**7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting | 25<br>**8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group | 26<br>**7:00 PM** YAM Philosophy Forum | 27<br>**6:30 PM** Theology on Tap<br>**7:30 PM** Young Adult Small Faith Group<br>**8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers | 28<br>**6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group<br>**7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group<br>**8:30 PM** CL School of Community | 29 | 30 |
| 31<br>**7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting | | | | | | |

# 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.

# Directory

### Parish Office
1429 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
(P): 773-525-0709 | (F): 773-525-3238
www.stalphonsuschicago.org

### Parish Office Hours:
***9:00 AM— 4:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri***
***9:00 AM— 1:00 PM Tue, Thurs***

### School Office
1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
(P): 773-892-1397 | (F): 773-348-4829
www.alphonsusacademy.org

### School Office Hours:
***8:00 AM– 3:00 PM***

# Staff

### Parish Staff
***Rev. Steven Bauer,*** Pastor
***Rev. Patrick Gorman,*** Associate Pastor
***Brooks Robinson,*** Pastoral Associate
***Brian Bloye,*** Director of Music and Organist
***Erica Cook,*** Coordinator of Religious Education
***Daniel Szymanski,*** Director of Operations
***Mario Serrano***, Parish Office Manager
***Kaitlin Holyk***, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator

### School Staff
***Gerit McAllister,*** Principal
***Mary Bodlak,*** Director of Admissions
***Caroline Jordan,*** Advancement Director
***Kim Wallett,*** Secretary
***Connie Del Toral,*** Administrative Assistant