Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 13, 2024: TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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*

Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "you are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement, his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Mark 10:21-22

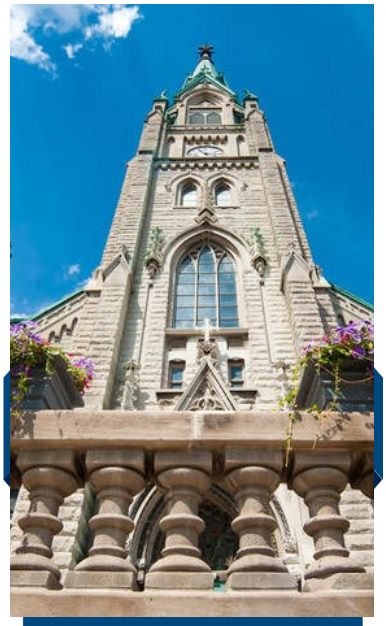
Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17 -27
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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



WEDDING BANNS

Hannah Marcheschi
and
Kennan Smith

Tara Early
and
Anthony Wenn

Meaghan Hinchey
and
Harrison Blarr

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Parker Arcy O'Hara
Lucia Naila Ludwig
Rowan Roger Blythe
Blaise Madeleine Anne Decker
Veronica Therese Meihua Alessandrini
Lucy Margaret Toscano
Declan William Marshall
Emery Sofia Nunez
Enzo Rafael Nunez

Wedding Banns

II. Elise Olsen and John McCormack
II. Rachel Handrich and Parmveer Kahlon
I. Jessica Giannoni and Ivan Dilnyy
I. Morgan Stasell and Nicholas Greenlee

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Michael {A.J} Ali Khan
David King

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 13
9:00 AM +Donald Robinett
11:00 AM +Mary Gobat
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM +David King

Monday, October 14
8:30 AM +Steven Wagner

Tuesday, October 15
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, October 16
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, October 17
8:30 AM +Margaret M. Fox

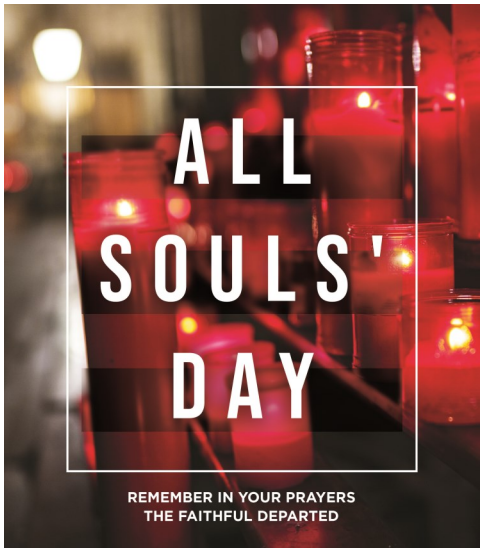
Friday, October 18
8:30 AM Kathleen Holyk (Birthday Blessings)

Saturday, October 19
8:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. White
(5th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, October 20
9:00 AM +Dolores F. Huffman
11:00 AM +Estrella and Karen Sahagun
12:30 PM +Berta Ledesma
5:00 PM +Michael {A.J} Ali Khan

News and Events

All Souls Day— Saturday, November 2 at 5 PM



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

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

Alphonsus Academy

we ♥ our teachers

ALPHONSUS ACADEMY & CENTER FOR THE ARTS

At AACA, our focus on academic excellence, enriched by an arts-integrated curriculum and a strong Catholic foundation, creates a welcoming community full of creativity and opportunity for all. Join us at our next **Open House on Monday, October 21 at 9 AM** to discover what our community has to offer you and your child. This is a wonderful chance for you to become familiar with our school and to ask questions you may have about AACA. Please email Director of Admissions, Madeleine Durkin at mdurkin@alphonsusacademy.org to register.

Fun Pumpkin Carving!



This Sunday, October 13 at 12:30 PM, all members of our faith community and your children are welcome to join our Knights of Columbus in our annual Halloween Pumpkin carving and decorating event. No sign-up required; simply come to the main Oakdale parking lot. Looking to seeing a ton of happy faces; and creating some great pumpkin ones!

Support Aid for Women!

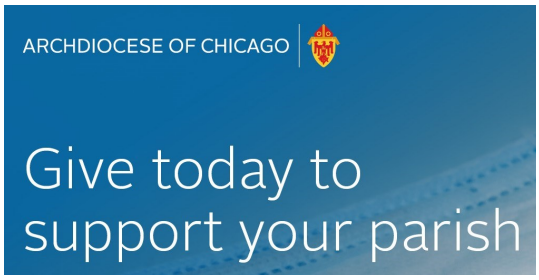
Aid for Women

This October, our parish is participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting Aid for Women. Aid for Women was founded over 42 years ago on the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church. Aid for Women operates four pregnancy resource centers throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. Services include pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams and confidential counseling. Aid for Women's residential programs, Heather's House and Monica's House, help women whose decision to choose life is further complicated by lack of adequate housing.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you this weekend. Fill it with your spare change and return it to church next week. The bottles may be found at the exits as you leave Mass. Thank you for your support!

Stewardship— First Fruits

Joyful Sharing



While it's important to offer a portion of our blessings to God, it's equally important to do so with a generous and happy heart. If we're giving only because we feel "we have to" or with a grudging attitude, we're missing the point entirely.

We have been granted the gift of life and everything that makes up our everyday existence comes from our Heavenly Father. Have you taken an inventory of your blessings lately? If we allow ourselves the time to reflect on all the goodness in our lives, we will realize that our cup is overflowing. God's gifts are abundant but, unfortunately, often taken for granted. Our families, friends, homes, careers, health – and the very air we breathe! – are all blessings from above. The talents we possess, the time that we cherish and the treasures that we accumulate haven't been given to us to lock away and hide, but rather to share with joy and gratitude.

For some people the act of turning things over to God is a frightening concept, but once this leap of faith has been taken, lives are transformed forever. Being a good Christian steward is a natural state to those who understand that everything comes from our Lord. We rejoice in the knowledge that God will provide for our every need and that He will not be outdone in His generosity.

This week, consider spending some extra time with your family, allow yourself the luxury of a restful evening and set aside special moments for God through prayer. Then sit down and take that all-important inventory so that the next time you offer a gift as a measure of your gratitude, you will do so willingly, enthusiastically and with a joyful heart!

We want to invite all parishioners who want to participate in online giving to do so by enrolling through GiveCentral and setting up your donation via the First Fruits campaign (weekly Mass offering).

A huge thank you to those that are already giving online. Please consider making St. Alphonsus an extension of your home and family when contributing.

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Offertory for 10/6: $17,984

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

"Go and invite everyone to the banquet." (Mt 22:19)

Next weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, a powerful reminder of our call to be missionary disciples. This year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," emphasizes our common call to bring God's love and message to the ends of the earth. On this day we reflect on and support the Church's missionary efforts while also recommitting ourselves to the same mission. The contributions given for the World Mission Sunday collection are crucial for sustaining the Church's work in over 1,150 territories where the Church is young or struggling. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate together. Learn more and make a donation to this special collection at wearemissionary.org/wms



Young Adult Ministry

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*

BE SOCIAL
BE SPIRITUAL
BE CHARITABLE
BE INTELLECTUAL
BE CATHOLIC

Trivia Night! Saturday, October 19



Are you the friend whose schtick is sharing random factoids? Or, the one with the most fun party conversations? Well, calling all you trivia fans and friends alike to come join us in St. Alphonsus' Festival Hall (basement) on Saturday, October 19 from 5 PM-8 PM because St. Alphonsus YAM Trivia is back!

The cost of tickets is $25 per person (it is a fundraiser!).
Teams of 5-6 people can register individually or together.
For anyone registering as a team, simply list the names of everyone in the "Comments" section of the GiveCentral link, during your purchase. Light refreshments, beer and wine are included in the event cost. We will have prizes for 3rd, 2nd and 1st place winning teams.
Don't know anyone or don't have 6 people on your team?
Fear not! You may also register individually or in a smaller group (2-4 people). We will assign you to a team. All are welcome!
***Please note: pre-registration with payment through the GiveCentral link is required to attend. No walk-ups will be allowed since we have teams.
Register online at www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/39/event/38222

YAM Fall Retreat; What Are You Seeking?



"What are you seeking?" That is the question we'll be pondering on our Fall Retreat! On November 2nd, all young adults (18-39 years old) are invited to join us at St. Alphonsus for a half day retreat. This event will kick off at 12PM and end at 4:45PM. We will be joined by Fr. Bob Regan who will offer talks on the four levels of happiness and lead us in small group discussions. Additionally, confession and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be available and we will end the retreat in time to join the 5 PM All Souls Requiem Mass.
The cost to attend this event will be $15/person. Sandwiches will be available in the afternoon with additional snacks available throughout the retreat. We ask that you sign up in advance so we can get an accurate count of attendees.
Sign up at www.givecentral.org/otp/41828

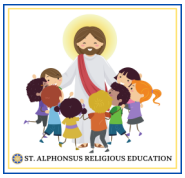
Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Cleaning the Microwave

Clean your microwave by placing a glass bowl filled with 1/4 cup vinegar and 1 cup water inside and heating it for five minutes on the highest setting. After the mixture cools, use a cloth dipped in it to wipe off splattered food stains.

Faith Formation

Register Your Children for Religious Education!



Registration for our Religious Education program is now open for the 2024-2025 school year for grades 1st-8th. Classes are on Tuesday evenings at 6:15 PM. Please register at the link on our Religious Ed page, www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education

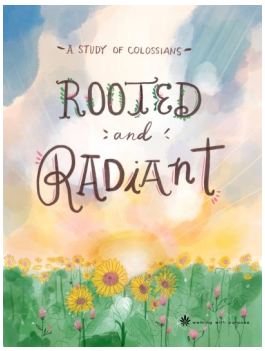
Are You Ready to Become Catholic?

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

This class is offered for adults in three situations:

1. Un-baptized adults who desire to be baptized in the Catholic Church.
2. Baptized non-Catholic Christians who desire to be formally admitted into communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed and desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Adult baptism (and if applicable, Confirmation and First Holy Communion) takes place at the Easter Vigil (Evening before Easter Sunday). It is one of the highest celebrations in the Catholic Church's liturgical year! If you or someone you know is interested in taking the class, please contact our pastoral associate, Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church



Rooted and Radiant Women's Bible Study

Walking w/ Purpose is a modern woman's guide to the Bible! Join us this fall as we help you enjoy a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, nurtured through personal Bible study and small group discussions created just for women!

In the ***Rooted and Radiant*** study, we will learn the book of Colossians and seek to understand the challenges that faced them, recognizing that they are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.

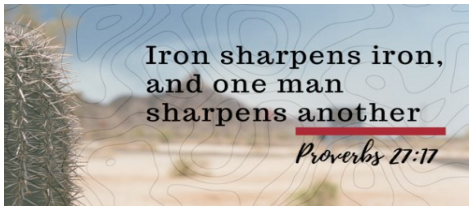
Sessions are on Tuesdays, mornings are 9:30—11 AM and the evening session is 6:30—8 PM. Questions? Please contact Susan Combes, smbcombes51@gmail.com

St. Alphonsus Men's Group

St. Alphonsus Men's Group meets Thursday nights to pray the liturgy of the hours, have fellowship, and to propose challenging topics to discuss.

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

We meet every Thursday night at 7 PM in the rectory. Food and drinks provided. All men are welcome, with most men being in their 20s and 30s. Access can be gained at the west facing rectory door in the parking lot.



For questions or more information, contact Men's Group at our email, divineofficers@gmail.com

"Come to me all you are labored and burdened and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28



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Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.

More News and Events

Update on Sound System

As has been previously reported, the sound system in the church is outdated and needs to be replaced because of issues that are happening with increasing frequency. While it has been stable for several weeks, earlier this week, there were times that feedback tones were coming from the tall vertical speaker arrays. The feedback was eliminated by turning down the system volume, but that makes it a little harder for people to hear well. (Another good reason to sit closer to the front... that, and because you wouldn't want to miss a dad joke!)

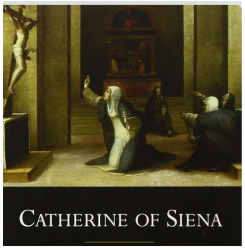
As has also been reported, over the past several weeks we have solicited bids from select companies known for their work with church audio systems, discussing our situation and church acoustics, so that we can install a new system that will satisfy all our sound needs. We are pleased to inform you that we have contracted with a company to install our new fully-digital system. They will order component parts, assemble them in their studio, paint the new speaker arrays to match the colors of the church, and schedule their crew for the install. The estimated lead time before installation is eight weeks, with installation and tuning expected to take five working days. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding, and we look forward to you soon hearing from us better!

Praise and Adoration Holy Hour— Friday, Oct. 18 at 7:30 PM



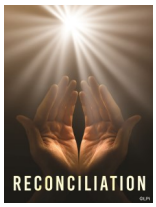
This Friday, October 18th, spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration in the church. We'll spend the first 15 minutes in silent adoration, and then our musicians will lead worship in song. Confession will also be available! The hour will conclude with benediction, and our Young Adult Ministry will lead a group for fellowship and drinks afterwards!

Young Adult Book Club— Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



Our parish has a group of intellectual avid readers who love our Catholic faith and learning more about life through the great works. They meet every Wednesday at 6:30 PM in the rectory. This month, we are reading Sigrid Undset's *Catherine of Siena* , critically acclaimed as one of the best biographies of this well known, and amazing fourteenth-century saint. Known for her historical fiction, which won her the Nobel Prize for literature in 1928, Undset based this factual work on primary sources, her own experiences living in Italy, and her profound understanding of the human heart. For more information, contact Book Club coordinator Leora at lwallac2@alumni.nd.edu.

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



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

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

Faith Formation

Become a Catechist!

Inspire Joy and Love in Little Hearts
Bring Christ to the Children
Be a Role Model and Witness
Increase in Knowledge of the Faith



Jesus said what you do to the least of these you do to me.

Contact Emily Ember, Coor. of Religious Education
eember@stalphonsuschicago.church



One More Catechist Needed!

We are looking for one additional catechist to help prepare students to receive Confirmation this year. Could that catechist be you?? Classes are held Tuesday evenings from 6:15 PM-7:30 PM. The children need your help so they are prepared to receive this important Sacrament! Contact our Religious Education coordinator, Emily at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church for more info and please say 1 Hail Mary for all the Religious Education students and catechists!

Mysteries of the Rosary Series

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

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



The National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

You Are Cordially Invited to Attend The National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini's 2024 Benefit Event

Thursday, October 24, 2024

Celebrating Mother Cabrini – Her Life and Her Legacy

The Driehaus Museum
50 East Erie | Chicago, IL 60611
In the John B. Murphy Auditorium

6:00pm to 9:00pm
Hors d'oeuvre Stations | Open Bars | Paddle Raise

Tickets: $250 per person
Seating is Limited – Reserve Now!

For more information and tickets:
CabriniNationalShrine.org

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" — Mk 10:21c-23

Exceedingly Astonished



Have you ever been "exceedingly astonished" by the demands of the Christian life? Hopefully you have been. And if you have been, hopefully you are no longer. Being exceedingly astonished is one of many purifications we must go through in order to enter the Kingdom of God.

The "eye of a needle" is a reference to one of the gates in the wall surrounding the city of Jerusalem. After dark, the gate would be closed and the only way to enter was through a small door in the center of that gate. A person could pass through by ducking down, but a camel could not enter unless it got down on the ground and literally crawled through. This took much effort and direction from the master of that camel, but it was possible.

The point of this story is to emphasize that we will not be able to easily stroll into Heaven. In this case, Jesus was speaking about how easy it is for a person with money to become so attached to that money that they fail to obtain the riches of Heaven. The rich young man, to whom Jesus was just speaking, went away sad because Jesus lovingly invited him to detach from his earthly wealth so as to obtain the riches of Heaven. Jesus said to him, "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." To that, the rich young man went away sad.

Greed and an all-consuming attachment to material wealth clearly have the potential to destroy your soul. That's a fact. There is no way around it. But this teaching applies to every other form of attachment also. When we are attached to any sin to a serious degree and refuse to separate ourselves from that sin, we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, if love of God does not motivate us to turn from sin, perhaps fear of hell will.

When the disciples witnessed this rich young man preferring his wealth over Heaven, and then Jesus standing His ground and making it clear that it is very hard to make it to Heaven, their astonishment would have challenged them personally. But that is good. It is good because it reveals that they were also convicted of their own unholy attachments and their astonishment arose from a holy fear within. As they saw the rich young man walk away, they would have thought about those things that they also held onto that needed to be purged from their lives. "Astonishment" in this case is the holy realization that they needed to change. The good news, however, is that when a person does change and becomes freed from the attachments that keep them from God, then they will no longer have any attachment that will lead them to be astonished at God's demands. The ultimate goal is to overcome the astonishment caused by the demands of discipleship so that conformity to these demands becomes a way of life.

Reflect, today, upon anything that our Lord has taught that is difficult for you to face. Is there any commandment that you tend to ignore? Any teaching that you attempt to rationalize? Any demand that appears to you to be too much? If you are to enter the eye of the needle, you must be wholeheartedly committed. Jesus will not shy away from demanding a total surrender of your life to Him. Reflect upon those attachments that you continue to hold onto and try to see Jesus speaking to you about those attachments as He spoke to this rich young man. Overcome all astonishment and make unwavering submission to the will of God your way of life. This is the only way to enter the gates of the Kingdom of God.

Most demanding Lord, Your invitation to discipleship is an invitation to surrender every sinful attachment over to You so as to be freed of those sins. You ask and demand of me everything, dear Lord. May I accept Your demands of holy love and respond generously, holding nothing back, so that I can share in the riches of the

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Safe Families for Children



Please join us in exploring the plight of urban poverty this October! All parishioners and community members are welcome.

Light breakfast will be provided.

9 AM-10:30 AM
Saturday, October 19th

St. Alphonsus Rectory, 2nd Floor Common Room

To register, please scan the QR code or visit:
www.eventbrite.com/e/st-alphonsus-safe-families-for-children-poverty-training-tickets-1015683375317

At the Athenaeum

Roger Deakins Photography Exhibition
October 17-20



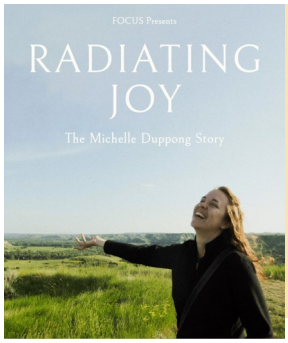
Legendary cinematographer, Sir Roger A. Deakins along with his longtime collaborator and wife James Deakins (aka Team Deakins) will be at the Athenaeum on October 17–20 for movie screenings, book signings, and more!

Thursday, October 17: Byways book signing + Film Screening with Q&A: ***The Man Who Wasn't There***

Friday, October 18: Public Gallery Opening

Sunday, October 20: Byways book signing + Film Screening with Q&A: ***Shawshank Redemption***

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



Faith at the Movies— Tuesday, November 12; one night only!

Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story is the story of Servant of God Michelle Duppong, who bore witness to Christ through heroic suffering and a passion for inviting others to be transformed by His love. The film, directed by Danny Anderson, tells the story of Michelle's beautiful and faith-filled life, especially during her diagnosis, treatment, and death. Get your tickets at www.fathomevents.com/events/radiating-joy-the-michelle-duppong-story/

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.

Directory

Parish Office

1429 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
(P): 773-525-0709 |
www.stalphonsuschicago.org
parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM– 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
9:00 AM– 7:30 PM Tues, Thur

School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
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School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

Rev. Steven Bauer, Pastor
Rev. Jesús (Chuy) Raya, Associate Pastor
Brooks Robinson, Pastoral Associate
Emily Ember, Coordinator of RE/Evangelization
Brian Bloye, Director of Music and Organist
Daniel Szymanski, Director of Operations
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager
Kathryn Kibler, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator/Parish Secretary

School Staff

Gerit McAllister, Principal
Angela Kladis, Assistant Principal
Madeleine Durkin, Director of Admissions
Kim Wallett, Secretary
Janin Silva, Administrative Assistant