Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 3, 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (Jn 8:7)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

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

Alphonsus Academy & Center For the Arts

Friday	8:30 AM or as announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM

Confessions

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

**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: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Joanna Ravelingeen
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
Rita Gerich
Tessa Sergent
Carolina Goldie
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
Rachel Schopp
Mike Madigan
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Doug Tally
Jeff De La Cruz
Stacy Strickland
Tim Dooling
Spencer Lyles
Magdalena Gonzalez
Christopher Bibat
Michael Aldape
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Janet Horvat
Lauren Macias
Sara O'Connor
Frank G. Bauer

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 3/27/2022: $18,094

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

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

J.J Keil

Tom Conway

During the 11 AM Mass on this Fifth Sunday of Lent we celebrate the Scrutinies. These rites mark the final preparations for the Easter Vigil, where our elect and candidates receive their Sacraments of Initiation. The rites celebrated petition for a spirit of repentance, an understanding of sin, and are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect. Concurrently strengthening what is upright, strong, and good in their hearts. Finally, these rites complete the conversion of the elect while strengthening their resolve to hold fast to Christ and their love for God above all else. Please continue to join us in praying for the elect and candidates as they prepare to receive their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Find Peace in the Middle of the Week: 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 to 9 PM in the sanctuary.

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Abigail Grace Vaughan
Quinn Robert DaPisa
Oliver Hoyer
Grace Barr DiGregorio

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 3
9:00 AM +Mrs. H Rieg-Witt
11:00 AM Maria Fatima Magturo (Birthday Blessing)
12:30 PM +Maria and Delfina Gutierrez
5:00 PM +Kerry W. Self

Monday, April 4
8:30 AM Greg Oliver and Family

Tuesday, April 5
8:30 AM +Helen Gorman

Wednesday, April 6
6:00 PM +Marty Collins

Thursday, April 7
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, April 8
8:30 AM +Tom Conway

Sunday, April 10
9:00 AM +Carl M. Hasegawa
11:00 AM Madelyn Nelson
12:30 PM +Victorino Ramos, +Victorino Ramos Jr.
5:00 PM +Ronglan Lu

News and Events



Made For More— This Tuesday April 5!

An evening of live music, visual beauty, and reflection

Where do we come from and where are we going? These questions are DECISIVE for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfillment. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie clips, YouTube videos, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instill in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive… Ticket sales are at www.eventbrite.com/e/made-for-more-chicago-downtown-tickets-78664111475 or through the parish office.

Lenten Fish Fry— This Friday April 8 at 6 PM!

Truly a highlight and staple of Lent, St. Alphonsus will be hosting one grand Lenten Fish Fry this year. This event is sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council to benefit charitable projects of the parish.

Date: Friday, April 8th
Where: Festival Hall, beneath the church
Time: 6-9 PM
Cost: $15 for adults. $7 for kids 5-12. Free for 4 and under.
Adults can purchase tickets online at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/33570
Menu: Fried Beer Battered Cod, Coleslaw, Peas, Carrots, Chips, Hawaiian Bread, mini-cupcakes
BYOB Alcohol only. Non-alcoholic drinks and desserts will be for sale
Entertainment: Cornhole/Bags for Adults, Trinity Irish Dancer Troupe
Multiple kids games and prizes
Parking/Directions: Limited free parking in the church lots off of Oakdale and Southport

The 2022 Fish Fry details are on www.stalphonsusknights.com/fishfry/ and on the parish website.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Sign-up to volunteer at bit.ly/stalsffvolunteer

Coming to Confession

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

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet/ Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, the Chaplet is prayed at 6:30PM followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 PM. **
Please note due to the Fish Fry, these devotions will be prayed at 5 PM this Friday and will be led by our AACA 7th grade students

HELP WANTED

If you recognize this symbol, then your assistance is required. Scan the QR Code to the left and follow the instructions that you will receive. Your parish and the galaxy are counting on you. And may the Fourth be with you!

We Are Made for More.

A Q&A with Christopher West and Mike Mangione

As parishes and families try to keep up with a fast-moving world where the definition and purpose of our humanity seem to constantly change, an eye-opening and breathtakingly beautiful national touring event called **Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land** is coming to **St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 1429 W. Wellington Ave. Chicago, IL 60657, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022.**

"Where do we come from and where are we going? If we don't have compelling answers to these questions, we have no orientation in our lives." says Christopher West, world-renowned teacher of St. John Paul II's liberating vision of human life and love called "Theology of the Body."

The event, led by West and internationally touring folk/Americana musician Mike Mangione, will dive deeply into life's deepest questions and provide both grounding and great hope.

"This is not just a lecture or a talk," insists West. "It's an evening of beauty and reflection that weaves music, video, images and the spoken word into a message of hope that there really is a banquet of love that corresponds to the deepest hunger of our hearts."

West and Mangione recently spoke to the media about some of these clues and much more, including the transformation they hope takes place in those who attend Made for More. **The evening is hosted by St. Alphonsus Parish.**



Christopher West (left) and Mike Mangione.

What is Made for More? Why is this your focus?

Christopher West: We call it Made for More because we yearn for so much more than what the world is telling us. The world understands that we are creatures of hunger and passion, but they lead us to what I call "the fast food gospel," which is the promise of immediate gratification for that hunger. Many people think Christianity, on the other hand, is an invitation to a "starvation diet." No! That's not the Gospel. Christianity is an invitation to an infinite feast of life-giving love, and that's what this event is all about.

Mike Mangione: It's a presentation meant to meet you where you are and bring you to a place of communion. It is the culmination of Christopher's 25 years in this work, my 15 in music and our friendship. It is a conversation through sight and sound about how God reveals himself through creation and how our desires are meant to draw us closer to Him. It is a special and unique opportunity coming to your area.

It is my focus because it addresses the question of what it means to be human, Christian, Catholic right at a crucial moment in our history. We really need to look at these questions before we lose ourselves and slip into a stale state of indifference as a culture.

How is it different from other Catholic presentations?

MM: It is broad and relevant to all types of people. "Catholic talks" tend to be more on a specific element of the Catholic tradition/faith. This talk will be focused on the human heart no matter where it has been before. This presentation uses sight, sound, video, music, and images to reveal, teach and enable us to experience something communally as a group.

CW: Catholicism is a sensual religion – meaning, we experience the divine in and through our bodies, through our senses. And this event is designed to engage your senses, to wake them up and enable a new way of seeing, of hearing, of experiencing the world.

Mike, what is your role in the event? What are you trying to convey through your music?

MM: I am a co-creator as well as the musician for the event. My goal is to facilitate an experience that is communal between presenters, recipients and the Holy Spirit. I call it the Holy Campfire experience ... where we can all gather around and discuss the deepest mysteries of what it means to be human and be part of the human mystery. It is sometimes easier to achieve this with music because, like most art forms, it is often felt first and understood later. My aim is to create an event that brings the audience into the experience rather than just simply watching a talk.

Christopher, what are you trying to convey through your presentation?

CW: We're taking people on a journey through some particular words of Christ. We start with: "They look but do not see." So we've been trained to look at the world, but not see it; to look at the human body, for instance, but not see it. All of creation has a message, and Jesus says, "Come and become one who sees." He's in the business of giving sight to the blind.

The great battle between lightness and darkness is particularly intense in the world today. The meaning of our humanity is being eclipsed. The goal of this event is really to help turn the lights on for people, so they can see the mystery of God revealed through all of creation, and especially through our own humanity, our own bodies as male and female. Through that "coming to see," our eyes are opened in stunning new ways to God's plan for creation and for our own lives.

Mike, what is the "dance" between your music and Christopher's presentation?

MM: There are places music can go that the spoken word cannot. There is so much happening at once: lyrics, melody, instrumentation etc. All of these things can combine into a potent force that can pierce the heart. Sometimes the spoken word can tease out very clear ideas in a way that music never can. Combined, if done correctly, you can create a full head and heart experience. We try to create an experience where Christopher sets up a thought or a vision and then the music helps to prayerfully reflect upon it.

Is Made for More just for adults and parents? Or can youth attend?

MM: Made For More is for everyone who is ready to ponder the questions "Who am I, what am I, and where am I going?" This event is for married, single, celibate, Catholic, non-Catholic, devout, skeptic, youth and ... experienced.

Why is art and beauty essential to the event?

CW: Art is the language of the heart and the heart is wired for beauty, but, sadly, a lot of us are anesthetized in the modern world. "Anesthetized" actually means "numb to beauty." We want to wake people up to beauty, and through that, help people get in touch with their deepest yearnings. That's where we discover the great mystery we are all part of.

How can Made for More transform a parish? How can it help the priest and parish leadership?

MM: Made for More can tenderize the hearts and dig the furrows for the Holy Spirit to drop seeds and cultivate. We provide post-event resources that help those seeds take root and potentially grow into something beautiful and life-giving. Any seeds dropped in the right conditions can provide an abundant harvest.

What would you like attendees to come away feeling?

MM: Empathy, affirmation and hope.

CW: That they're not crazy to yearn for more than what this world offers. They're not crazy to want to be loved and affirmed as they are, behind the masks, warts and all. They're not crazy to imagine a world where every tear is wiped from the eye and every cry of the heart is answered. It's called "the promised land," and we want to give people a vision of it.

FOR MORE
VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7 p.m.
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
1429 W. Wellington Ave.
Chicago, IL 60657
Tickets: $25 available at:
DOWNTOWNCHICAGO.EVENTBRITE.COM

Holy Week & Easter Schedule



Palm Sunday, April 10
Mass times: Sunday 9:00, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (Spanish) and 5:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 14

8:30 AM	Liturgy of the Hours
7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 15

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

Holy Saturday, April 16

12:00 PM	Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, April 17
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM
12:30 PM

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24

3:00 PM	Holy Hour & Confessions

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022

Each year, the Sunday following Easter marks Divine Mercy Sunday. As we begin our Journey through the Easter Season, the Church draws our attention to a special devotion which began after Jesus' appearances to St. Faustina Kowalska early in the 20th century. So, what is Divine Mercy anyways?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "the Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners." This is what Divine Mercy is all about. Lent calls us to take a look at our spiritual lives and see where pruning is needed, see where watering is needed. Then we celebrate Easter, and we are filled with the joy of the Risen Christ. Divine Mercy Sunday encompasses this whole drama, the whole drama of the Gospels. While Jesus is risen, we are still here on Earth, full of suffering, poverty, brokenness and sin. As such, we are constantly in need of God's mercy and love. Jesus told St. Faustina, *"I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it."*

Divine Mercy means saying to Jesus, "I trust in you." Indeed, all images of Jesus's Divine Mercy bear these words. On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sanctuary is adorned with this image as a reminder for each of us to utter this simple but beautiful prayer, "Jesus, I trust in you." Besides an important devotion for ourselves as sinners, Divine Mercy Sunday also offers us a great time for those all around the world who are in need of God's Love and Mercy. We pray for all the ills that plague our society, from addiction to mental illness, to war and greed, to hatred and envy. And of course, we continue to pray for the legal protection of the unborn and for healing love and mercy for all those whose lives have been touched by this evil.

Along with the typical Mass schedule, we will have an hour of Eucharistic Adoration accompanied with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM in the Church. What a great way to come to the Lord in thanksgiving for all He has done and has in store for us!

Confessions will also be heard from 3-4 PM. We must be signs of God's mercy in the world. We must not hold back this mercy, for we ourselves have been forgiven. Some reflection questions to consider:

What are some times in my life when I have received God's mercy?

Who do I need to show mercy to right now?

How can mercy bring healing to the wounds of our world?





Faith Formation

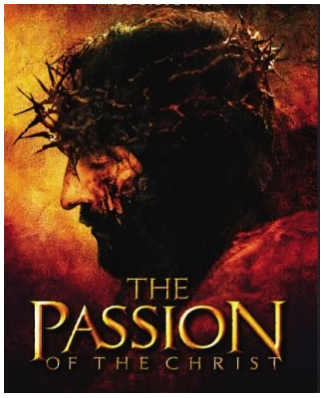
Women's Bible Study Meetings– Tuesdays at St. Alphonsus



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.

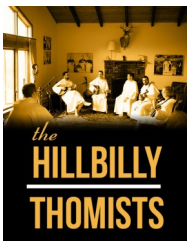
Walking With Purpose meet on Tuesdays at the St. Alphonsus Common Room in the rectory. Meetings are from 9:30 AM to 11 AM or 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. For more info, contact suecombes@hotmail.com

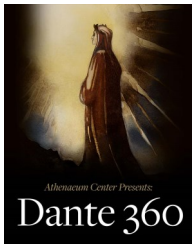
Athenaeum Center



The Passion of the Christ movie screening on Good Friday at 4 PM

On Good Friday, April 15, after Stations of the Cross at St. Alphonsus at 3 PM, the faithful are invited to walk over to the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, where they will be showing Mel Gibson's *Passion of the Christ* at 4 PM. There will not be admission charged, but please donate a free-will offering! Reserve your ticket on their website. You can also check out upcoming shows, including bluegrass favorites Hillbilly Thomists and the return of Dante 360 in November! Visit www.athenaeumcenter.org/events/





Gospel Meditation



We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.

More News and Events

Baptisms



Baptism is a fundamental sacrament for Christians. It is a sacrament of initiation that unites us to Christ's mystical body, incorporates us into the Church, and marks the beginning of the Christian journey. Without baptism we cannot participate in the full sacramental life of the Church. In the sacraments we concretely and most visibly encounter God's grace—life reunited with life.

If you are interested in having your child baptized at St. Alphonsus, please contact Kaitlin Holyk at weddings@stalphonsuschicago.com.
For adult baptisms contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.com

Marriage at St. Alphonsus



The love between two people is a gift from God. The commitment you make to be together for the rest of your lives is sealed before the community and God during the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. If you are recently engaged and planning to get married (either at St. Alphonsus Church or out of town) please review the Marriage page on our website and reach out to Kaitlin Holyk at weddings@stalphonsuschicago.com.

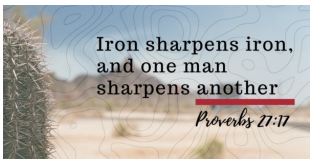
Donation Item Requests!



Men and women detained in jail often lack even the most basic self-care necessities. This Lent, parishes in the Archdiocese are asked to collect items for those in jail. The items we are collecting are men's white crew socks, standard sized white washcloths, and travel-size (1 oz.) bar soap. Please bring your donations to Mass by Sunday April 10. You can drop them off in the food pantry bins near the exits. Thank you!!

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.

"Open Gym"

Saturday Morning Kids Play Time



Looking for a chance to get out of the house and for your kids to run around? Please join us Saturday mornings in Festival Hall (below the church) for a chance to spend time with other St. Als families and for the kids to play together. Please bring your own coffee, snacks, and any toys your kids would like to play with. Enter through the West door closest to the parking lot (by the Mary Altar). Saturdays 8:30 AM-10:30 AM. For questions, please contact Monica Cloghessy at (630) 347-3028 or monica.mccormack15@gmail.com

Volunteer As An Usher!

Help out your parish! We are looking for volunteer ushers for Holy Week/Easter services. Ushers serve as greeters and help take up the collection. There is a sign-up on the table in the narthex. For more info, you can also contact John Meindl at jmeindl66@gmail.com

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Baked Beans

2 lbs. navy beans, soaked overnight
3 quarts water
2 t. salt
1 cup brown sugar
2 t. dried mustard
2 medium onions, chopped
½ cup catsup
¼ t pepper
½ cup molasses
1 t. Worstershire sauce
½ t. liquid smoke
3 t. sweet pickle relish

Soak beans overnight in a large bowl. Rinse beans thin boil in fresh water until the skins crack. Pour the bean water into a bowl and put 2 cups of the water back in with the beans and remaining ingredients and bake for 5-7 hours. Add as much of the remaining liquid as needed to keep the beans from drying as they bake.

Stewardship— First Fruits

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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

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

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

Stewardship Reflection

"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (Philippians 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

April is Autism Awareness Month!





Help create a kinder more inclusive world!

All with autism can have difficulty adjusting from their regular routines, especially as the world struggled with the COVID-19 pandemic. This April, all are invited to join Autism Speaks' Kindness Campaign! Complete daily kindness and fundraising activities and earn awesome swag along the way! Get started at http://bit.ly/kindnesscampaignAS

APRIL IS NATIONAL
CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH
#PROMISETOPROTECT

April is also Child Abuse Prevention Month, consider how you can help raise awareness.

According to www.childwelfare.gov, "The most common form of child abuse is neglect. For available resources and tips to spread the word, see https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/spread-the-word/

Archdiocesan Efforts and Events

Annual Child Abuse Prevention Mass

Saturday, April 30 at 4:30 PM at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State St.

Participants will be invited to plant pinwheels in the Holy Name Cathedral courtyard to raise awareness of Child Abuse Prevention efforts. The Archdiocese of Chicago provides a number of resources to raise awareness and address the horror of child abuse. https://protect.archchicago.org/news-and-events/child-abuse-prevention-month

Please Silence Your Cell Phones Upon Entering St. Alphonsus Church



While we love that you choose to worship with us at St. Alphonsus, please don't be THAT person and have your phone go off during the liturgy. It is distracting and disrespectful to our fellow faithful.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

Our Mission

As members of St. Alphonsus Young Adult Ministry, we walk alongside one another in faith. Our community is focused on:

- Meaningful worship, careful discernment, and prayerful reflection
- Curiosity and a thirst for the truth
- Service to one another, our church, and our city
- Lasting friendships and an invitation to fellowship and meaningful participation



Young Adult Speed Dating
Saturday April 30 6—10 PM

Young adult (21-39 yrs old) speed dating will take place on Saturday, April 30th with registration check-ins beginning at 6:00 PM.

Cost per individual ticket is $50. You must pre-register for the event. Final day to register is Wednesday, April 27. At the door sign ups are not allowed, to ensure everyone is able to meet their matches for each round.
There is a 2 step registration process. First, please register online on the parish GiveCentral event page:
Women: www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/33522
Men: www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/33521

Once registering, please be sure to create a Profile link. Participants create a profile and select a preferred dating range. They will then be matched with people that select similar ranges (*your age must fall within the range).
*Once you create your profile, be sure to save your login to make matches, after the event.
Link: www.stalphonsuschicago.org/yam-speed-dating-form
Save your login for making matches after the event

Join us for a tremendously fun evening of quality conversations with great dates, food and drinks included! Don't wait to register! Seats go super fast. All ticket sales are final, only 40 tickets available for each men and women's group so buy yours now before they sell out.

Follow-up questions can be sent to stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

Young Catholic Professionals— April Speaker Series

Join YCP Chicago on Tuesday, April 12th from 7-9 PM at the Thiele Center, 1510 N. Claremont Ave. for an Executive Speaker Series event w/ Tom Rosenak, President and Founder of Diamond Mind Enterprises, LLC.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s from ALL industries are invited to this free event, where you will learn insights about the integration of faith and work and network with other young Catholic professionals from the Chicagoland area over complimentary beer, wine, and appetizers. Register at bit.ly/ycpapril22

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
Matt Gunsaulus, Assistant Principal
Mary Bodlak, Director of Admissions
Caroline Jordan, Advancement Director
Kim Wallett, Secretary
Connie Del Toral, Administrative Assistant