Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 26, 2023: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (Jn 11:25-26)

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—12:00 PM

**Or call one of the priests for an appointment*

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
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: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66

Please Pray for the Sick

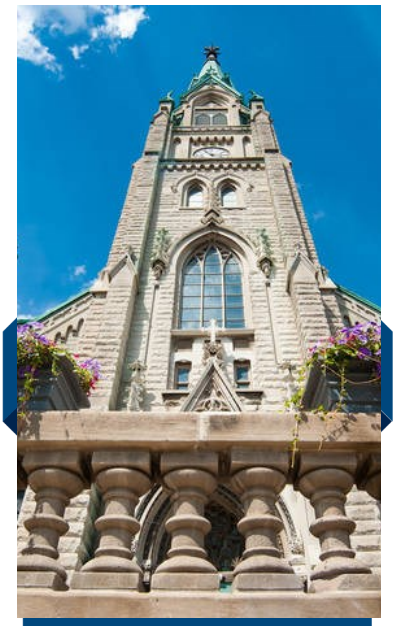
Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
William Ahearn
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Mary Perisin
Judy Fredrickson
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania
Juanita Ramirez
Ray Betlinski

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 3/19: $12,785

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



WEDDING BANNS

Julia Coyner
and
John Hermes

Megan Ashley McCue
and
John William Palmer

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

William Reed Takesuye
Gemma Liliana Wider
Addison Joy Szef
Emma Elizabeth Engelman
Thomas Andrew Barr

Eucharistic Adoration: A Source for Peace: Sometimes our weeks can be quite hectic, making it hard to find quiet time to pray. If this sounds familiar, join us for Mass on Wednesdays at 6 PM., followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 6:30-7:30. This can be a great way to re-center yourself in God and experience the peace that only Christ can give.

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 26
9:00 AM +Christian Kebr
11:00 AM +Elizabeth Litzinger
12:30 PM +Delfina y Dolores Gutierrez, +Florentina Ornelas
5:00 PM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, March 27
8:30 AM +Rita Doolin

Tuesday, March 28
8:30 AM +John P. Huffman

Wednesday, March 29
6:00 PM +Carol Richard

Thursday, March 30
8:30 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, March 31
8:30 AM +Urmila Mehta

Sunday, April 2
9:00 AM +Ukrainian women, Maria, Iryna, Kateryna, Anna, Maria, Stefa, Sophia
11:00 AM Maria Magturo & Family (Birthday Blessings)
12:30 PM +Ramona Garcia, Anastacio y Cenobio Espejo
5:00 PM +Carol Giacobbe

A Message From Our Pastor



Five weeks deep into Lent, while some people may feel weary from giving up things like caffeine, desserts, or their snooze button, the readings are a decisive demonstration of the power of God. Through the prophet Ezekiel, the Lord promises to raise us to new life, a promise fulfilled in the Gospel as Jesus announces, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." The second reading, too, teaches the gift and truth of this "through His Spirit dwelling in you."

The practices of these forty days provide us an opportunity for spiritual renewal and reflection as we all journey through the Scriptures and the liturgy to the Cross, and through it to Heaven.

Also during Lent, the Archdiocese is asking all parishes and people to reflect on their identity and lives as disciples in a particular way, using a short survey called the Disciple Maker Index. It's a tool to help pastors to plan for the future with a spirit of growth. The feedback and responses provided by the parishioners of St. Alphonsus is instrumental in helping myself and the ministries of the parish to help us all grow in a spirit of discipleship.

The survey can be accessed through this QR code or at portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/gg6g64. Those unable to take the survey online may request a paper copy.

We will receive the results later this spring, at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. The higher the response rate, the more thorough the picture we receive of where we stand as a community of faith. The responses of every parishioner makes a big difference!

The survey is only available until March 31 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. The survey allows you to share what you think is working well, identify areas of growth, and reflect on how St. Alphonsus helps you grow closer to God and to one another. We are looking for answers to questions like:

- In what ways does our parish help you grow spiritually?
- How good are we at connecting you to others in the parish?
- In what ways do you feel invited to share your talents at our parish?

Thank you for helping our parish and our team with this spiritual initiative!

Lent 2023

Lenten Fish Fry— This Friday March 31 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, March 31st
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/36528

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, Two performances by Trinity Irish Dancer Troupe
Multiple kids games and prizes
Parking/Directions: Limited free parking in the church lots off of Oakdale and Southport

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

Contact Carlos Medina, cmedina15158@gmail.com for more information.

Faith Formation

Confirmation 2023

Congratulations to our parish 8th graders who made their Confirmation on March 24!
A huge THANK YOU to all our catechists/teachers especially Erica Cook, James Morrow, Michael Adams, Mary Ponicki, Katie Key and Madeline Durkin.

Asher Albrecht
Ronan Binney
Aila Brennan
Eva Buhler
Isabella Casciola
Brogan Chinlund
Chris Chittaro
Maddox Church
Liam Collins
Christophe de Wijkerslooth
Gabriel Diaz
Catalina Diesfeld
Bridget Dilling
Myles Dilling
George Farrell
Liam Filan
Nicholas Frey
Colin Giles
Jenna Goodwin
Sophia Gutierrez
Ava Hadsell
Campbell Hahn
Alexandra Jug
Max Kerber
Michael Kerber
CJ Lake
Ryan Leonard
Kierstin Lyons
Jackson Martin
Shane Martin
Keaton Murphy
Emma Neiman
Liam Perreault
Maxwell Pilliod
Charlotte Rades
Jake Riley
Alexander Rossi
Ethan Sacks
Belinda Sanchez
Miles Schaaf
Declan Scheiner
Nathaniel Schram
Brady Sciachetano
Daniel Shutler
Caroline Smith
Zach Stewart
Saya Tanabe
Lauren Tynan
Natalia Valenciana
Ryan Waters
Gianna Zecchin



Walking With Purpose Women's Group

Tuesday mornings/evenings



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

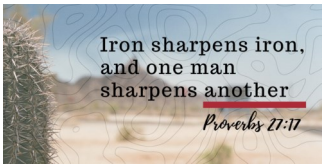
We live in a self-centered culture that all too often leaves us feeling empty and dissatisfied. A fuller view of God and His glory is the perfect antidote— find this during our journey through the Beholding Your King Bible study.

We'll study King David, select psalms, the temple, and many Old Testament prophets and see the ways in which they all point to the coming King of Kings, Jesus Christ. This Nine-Lesson Bible study is the second part of a two-part series and is ideally completed after Beholding His Glory.

Our new Beholding Your King bible study group meets ***Tuesdays from 9:30—11 AM and 6:30—8 PM.***
Questions? Contact Susan Combes at suecombes@hotmail.com

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.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule



Palm Sunday, April 2
Mass times: Sunday 9:00, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (Spanish) and 5:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 6

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

Good Friday, April 7

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

Holy Saturday, April 8

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

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM
12:30 PM
No 5 PM Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16
Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

3:00 PM	Holy Hour & Confessions

More News and Events

Friends Through Faith— Volunteers Needed!

The newly formed Friends Through Faith Adult Social Group hopes to foster essential faith-filled connections and build our St. Alphonsus community through fellowship and fun.

In order to maintain this group, we need volunteers. We will have a zoom committee meeting to discuss specifics. If you are interested, please email Amy Keefner, amykeefner@gmail.com.

We gather for breakfast, cocktails, coffee, and tea the last Sunday of every month following the 11 AM Mass. Connecting with other parishioners can lead to lasting friendships, fruitful ministries, or even just a friendly wave and smile the next time you attend Mass. We hope to create small service groups, outings and friendships out of this community.

Bilingual German/English 9 AM Mass

Each first Sunday of the month at the 9 AM Mass, our parish celebrates its German heritage with some of the Mass/readings proclaimed in German. Next Sunday on April 2 however, since the 9 AM Easter Sunday Mass will be partially in German with our German-speaking parishioners in worship, the 9 AM on Palm Sunday will be entirely in English.

Cleaning Angels Ministry

In anticipation of our Holy Week liturgies, our St. Alphonsus Cleaning Angels ministry will be volunteering to help clean and beautify our Church! This service project will take place this morning **Saturday, April 1** from 9 AM to 10:30 AM. Come and help out your church! This will involve basic cleaning such as wiping the pews, vacuuming and more. We all know St. Alphonsus is a spacious church and caring hearts and hands are needed. There will be no online sign-up; simply come to the church to help!

Polling Place— April 4 Run-Off Election

Pope Francis offered during a 2013 homily: *"Good Catholics meddle in politics, offering the best of themselves, so that those who govern can govern…"* On Tuesday April 4 from 6 AM to 7 PM, our parish Festival Hall will be utilized as a polling place as Chicagoans will vote for our next mayor.

May the Fourth at ACTC



Plans are in the works for an awesome Star Wars fundraiser w/ a screening of *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back* featuring cosplay, trivia contest and more! To volunteer, contact Kaitlin Holyk at kholyk@stalphonsuschicago.church



Catholic Relief Services— Rice Bowl

Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. CRS Rice Bowl provides support to both our local and international sisters and brothers in need. This year, families, parishes and school communities here in the Archdiocese of Chicago can bring Lenten spirituality to life through resources such as stories, videos, meatless recipes, and lesson plans we can connect with those most in need around the world in our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Visit crsricebowl.org

You can participate by grabbing a Rice Bowl at Mass this weekend, fill with your spare change, and return to St. Alphonsus by Holy Thursday, April 6.

Stewardship—First Fruits

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

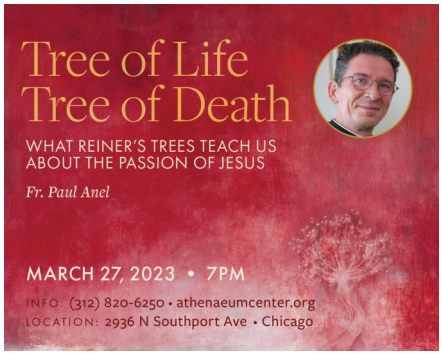
A huge thank you to those that are already giving online. Please consider making St. Alphonsus an extension of your home and family when contributing.

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

At the Athenaeum

Tree of Life | Tree of Death; What Reiner's Trees Teach Us About the Passion of Jesus

Monday March 27 at 7 PM



As we journey through the Lenten season, Art & Beauty can play an expansive role in deepening our contemplation and understanding.
This upcoming Monday, March 27th, we have an opportunity to do just that.

Fr Paul Anel, a Brooklyn based priest and artist, will join us and *The Stations* artist Lucas Reiner in the Paradiso to invite us into deeper contemplation of Christ's Passion, sacrifice, and our own humanity as he delves into Reiner's use of nature in the Stations.
Tree of Life | Tree of Death, 7 PM in the Paradiso. This event is free but we ask that you reserve a seat.
athenaeumcenter.org/events/2023/tree-of-life-tree-of-death/

Health and Wellness

Prioritizing self-care
Self-care isn't selfish. Instead, it's defined as making a commitment to activities that support your emotional, physical and spiritual health. If you take care of yourself first, you'll have more energy to effectively care for others. Consider adopting these elements of self-care.

- *Follow healthy habits in sleep, diet and exercise. Drink plenty of water.*
- *Schedule at least 15 or 20 minutes of "you" time each day for creative hobbies or spiritual practice—whatever means a lot to you on a personal level.*
- *Take breaks throughout the day to stand up, stretch and move. This helps recharge your creativity.*
- *Set boundaries on your time and say "no" to requests sometimes. If something doesn't fit with your priorities right now, you can gracefully decline.*
- *If you have a life partner, be sure to take a little one-on-one time each day to stop and share stories from your day. This helps keep your relationship healthy, intimate and supportive.*

Recovery Programs at St. Alphonsus

Among the 138.5 million Americans who are current alcohol users, 61.6 million people (or 44.4%) are classified as binge drinkers and 17.7 million people are classified as heavy drinkers.

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.

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Speed Dating!



Young adult (21-39 yrs old) speed dating will take place on **Saturday, April 29** 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 26. At the door sign ups are not allowed, to ensure everyone is able to meet their matches for each round.

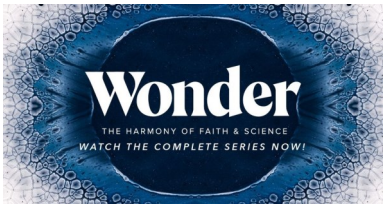
Women's Sign-up: www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/36787
Men's Sign-Up: www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/36788
Participants will be asked to please create a profile. More info on the GiveCentral registration page.

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, limited number of tickets available so buy yours now before they sell out.

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

Wonder Series Discussion Group

Tuesday March 28, 8:00— 9:00 PM



Word on Fire has produced an excellent five-part video series called Wonder which explores the beautiful complementarity of faith and science and inspires awe at the mysterious beauty of God's creation. Please join YAM for a discussion series every other Tuesday from 8:00-9:00 PM in the St. Alphonsus Rectory Common Room (enter through the rectory front door and signs/people will guide you). We will watch the video (10-15 minutes each) as a group then open it up for discussion. Contact Intellectual chair Jacob, kelleyjacobm98@gmail.com for info/questions.

Safe Families For Children



Hallelujah! Another successful Safe Families hosting complete by the St. Alphonsus community!

One of our parish host families LOVED hosting this little guy for a week. THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this hosting possible (fashionable clothing donations to the supply closet, encouragement, prayers, and extra patience during mass).

And another HUGE THANK YOU to our volunteer resource friends that supported the host family by lending their scooter & helmet for a quicker (and more fun) daycare commute! This cutie's mom asked Safe Families for childcare support last week so she could pick up extra shifts at work, and we are so happy to be able to support her!

Favorite book: The Little Engine that Could
Favorite food: sausage pizza
Favorite activity: going to the park, jumping in puddles

Please pray for this little guy and his hard-working mom, that this next transition time goes smoothly and that they always receive their daily bread.

Get involved with Safe Families today!
Follow us on Facebook @safefamiliesstals or visit safe-families.org

Gospel Reflection

A God Who Weeps With Us

"And Jesus wept." — John 11:35

It strikes me every time I read the story of Lazarus' resurrection. Of all the amazing and surprising things to occur in this Gospel passage — dead man walking! (well, dead man hopping, really) — it is this small detail that never fails to catch my eye, never fails to compel me and confound me.

Why did Jesus weep?

He knows the ending of the story. He knows Lazarus will be raised. So why does he weep?

Several years ago, I suffered a miscarriage. It was very early in the pregnancy, and so the news came to our older children all at once: there was a baby, and now the baby is gone. They understood and they did not understand. They nodded wisely at our words, accepting the information, absorbing it, wrapping their minds around this blessing-become-loss. They held the idea of a younger sibling in their mind, turning it over and inspecting it — I saw this in their eyes — and they did not know quite what to do with such a thing as great happiness that becomes great sorrow. Do any of us, really?

We still talk often about the baby that we lost — Julian, we named him — and he is a presence in their minds that makes himself known whenever we confront the subjects of suffering, pain, sadness, and loss.

"Why did God want Julian to die?" my daughter asked me recently, and I hastened to explain that God did not want Julian to die. "But why wasn't he born, then?" she asked, shaking her head in confusion.

"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Both Martha and Mary say this to Jesus when he comes to them in their grief. They don't say it as reproach, but as testimony: their faith is great that, had Jesus been present, he would not have stood by and watched his friend suffer, and done nothing.

But Jesus was not there. He delayed in the place where he was, and Lazarus died, and now Martha and Mary have to face a future of uncertainty without the protection and companionship of their brother.

And when at last Jesus finally comes to Bethany, the sisters kneel before him and reaffirm their faith in Jesus' love for them and in his power over life and death. And they accept that this was a power he did not use for their benefit, even though he could have. They accept their suffering.

The women had no expectations. We see that over and over again — they believe clearly that Jesus can bring their brother back, but they don't dare to dream that he will. "If you had been here," they say. If you had been here. If you had been here.



And Jesus wept — as if to say: I am here now.

Any suffering that we offer to God, he will sit with us and weep over. And he will accept our offering and take it and transform it from a meaningless pain into a force for good. He most often does this in ways we cannot see and cannot know — not here on earth, and not all at once. We could not bear the knowledge. It would be too much.

So, we understand, but we do not understand.

I could not tell my daughter why Julian was not born. As human beings, we are handicapped by our earthly comprehension of power. If God has the ability to make something easy, we say, then why doesn't he do it? If God can prevent pain, isn't it awful of him not to? And in fact, doesn't that redirect the blame for every misfortune, every loss, every evil in this world to the feet of the One who could have kept it all from happening in the first place?

God can do anything. Can't he make a world where we don't suffer?

But my friends, he has. And he has invited us there. And until we can go, he will sit with us in this world — this broken, sinful, dying world — and he will weep.

—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

PRAYER
Gracious and holy Father,
grant us the intellect to understand you,
reason to discern you, diligence to seek you,
wisdom to find you, a spirit to know you,
a heart to meditate upon you.
May our ears hear you, may our eyes behold you,
and may our tongues proclaim you.
Give us grace that our way of life may be pleasing to you,
that we may have the patience to wait for you
and the perseverance to look for you.
Grant us a perfect end—your holy presence,
a blessed resurrection and life everlasting.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

—Prayer of St. Benedict

April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 **9:00 AM** Cleaning Angels **10:00 AM** YAM 3v3 Basketball Tournament
2 ***Palm Sunday*** **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**3** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:30 PM** Knights of Columbus Meeting	**4** ***No Religious Education Classes*** **6:00 AM** Polling Place—Festival Hall **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **4:00 PM** Boy Scouts **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**5** **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**6** ***Holy Thursday*** **8:30 AM** Liturgy of the Hours **7:00 PM** Mass of the Lord's Supper	**7** ***Good Friday*** **8:30 AM** Liturgy of the Hours **3:00 PM** Stations of the Cross **7:00 PM** Good Friday Liturgy	**8** ***Holy Saturday*** **12:00 PM** Blessing of Easter Baskets **8:00 PM** Easter Vigil
		AACA Spring Break/ Holy Week				
9 ***Easter Sunday*** **7:30 AM** Mass **9:00 AM** Mass **11:00 AM** Mass **12:30 PM** Mass	**10** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Women's Faith Group	**11** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **4:00 PM** Boy Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** YAM Philosophy Forum **7:30 PM** Word on Fire Wonder Series Discussion Group	**12** **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts—1st **6:00 PM** First Communion Seminar **7:00 PM** AACA School Board Meeting **7:00 PM** Young Adult Book Club **7:00 PM** Safe Families for Children—Blessing Bags Assembly/Celebration **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**13** **6:00 PM** Leonine Forum Mass **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group **7:00 PM** Small Faith Group	**14** **6:30 PM** Fish Fry Volunteer Appreciation Party	**15** **8:00 AM** First Communion Retreat **4:00 PM** Mass for UIC Newman Center





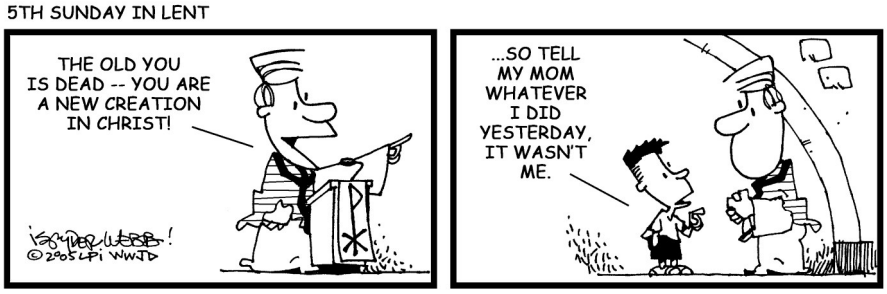


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16 **1:00 PM** Samuel Group **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**17** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **3:00 PM** Junior Scouts— 4th **6:00 PM** Women's Faith Group	**18** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **4:00 PM** Boy Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** YAM Philosophy Forum	**19** **7:00 PM** YAM Book Club	**20** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Small Faith Group	**21** **5:30 PM** AACA Deanery Dance	**22** **8:00 AM** First Communion Retreat
23 **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**24** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting	**25** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **4:00 PM** Boy Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** YAM Philosophy Forum **7:00 PM** Finance Council Meeting **7:30 PM** Word on Fire Wonder Series Discussion Group	**26** **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 3rd **6:30 PM** AACA Musical at Athenaeum **7:00 PM** YAM Book Club	**27** **9:00 AM** Holy Hour in Church— Exodus 90 **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Small Faith Group	**28** **9:30 AM** Holy Hour in Church— Exodus 90	**29** **6:00 PM** Young Adult Speed Dating 
30 **12:00 PM** Friends Through Faith Social Brunch **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting						

Scheduling at St. Alphonsus

The monthly calendar in the bulletin only shows all current parish events/activities. It does not indicate all sacraments such as weddings and baptisms. You can view the entire parish calendar on our website at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/calendar If your group's events are not listed in our calendar, please contact Mario Serrano at mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.church



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

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Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM– 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
9:00 AM– 7:30 PM Tue, Thurs

School Office

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School Office Hours:

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