Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 10, 2025: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." (Lk 12:48)

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*

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday	5:45 PM

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 12:32-48
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Please Pray for the Sick

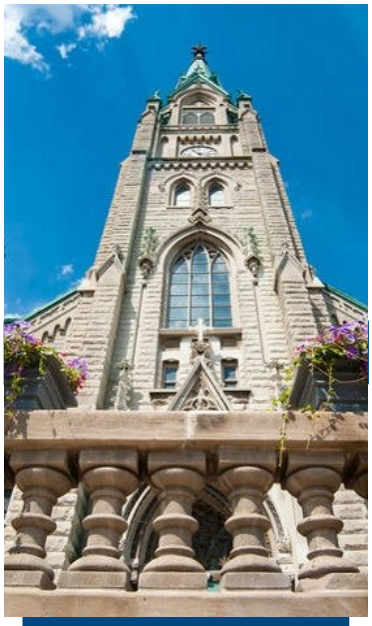
Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Michael and Elizabeth Velten
Fidel Mercado Chavez
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Michael Aldape
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Margaret Nichols
Leslie Salimi
Jason Jamero
Carol Kania
Eileen Koutnik
Rosemarie Cordero
Michelle Renee Moya
Ernest Nora
Albert Meier
Dan Clark
Kevin Combs

Men's Vespers– WED evening
Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday from 8-9 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door) It's a great way to take your spiritual life a step further as we enrich our knowledge of the faith, encourage each other in life's challenges, and grow in fortitude together. We chant the Liturgy of the Hours and share reflections on the upcoming Sunday gospel reading, followed by a social with refreshments, fellowship, and conversation. All men of the parish are invited. Questions/info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com

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.

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Blanca Arciniega
Victoria Juanita Lopez



WEDDING

Allyse Johnson and Jordan Sacks

Wedding Banns

II. Marisa Sclafani and Taylor Luiso
I. Christina Vitale and William Harmon
I. Brittany Kmieciak and William Brannon

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Zayden Cervantes

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 10
9:00 AM +Ed and Mary Gobat
11:00 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus
12:30 PM +Delores Gutierrez, +Florentino Ornelas, +Delfina Gutierrez
5:00 PM +John Greenlee

Monday, August 11
8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Tuesday, August 12
8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Wednesday, August 13
6:00 PM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Thursday, August 14
8:30 AM +Libia M. Prieto

Friday, August 15 (Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary)
8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus
6:30 PM +Floro Espinosa & Asuncion Pritchett

Saturday, August 16
8:30 AM Holy Catechists and a Fruitful RE Year

Sunday, August 17
9:00 AM Thad Pellino Family
11:00 AM +Floro Espinosa & Asuncion Pritchett
12:30 PM +Manuela Nevarez
5:00 PM Martha Piery (Birthday Blessings)

A Message From the Pastor

Breaking and Entering



No one ever wants to be victimized by crime, and many people take precautions to prevent thieves from stealing their valuables. Security cameras, alarm systems, motion sensors or even dogs are common forms of protection that people use to keep their homes or workplaces safe. This has always been the case, which is why we hear Jesus in the Gospel tell us, "if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into." But the Gospel is not so much about the prudence of having home security systems. The prevailing themes are really about spiritual preparedness and recognition of the Father's will. For those who are faithful in discerning and following God's plan of life and love, what emerges is the discovery of great spiritual wealth – an inexhaustible treasure. Holding onto that truth can provide the consolation, security of faith, and courage to stay close to Christ as we walk through our week.

This week in the Church calendar there are some wonderful saints that demonstrate not only an understanding and awareness of the treasures of heaven, but also spiritual fortitude that can inspire us to do what is just and right in a oft confusing world.

On Monday, August 11th, the Church honors St. Clare of Assisi. She was a contemporary of St. Francis, and likewise inspired by his faith and love to the Holy Eucharist, which she passed down into the community of nuns in her convent on the outskirts of Assisi. In 1240, an army of Saracen mercenaries marched toward the convent, imagining there were gold vessels or valuable artifacts inside for them to loot and steal, not to mention what other evil things they could have done. As the soldiers were climbing over the outer walls of the property and advancing towards the convent, Clare ran to the chapel and lay prostrate on the floor, praying for the Lord's protection. She heard a voice from the tabernacle, "I will always protect you." She got up and from the tabernacle took the small monstrance, in which was held the Eucharistic Host, and ran to the doors of convent, kicked them open and held the monstrance aloft. When they saw her holding up the Eucharist, the Saracens were thrown into confusion and fled in fear. St. Clare's faith in the treasure of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament saved her community from an army of thieves and marauders.

On Thursday August 14th, we honor St. Maximillian Kolbe. The treasure of his faith, despite being in one of the darkest moments in World War II, shed the light of joy on nine prisoners, like himself, who were imprisoned and forced to starve to death in a tiny cell in the Auschwitz concentration camp. Ten men, chosen at random, were thrown in the cell because another prisoner had tried to escape. But Father Kolbe, a Franciscan Priest, offered to take the place of one of the randomly chosen prisoners, sacrificing his own life. It was a radical imitation of Christ, and through that act, Fr. Kolbe actually brought faith and hope to the other prisoners, as he led them in singing hymns of joy.

Long before Fr. Kolbe's martyrdom in Auschwitz, he was well known as a preacher and theologian, especially for his love of the Blessed Virgin Mary. And I'm sure he is very honored that his memorial falls the day before the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. It's as if even the Church calendar uses his death and martyrdom to point to Mary. At the natural end of her life, she was assumed — "taken up body and soul into heavenly glory... so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the conquerer of sin and death" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, §966). Christ's death and resurrection breaks the prison bars of death, and thus opens for us the gates of heaven. Thus we can now enter into the heavenly kingdom and receive an inexhaustible treasure of love and joy beyond comprehension. Our faith teaches us that. The saints and feasts of this week highlight the path for us to walk, so that where the Virgin Mary and the saints have gone, we may hope to follow.

Rev. Steven Bauer
Pastor



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary— Friday, August 15

On Friday, August 15, the Church celebrates the fact that Mary, the Mother of God, was assumed into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 974) teaches, "The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body."

Masses on this Holy Day of Obligation are at 8:30 AM and a Bilingual Mass at 6:30 PM.

BECOME A CATECHIST FOR ST. ALPHONSUS!



Why Be 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.

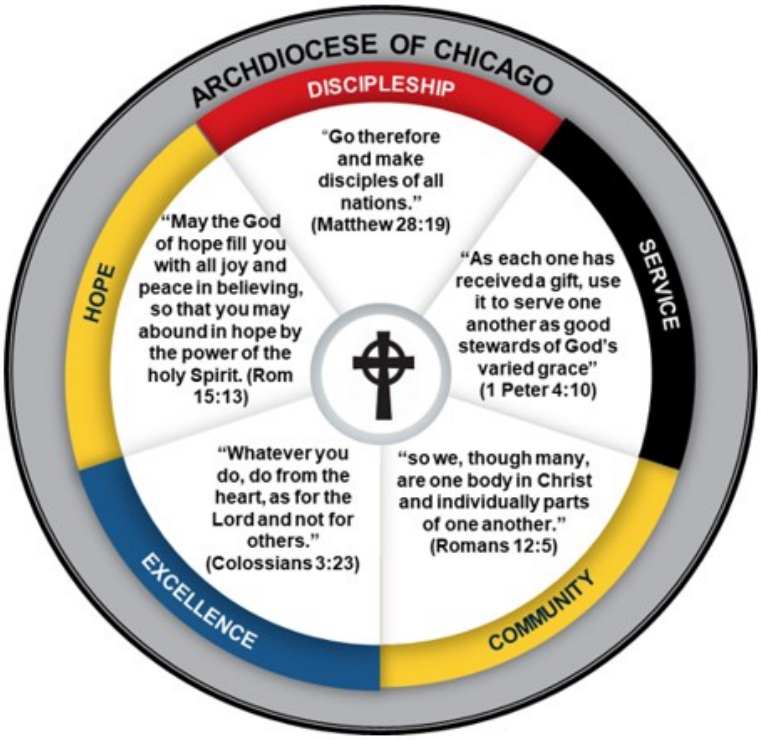


Spread the Faith **Inspire Hearts** **Make a Difference**

Become a Catechist for the 2025-2026 School Year!

*The kids need you!! Me? You're thinking. I don't know the faith well enough. I'm not a teacher. I wouldn't know where to begin! The good news is, when you give your Yes, God hears your 'yes' and fills in where you're lacking. He will complete the good work He has begun in you! All you need to do is allow the Holy Spirit to guide; you are **never** alone.*

Our Religious Education Program meets on Tuesday evenings (September to May), beginning on September 16. If you are feeling a pull on your heart, I would love to talk with you so you can discern if God is calling you to be a catechist this year. Jesus desires to fill you with an abundance of joy and love, and He will always give you the grace to accomplish what He asks!



Shaping the Next Generation of Catechetical Leaders
Core Value Statements

- Discipleship— We serve true to our commitment to the mission of the Catholic Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek to see others through the eyes of Jesus and to bring them to a relationship with Him.
- Community— We minister together for the good of the whole. We labor, across boundaries, building communal wisdom and relationships to serve those in need of care, support, and knowledge.
- Service— Service is how we think and act; treating everyone with dignity and respect. Using our gifts individually and collectively, we humbly follow through on our promises and provide timely and appropriate assistance to those we are called to serve.
- Excellence— We are committed in heart and mind to work and serve to achieve a high-quality level. We continuously evaluate, respond, adapt and seek to improve.
- Hope— Through our faith in Jesus, our passion leads us to forge forward, encouraging optimism as we act with courage finding our future path.

Knights of Columbus

Cornhole Challenge/ Cigar & Bourbon Social



Date: Thursday, August 21, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM (doors open at 5:45 PM)
Location: St. Alphonsus Church Rooftop (in the event of rain, we will hold in Festival Hall)

You're invited to an evening of great fellowship, friendly competition, and relaxed conversations.

Come enjoy premium cigars, a curated bourbon tasting, and a spirited **Cornhole Challenge** under the stars. Whether you're a seasoned thrower or just in it for the laughs, there's a place for you!

What to Expect:

- Cigar Lounge Area
- Bourbon Tasting Table
- Cornhole Tournament with prizes for 1st and 2nd place teams ($30 entry Fee per team). *Note: a team consists of 2* people or sign up as an individual for $15 (we can pair you up with another single player)
- Fun & Fellowship!

Sign-up on our parish's GiveCentral event at www.givecentral.org/location/39/43848

RSVP deadline is Tuesday, August 19th.

Questions, please contact:
Mike Smyla at michaelsmyla@gmail.com
David Pechi at davidpechi2000@gmail.com
Logan Cobell at lcobell@gmail.com
Ray C. San Agustin at raysanagustin15158@gmail.com

Must be 21+ to attend. Invite your friends!

Hosted by St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus
"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." – Proverbs 27:17



Save the Dates!! 2025 St. Alphonsus' Annual Oktoberfest!

September 26, 27, and 28

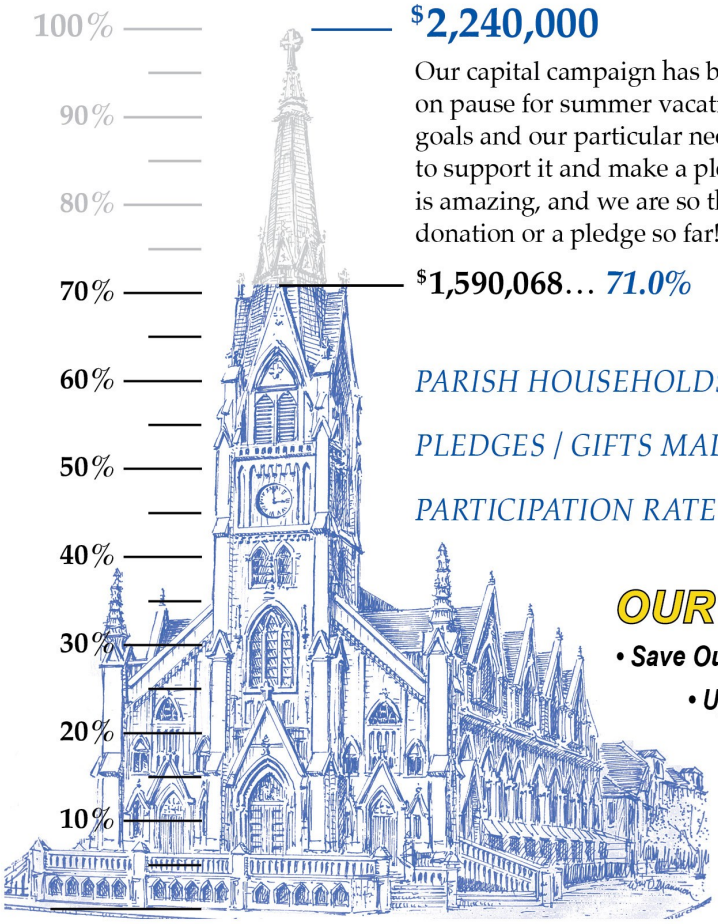
The St. Alphonsus Oktoberfest is held annually on the last full weekend in September. It is the primary fundraiser for the parish, but mostly it is a great deal of fun! We celebrate the parish's German heritage with beer, homemade brats, and a variety of bands which appeal to a range of musical tastes. There is also a Kinderfest with games, crafts and entertainment for children, jumbotron for the Sunday games, and other surprises! All bands and vendors are confirmed. Please stay tuned for Volunteer Info and VIP Packages coming soon!

Visit www.stalsoktoberfest.com for more info.

Generation To Generation

CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

GENERATION TO GENERATION: **ANSWER THE CALL**



$2,240,000

Our capital campaign has been going on for some time now, even though it's briefly on pause for summer vacation. Our campaign committee has been telling us about its goals and our particular needs, and inviting groups of parishioners and school families to support it and make a pledge. We currently stand at 70.0% of our stretch goal, which is amazing, and we are so thankful to the 201 parishioners/families who have made a donation or a pledge so far!

$1,590,068… *71.0%*

PARISH HOUSEHOLDS…… 2,100

PLEDGES / GIFTS MADE…… 201

PARTICIPATION RATE…….. 10.4%

LEARN MORE AND MAKE YOUR PLEDGE

or visit the parish website at www.stalphonsuschicago.org

OUR CAMPAIGN GOALS:

- ***Save Our Iconic Veranda; and Repair & Restore the Organ***
- ***Upgrade the Common Rooms***
- ***Install Drinking Fountains in the Church***
- ***Re-Imagine the Rectory's Side Courtyard as an Outdoor Classroom & Prayer Garden***
- ***Sharing with the Arch for Spiritual Renewal Programs, Scholarships, and Priest Retirement & Health Care***

Stewardship—First Fruits

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

We 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*
You can also text *Sunday* to (773) 570-7600

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Sunday Offertory for 8/3: $12,359

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

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Give today to support your parish

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

Volunteer w/ Mission OLA Back To School Block Party!



All young adults in the parish are encouraged to volunteer on Saturday, August 16th for a day of service and fun at the Mission of Our Lady of Angels (MOLA) Back to School Party! They are looking for volunteers to help set up, distribute back to school gear, and cleanup. Our St. Alphonsus Young Adult Ministry leaders will be coordinating a group of volunteers to meet at St. Alphonsus and head over together. To learn more and sign-up, please visit our Linktree, https://linktr.ee/stalphonsusyam

Rooftop Praise and Adoration— Aug. 29

On August 29th at 7:30 PM, spend time with our Lord in our monthly Praise and Adoration Holy Hour reverently on the parish rooftop, rather than the church. We will have limited seating on the roof. We'll spend the first 30 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 adults will lead a group for fellowship and drinks after!

More Young Adult Faith Events Around Chicago

If you enjoyed our recent Theology on Tap speaker series, St. Teresa of Avila is hosting a speaker on **Wednesday, August 20 from 7-9 PM at Beermiscuous, 2812 N. Lincoln Ave**, just down the street from St. Alphonsus.

Karen Ross, PhD is a graduate program director, theology and ethics professor, and yoga and mindfulness instructor. She currently works at Catholic Theological Union as the director of the Pathways@CTU program, which seeks to engage young people- especially those from marginalized communities- in co-creating the church of tomorrow. She received her PhD in theology and ethics from Loyola University Chicago, and her research focuses on feminist ethics and Catholic sexuality education, particularly of young women and girls.

This event is free of charge but you must register online at teresa.church/summer-young-adult-series-2025

Gospel Reflection

Jesus said to his disciples: "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." Luke 12:35–37

Vigilance, Attentiveness, Action

Vigilance, hard work, determination, attentiveness, fidelity—these are some of the qualities that Jesus is speaking about. To "gird your loins" means that you are immediately prepared for some challenging task. You are ready for the hard work ahead and are committed to it. To "light your lamps" implies that you are not in the dark but that your mind is enlightened in such a way that you are able to see that which is the will of God.

As we go through life, it is easy to become complacent in the things of faith. It is easy to become lazy, disinterested, distracted, and unfocused. This parable goes on to speak of a thief who tries to break into a house in the middle of the night. This is Jesus' way of saying that the evil one, with his lies and attacks, is constant, vicious, forceful, and unpredictable. For that reason, we must never grow tired of being vigilant in the spiritual life and must always be attentive to the light of God's voice.

How attentive are you to the mission of Christ on a daily basis? This is an essential question to answer honestly. Most people will find that they become distracted from the mission God has given to them. We experience countless things every day that compete for our attention. Many of those competing voices might not appear to be sinful. For example, perhaps a certain hobby has become the dominant focus of your free time. Or perhaps responsibilities at work have spilled over into your family time. Or perhaps some painful or even enjoyable experience has had your full attention for some time. Though it is obvious that sinful distractions in life are evil, it might not always be as obvious that there are many other neutral distractions that are a real problem. The problems they can produce are a lack of attentiveness to the will of God and a lack of readiness to engage the will of God the moment He calls.



Imagine, for example, that a very important person calls you to ask for a favor. Most likely you would drop all you were doing and respond immediately. But, sadly, when the King of the Universe attempts to speak to us and inspire us to some mission, we can be too distracted to even listen, let alone respond with immediacy and zeal. This is a problem. If, however, a person is continually attentive to the voice of God and responds to His interior promptings as soon as they are received, then Jesus says that this person is truly blessed and that He will "have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." In other words, the result of being vigilant in our attentiveness to the inspirations of God is that God Himself will reward us with His service. He will invite us to the table of spiritual rest, peace, joy, and fulfillment. He will serve us His mercy, which will be more than we could ever imagine.

Reflect, today, upon the call from God to always be attentive to His voice the instant He speaks. Reflect upon how aware you are of His constant presence in your life and His ongoing communication. Know that if you can form a habit of always listening, then you will never miss out on the grace-filled mission given to you by our Lord. Always listen to Him, seek out His still and gentle voice, and be ready to respond to Him every time He calls.

My ever-speaking Lord, You have so much to say and so much to reveal. Please enlighten my mind and strengthen my resolve to always listen to you and respond with all my heart. Your will is perfect and will lead me to a life of the deepest joy and fulfillment. May I believe this with all my heart and act accordingly. Jesus, I trust in You.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Driver's Ticket Scam

There is a scam going around that shows up in your e-mail or text messages. It appears to come from the Illinois Department of Motor Vehicles. It says that you have a driving or parking infraction and, if you do not pay it immediately by replying with your credit card, your driver's license will be suspended. This is a scam. No part of the government will ever, ever, ever contact you by e-mail or text messages. If you want to check if there are any outstanding tickets, open the DMV web site and check there.

News and Events

Are You Ready to Become Catholic?

Registration is open for Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The OCIA 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

Back to School Mass 9 AM— Aug. 17



Our Alphonsus Academy school starts the 2025-26 school year on Tuesday, Aug. 19. School families and faculty members will celebrate with our designated 9 AM Back to School Mass next Sunday. There will be refreshments on coffee and donuts on the Veranda for all to enjoy following this Mass!

Volunteer at Mass as a Lector!

Our parish is in need of Lectors, especially at the 11 AM Mass. Lectors proclaim the Scripture readings of the day so that all may hear God's word. Lector training only takes about an hour of your time. A workbook with all readings for the year, helpful advice, and interpretive information is also provided. Most lectors are scheduled to read at mass about once a month. If you are interested, contact coordinator Barbara Scharres, bscharres@hotmail.com, to learn more details and be scheduled for an individual training session.

Foundations Study—Monday Evenings

Each and every Sunday, we recite the Creed. But what does it mean? Pastoral Associate Brooks Robinson continues to lead a study on Monday evenings at 7 PM in the rectory 2nd Fl. Common Room. All are welcome to further explore the richness of our profession of faith! Contact Brooks, brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Register Your Children for Religious Education!

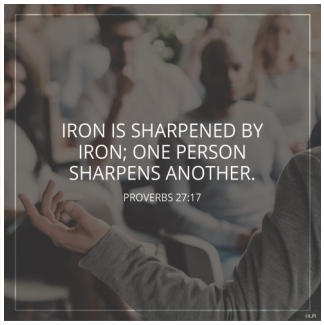
Registration for our Religious Education program is now open for the 2025-2026 school year for grades 1st-8th on Tuesday nights at 6:15 PM. Parent orientation is September 9 and classes will begin on September 16. Please register at the link on our Religious Ed page, www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education

Recovery Programs at St. Alphonsus

If you or loved ones you know have a problem with alcohol/substance abuse, please seek help! Our parish hosts two AA programs, Daily Reflections and Young People's Big Book AA Group. Daily Reflections meets on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM in the rectory 1st Fl. dining room. You may contact Lauren Merrill Sammis at lauren.merrill@live.com for more information.

Young People's Big Book AA Group meets Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the Festival Hall. Contact coordinator Denver Baker, dtbaker97@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

Living the Gospel of Life!

Recently, Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for a period of one year. However, Planned Parenthood sued, and a preliminary injunction was granted by the court that requires taxpayer funding to continue. Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities are inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of daily prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry.

This prayer invokes the intercession of Saint Joseph, Defender of Life, and the faithful are asked to continue praying until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month.
The invitation and prayer may be found here:
www.usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

Why Register at a Parish?

- It is a **sign of commitment and support to the life of a parish community and indicates willingness to belong to our parish family.**
- **Our Parish Staff will have the basic information needed to communicate with individual families, especially in times of emergency.**
- **Every Catholic needs to have their sacramental information documented. Copies of one's Baptismal, First Communion, and Marriage records are required at various times in our life.**
- **Families that enroll their children in our Parish School or Religious Education program should be registered and active in the parish, especially if they intend to have their children receive the Sacraments.**
- **Families are able to receive important information about the parish that often comes through direct mailing.**
- **For Godparents, it is required to provide information stating active parish registration, practice of faith and ongoing support to the overall life of the parish.**



St. Alphonsus welcomes all community members on their faith journey! Just moved in the area? Coming back to practicing our Catholic faith? You will want to learn about all the events going on at our parish.

You can officially register to join the parish at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors

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

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Parish Office Hours:

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Parish Staff

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Daniel Szymanski, Director of Operations
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager
Kathryn Kibler, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator
Margaret Piery, Parish Secretary/Sacristan

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