



Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 3, 2024: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



*Jesus answered and said to them,
“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” (Jn 2:19)*

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

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: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/
Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,
6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount:
\$14,890

Offertory for 2/25: \$13,729

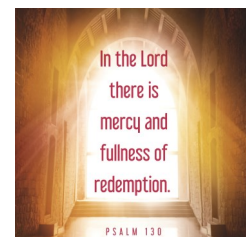
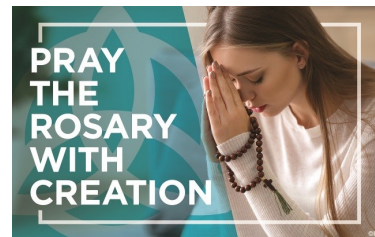
Please remember to help the poor. Donations to the poor box in the narthex go to our St. Vincent DePaul Society.

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Please Pray for the Sick

	Michael and Elizabeth Velten	Tracy Duda
		Jacob Duda
Dorothy Bonds	Fidel Mercado Chavez	Dorothy O'Brien
Jamie Wallett	David Birks	Ryan Meadow
Monica Alexis Rios	Celeste Soult	Danny Browder
Margaret Nichols	Magdalena Gonzalez	Carol Kania
Tessa Sergent	Michael Aldape	Leslie Salimi
Diane Mareci	Janet Horvat	Jason Jamero
William Ahearn	Frank G. Bauer	
Emilia Hurtado	Al Corleone	



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 PM. 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

Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday from 8:15 PM-9:00 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 or more info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 3

9:00 AM +Eliseo Castaneda
11:00 AM +Genoveva Gilana and Marcia Vinzons
12:30 PM +Graciela Giraldo
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, March 4

8:30 AM Henry Schmidt

Tuesday, March 5

8:30 AM William J. Fox

Wednesday, March 6

6:00 PM +Juanita Torres Rosario

Thursday, March 7

8:30 AM +Joe Riffner

Friday, March 8

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Saturday, March 9

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, March 10

9:00 AM +Bronius Stankevicius
11:00 AM +Daveon Gibson
12:30 PM +Juan Gonzalez
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

News and Events

Lenten Fish Fry— Friday, March 8 at 6:30 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 and Time: Friday, March 8th, 6:30 PM—9:00 PM

Where: 1429 W. Wellington Ave, in Festival Hall

Featuring the Trinity Irish Dance Troupe around 7 PM.

Cost: \$20 for adults. \$10 for kids 5-12. Free for 4 and under.

Adult tickets purchased at www.givecentral.org/otp/39718

Buy Kids tickets at the door

Menu: Fried Beer Battered Cod, Macaroni and Cheese, Coleslaw

For Sale separately: Mini-cupcakes, Brownies and other treats

BYOB Alcohol only. Water and other non-alcoholic drinks will be for sale

For the kids: Multiple kids games and prizes



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Sign-up to volunteer at our KoC Fish Fry website page,

www.stalphonsusknight.com/fishfry/

Contact Ray San Agustin, raysanagustin15158@gmail.com for sponsorships and questions!

Save the Date: Parish Breakfast!



Celebrating our faith and friendship in our community, all the faithful are welcome to a FREE St. Patrick's Day breakfast on **Sunday, March 17** from 10 AM-2 PM. Want to help put on more events like this one?

We are always looking for volunteers who have a love of the Lord

and a heart for service. Reach out to Emily Ember at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church to get involved!

March Madness Watch Party

Everybody loves March Madness! Our Young Adult Ministry will be showing multiple games for the annual college basketball tournament on **Saturday, March 23rd** from 1 PM— 5 PM in the Festival Hall. We have included the below spreadsheet for Food/Drinks

sign up but feel free to bring a dish, snack, or dip to share with the other members of the St. Al's YAM community. Sign-up at bit.ly/Yamarchmad24

South Lakeview Neighbors Meeting

All are invited to SLN's next meeting on **Tuesday, March 12** at the Athenaeum Center, 2936 N. Southport Ave. Meeting starts at 7 PM sharp, doors open at 6:30 PM. Topics of discussion will include:

1) Chicago Police Dept - Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) representative Sgt. Angelo will present area crime statistics, discuss policing strategy, and take questions.

2) Mayor's Office of Community Engagement: This Office is the first line of communication between Community Groups, voters, etc and the Mayor's Office. This is a first-time presentation from this City Office to SLN. SLN membership boundaries - Diversey to Belmont/ Racine to Ravenswood. slneighbors.org

Holy Week & Easter Schedule



Palm Sunday, March 24

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

Holy Thursday, March 28

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

Good Friday, March 29

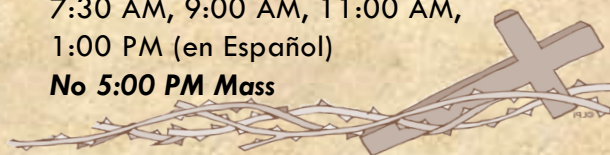
8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours
3:00 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, March 30

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

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM,
1:00 PM (en Español)
No 5:00 PM Mass



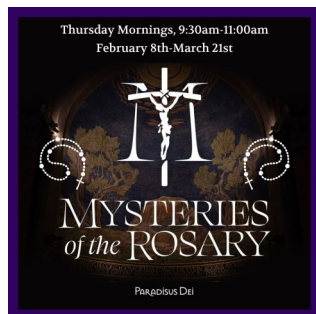
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7

Mass times: 9 & 11 AM, 12:30 & 5 PM
Holy Hour & Confessions: 3 PM

Faith Formation

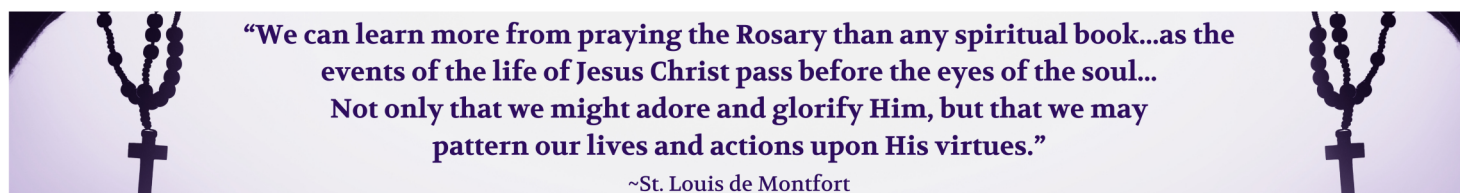
Mysteries of the Rosary— The Sorrowful Mysteries Lenten Study The Carrying of the Cross

Thursday Mornings, NOW through Mar. 21, 9:30 AM-11:00 AM, in the Rectory



We get to walk with Christ to Calvary. They paraded Our Lord through the Via Dolorosa as a public spectacle. Our Lord takes our sin and shame upon His shoulders and He carries it up Calvary's hill. How could the Son of Man fall under the weight of the Cross? How is it that the All-Powerful One needs help from Simon? Let us enter into these sacred mysteries together! Join us this week and together let us generously respond to the call of the King.

Questions? Email Emily at ember@stalphonsuschicago.church for more info.



Walking with Purpose

Women's Group— Tuesday mornings and evenings
9:30-11 AM or 6:30-8 PM



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

The **Touching the Divine** Bible study focuses on qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality.

Saint John referred to himself as “the disciple whom Jesus loved,” and as we study, John will teach is how much Jesus loves us and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls.

Questions? Contact Susan Combes at smbcombes51@gmail.com

St. Alphonsus Men's Group

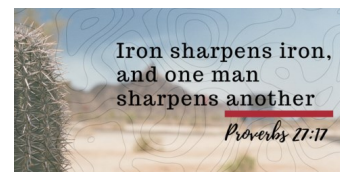
St. Alphonsus Men's Group meets Thursday nights to pray the liturgy of the hours, have fellowship, and to propose challenging topics to discuss.

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

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

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

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



Lent 2024



Lent offers us the chance to renew our commitment to Christ. We gather to pray for those who are preparing for baptism. Their witness should help us to ask ourselves, "How do I live out my baptism?"

This Lent, our St. Alphonsus community is asked to reflect on these questions:

How do we live as disciples of the Lord?

How do we evangelize and reach others with his saving message?



During the 5 PM Mass on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent we will be celebrating the Scrutinies. These rites mark the final preparations for the Easter Vigil, where our elect and candidates receive their

Sacraments of Initiation. The rites celebrate petitions 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!

AACA Presenting Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 8

During the Season of Lent our school students have been learning about the Stations of the Cross, that it's the crux of the most important three days in human history. And they are excited to share with the parish community what they've learned in two different presentations. First, the 7th graders will be performing a tableau-style presentation of the Stations with reflections and prayers for the school community and parents on Friday March 8th at 1:45 PM.

In the second service at 5:30 PM. – immediately prior to the Fish Fry – the students will lead the parish in meditating on the Stations using reflections that the students themselves have composed. All parishioners are invited to attend the student-led prayer service, and then head downstairs to Festival Hall for the Fish Fry!

Young Adult Ministry

Speed Dating! Saturday, April 20

Young Adult (21-39 yrs old) speed dating will take place on Saturday, April 20th with registration check-ins beginning at 6:00 PM. This event will be held at St. Alphonsus Festival Hall.

Cost per individual ticket is \$50. You must pre-register for the event. Final day to register is Wednesday, April 17th. At the door sign ups are not allowed, to ensure everyone is able to meet their matches for each round.



Women's registration link: www.givecentral.org/otp/39969

Men's registration link: www.givecentral.org/otp/39970

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: <https://www.stalphonsuschicago.org/yam-speed-dating-form>

1. Register on the Give Central Link

2. Create a Speed Dating Profile in using the above link, if you have issues, please contact us at the [stalsyamsocial](mailto:stalsyamsocial@gmail.com) email address.

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 and a limited number of tickets are available for each men's and women's group, so buy yours now before they sell out.

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



Eucharistic Prayer Companion

Third Sunday of Lent: Undivided Hearts

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Pause for a few moments, and allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Realize that, at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive his loving gaze. You are his beloved child. Rest in his loving gaze.

Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

ASK FOR THE GRACE: Jesus, help me to seek you with a sincere, repentant heart that trusts totally in your redeeming love.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — Read slowly, 3–4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.

"You shall not have other gods beside me. You shall not make for yourself an idol or a likeness of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or serve them." (Exodus 20:3–5a)

REFLECTION QUESTION — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

What other "gods" might be occupying the place in my heart that truly belongs to the Lord, distracting me from growing in my relationship with God and understanding my faith? These could be things such as entertainment, possessions, relationships, or honors. What concrete choices can I make to set aside time to attend Mass more frequently and/or spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during this Lenten Season in order to deepen my relationship with him?

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — Read slowly, 3–4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.

"Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area... 'Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace.'" (John 2:13–16)

REFLECTION QUESTION — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

How may God be calling me to cleanse the temple of my heart during this Lenten Season? What worries or preoccupations might I be able to entrust to God today?

Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER — O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Third Sunday of Lent)

SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer something in your heart that is keeping you from growing closer to God. Ask for the grace of surrender so that you can grow in true freedom and joy!

LOVE IN ACTION — Many people struggle to understand our Catholic faith. This week, ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify a person in your life who is struggling in his or her faith. Reach out with a word of encouragement and an offer to chat with him or her so that they can learn and grow more confident in the faith.

And to those who sold doves he said, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me.

— Jn 2:16-17

A Dual Cleansing

All four Gospels speak of Jesus’ cleansing of the Temple. However, there is a difference between the way this event is portrayed in the Synoptic Gospel (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and in the way it is portrayed in John’s Gospel. John’s Gospel places this event at the very beginning of Jesus’ public ministry during the first of His three annual trips to Jerusalem for the Passover. This was His first attempt at cleansing the Temple. Jesus was also less severe in John’s version of the story, stating only that the moneychangers had turned His Father’s House into a “marketplace.” In the three Synoptic Gospels, this event takes place at the very end of Jesus’ public ministry, less than a week before Jesus’ death when He returned to Jerusalem for the last time. In those versions, Jesus was more severe, stating that the moneychangers had turned His Father’s House into a “den of thieves” and not just a “marketplace.” In commenting upon the differences between John’s version and the Synoptics, Saint Augustine and Saint Thomas Aquinas believe that they are two different occasions when a similar act of cleansing of the Temple took place.

The Jewish Temple, at the time of Jesus’ public ministry, was the place people traveled to each year for Passover to offer the sacrifice of a spotless male lamb in commemoration of the first Passover in Egypt when God set the Jews free from slavery. During this annual celebration, Jewish families who traveled to Jerusalem would purchase a lamb for sacrifice. At the appointed time, they slaughtered the animal in the courtyard of the Temple and then presented it to the priest who gathered some of the blood and sprinkled it on the altar, and then removed the skin, organs and fat to be burned in sacrifice. The meat was returned to the family and roasted on a pomegranate branch so that they could feast on it as they recalled the saving action God granted their ancestors in Egypt.

Today, we see the Jewish Temple as a symbol and prefiguration of Christ, the New Temple Who is also the priest and the Lamb of Sacrifice. Recall, also, that at Jesus’ death, the veil of the Temple was torn in two,

opening it up to the whole world so that all may share in the Sacrifice of the Lamb of God. We are now invited into this Holy of Holies to share in the new life of grace accomplished by His Sacrifice. Since the grace of this Sacrifice of our Lord enters into each and every heart that believes, to cleanse and purify, then every person receiving this grace becomes a new dwelling place of God, a member of His new Temple, the Body of Christ.



When Jesus came to the Passover feast and witnessed the buying and selling of these animals in the Temple, He drove them out with much zeal. It was clear that this holy celebration of the Passover had become less of a celebration of faith and more of a marketplace for profit. Jesus’ action is also a symbol of the zeal with which He now seeks to cleanse the temple of your soul. At first, when sin and disorder pervade our souls, our Lord may take the approach of a gentle rebuke, as He did in His first cleansing of the Temple in John’s Gospel. If we persist in our sins, then our Lord will become more zealous in His cleansing as He was in His final attempt to cleanse the Temple the week before He died.

Reflect, today, upon this twofold cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem by our Lord and apply Jesus’ sacred actions today to your own soul. Are there new sins that you have fallen into recently that require a gentle rebuke from our Lord? Are there sins that Jesus has been revealing to you for years now that you obstinately persist in? Allow Him to rebuke you in love and to cleanse you so that His saving Sacrifice as the Lamb of God will indeed purify you, and allow His judgment and wrath to “passover” you this Lent.

My cleansing Lord, You cleansed the Temple of Jerusalem not once, but twice. Your zeal for its purity of worship was clear. Please come and make my soul Your dwelling place today and cleanse me of all sin. Please help me to especially see any ways that I have remained obstinate in my sin, and please cleanse those sins with much vigor. Jesus, I trust in You.

March Calendar

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
3 3:00 PM RCIA 6:00 PM Young Adult Ministry Board Meeting 7:00 PM Big Book AA Meeting	4 8:30 AM AA Daily Reflections Group 7:00 PM Bible Time-line Study Group 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting	5 9:30 AM Walking With Purpose 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting 6:15 PM Religious Education 6:30 PM Walking With Purpose 7:00 PM Philosophy Forum	6 1:45 PM Brownie Scouts— 3rd 4:00 PM Cub Scouts— Arrow of Light 6:00 PM Mass 6:30—7:30 PM Reconciliation 6:30 PM YAM Book Club 8:15 PM Men's Group Vespers	7 9:30 AM Lenten Rosary Group 3:00 PM Cub Scouts— Tigers 6:15 PM Leonine Forum Chicago Mass 6:30 PM Women's Faith Group 7:00 PM Men's Faith Group 7:00 PM Small Faith Group 7:30 PM CSL Volleyball League	8 1:45 PM Stations of the Cross— AACA 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM Lenten Fish Fry 	9 11:00 AM Reconciliation
10 Daylight Savings Time Starts 1:00 PM AACA Parents vs. Kids Basketball Game 3:00 PM RCIA 6:30 PM Scythian at ACTC 7:00 PM Big Book AA Meeting	11 8:30 AM AA Daily Reflections Group 7:00 PM Bible Time-line Study Group	12 9:30 AM Walking With Purpose 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting 6:15 PM Religious Education 6:30 PM Walking With Purpose 7:00 PM Philosophy Forum	13 1:45 PM Brownie Scouts— 2nd 1:45 PM Junior Scouts— 4th/5th 4:00 PM Cub Scouts— Arrow of Light 6:00 PM Mass 6:30—7:30 PM Reconciliation 6:30 PM YAM Book Club 8:15 PM Men's Group Vespers	14 9:30 AM Lenten Rosary Group 3:00 PM Cub Scouts— Tigers 6:30 PM Women's Faith Group 7:00 PM Marriage Information Meeting 7:00 PM Men's Faith Group 7:00 PM Small Faith Group 7:30 PM CSL Volleyball League	15 AACA— No School 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Espanol) 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross	16 11:00 AM Reconciliation
17 St. Patrick's Day 10:00 AM Parish Breakfast in Festival Hall 1:00 PM Samuel Group 3:00 PM RCIA 7:00 PM Big Book AA Meeting	18 8:30 AM AA Daily Reflections Group 7:00 PM Bible Time-line Study Group	19 6:00 AM Polling Place—Festival Hall 9:30 AM Walking With Purpose 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting 6:15 PM Religious Education 6:30 PM Walking With Purpose 7:00 PM Philosophy Forum	20 4:00 PM Cub Scouts— Arrow of Light 6:00 PM Mass 6:30—7:30 PM Reconciliation 6:30 PM Young Adult Book Club 8:15 PM Men's Group Vespers	21 8:15 AM Blessings in a Backpack 9:30 AM Lenten Rosary Group 3:00 PM Cub Scouts— Tigers 6:30 PM Women's Faith Group 7:00 PM Men's Faith Group 7:00 PM Small Faith Group 7:30 PM CSL Volleyball League	22 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Espanol) 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM Praise and Adoration	23 9:00 AM Cleaning Angels 11:00 AM Reconciliation 1:00 PM YAM— March Madness Watch Party

The monthly calendar in the bulletin only reflects all current parish events/activities. It does not indicate sacraments of weddings and baptisms.

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24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 3:00 PM RCIA 7:00 PM Big Book AA Meeting	25 8:30 AM AA Daily Reflections Group 7:00 PM Bible Time-line Study Group	26 <i>No Religious Education Classes</i> 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 Parish Finance Council 7:00 PM Philosophy Forum	27 8:15 PM Men's Group Vespers	28 <i>Holy Thursday</i> 8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper	29 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Rectory Closed</i> 8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy	30 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 11:00 AM Reconciliation 12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets 8:00 PM Easter Vigil
AACA Spring Break/ Holy Week						

31 *Easter Sunday*

7:30 AM Mass
 9:00 AM Mass
 11:00 AM Mass
 1:00 PM Mass (Spanish)
 No 5:00 PM Mass

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Garlic is wonderful and you may use it often. But the problem is that it gets on your fingers and the smell stays for a long time. Here is how to get rid of the smell. Wash your hands with used coffee grounds. It gets rid of the smell. (Wait until the grounds are cool.)

Cardinal Meyer Lecture

March 7 and 8, 2024

Union League Club Chicago
and

University of Saint Mary of the Lake

*Protocol, Politics and Posterity:
The Legacy of Pope Benedict XVI
and the Future of the Church*

Pope Francis

March 2024

Intention

**For the new
martyrs**

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



All are welcome to attend this free lecture from John Allen Jr., the editor of Crux, specializing in coverage of the Vatican and the Catholic Church. He has written eleven books on the Vatican and Catholic affairs, and also is a popular speaker on Catholicism both in the United States and internationally.

The lecture will be held at 7:00pm on March 7 at the Union League Club Chicago and at 9:00am on March 8 at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake.



Learn More and Register to Attend
usml.edu/cardinal-meyer-lecture



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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.

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

Stewardship Reflection

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - Exodus 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

At the Athenaeum



Scythian— Sunday, March 10 at 6:30 PM

Scythian, the crazy, fun, Irish-Ukrainian band with their unique style of folk/bluegrass music, will return to the historic main stage of the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture on March 10.

There will be fiddles. Dancing. Guinness. And fun. A true Irish party.

So don’t wait, buy tickets for you and the family today!

athenaeumcenter.org/events/2024/scythian-2/

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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

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Parish Office Hours:

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Parish Staff

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