Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 7, 2024: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." (Mk 6:4)

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

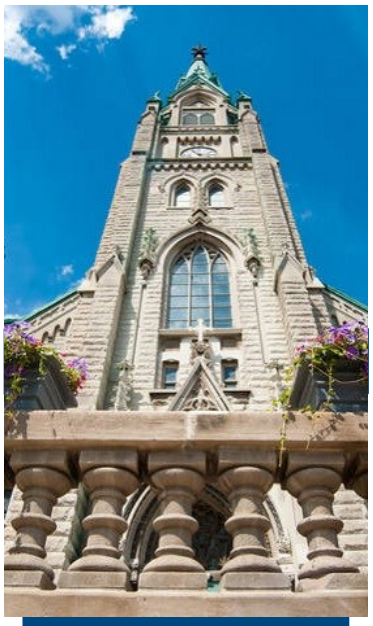
Eucharistic Adoration

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: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Please Pray for the Sick

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



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Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $14,890

Offertory for 6/30: $15,647

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

Left QR code for GiveCentral; Right QR code for Venmo

For Mass donations via Zelle, please submit to general parish email account, parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Leo Isaiah Valdivia

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Mariella Sanchez

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 7
9:00 AM Wasik Family
11:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
12:30 PM +Guadalupe y Esteban Corral
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, July 8
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, July 9
8:30 AM +Patricia Herrera Cazares

Wednesday, July 10
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, July 11
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, July 12
8:30 AM +Lawrence Paul Contreras

Saturday, July 13
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, July 14
9:00 AM Morrie Family
11:00 AM +Marie Olszweski
12:30 PM +Genaro Corral, Esteban Corral, y Genaro Corral Casillas
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Recap

NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration." -St. Teresa of Calcutta

Last Friday, our parish celebrated a beautiful National Eucharistic Pilgrimage event for close to a thousand young adults, involving several of our Archdiocese of Chicago bishops, priests, deacons, seminarians, discerners, religious, and lay ministers! Although the rain outside precluded the outside procession, it certainly didn't put a damper on the event. To borrow a colloquialism from Fr. Tim Anastos' homily, it truly was a "lit" experience for all involved! Many blessed thanks to all our faithful who continue to make St. Alphonsus one of the most vibrant parishes in the Chicago area! Photo credits to Damian Chlanda, @coffeewithdamian and Deacon Randy Belice, Chicago Catholic





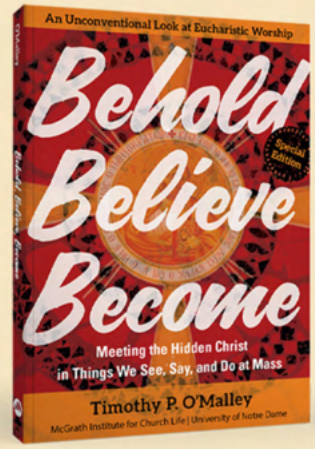








BOOK STUDY



ALL INVITED.

ALL WELCOME.

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Join us on July 7th after the 5pm Mass to discuss Chapters 1 & 2

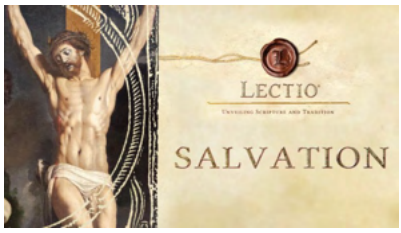
Sundays at 6pm, July 7th - August 11th
Rectory Common Room

All are welcome to gather after the 5pm Mass for wine, cheese, and to discover how Christ is hidden in the things we see, say, and do at Mass.

Embark on a transformative journey into the heart of Eucharistic worship where the ordinary becomes extraordinary and the Mass becomes a soul-saving, life-changing encounter with Christ, our Eucharistic Lord.

Questions? Contact Emily at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church or Brooks at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Lectio Series — Salvation



Every Sunday we confess that Jesus "for our Salvation came down from Heaven." But have you ever wondered what this means?

Continuing on Monday evenings at 7 PM, we will set out to explore these and related questions using the FORMED Lectio series on Salvation. To sign up, costs, location, or for other questions, contact Brooks Robinson, brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

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!

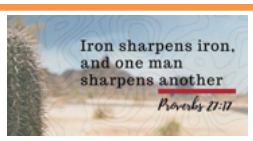
In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements, and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are? **Living in the Father's Love** will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all.

This brief but powerful summer Bible study, through July 16, is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself. Discover just how much God loves us and how the gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love. 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

Young Adult Ministry

Theology on Tap Speaker Series



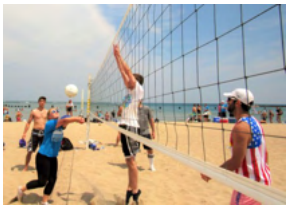
Join us this summer for our Theology on Tap speaker series to deepen our knowledge of the faith, grow closer to one another in fellowship, and lead lives of charity.

For our first talk on Wednesday, July 10, we welcome Bishop Bob Lombardo to speak on ***Eucharistic Revival, God, and Us***. Come learn how the Eucharistic Revival can deepen our love for God and others. Join us on the dates below for fellowship, food, and refreshments starting at 7 PM, with the speaker's talk at 7:30 PM.

We encourage you to attend mass at 6 PM followed by Eucharistic adoration from 6:30-7:30 PM. We hope to see you here!

July 10th - Bishop Bob Lombardo, Mission Our Lady of the Angels
July 24th - Anne McGowan, Associate Professor of Liturgy at the Catholic Theological Union
July 31st - Fr. Tim Anastos, Associate Chaplain at UIC
August 7th - Alessandro DiSanto, Co-Founder of the Hallow app

More Young Adult News and Events Around Chicago



Catholic Sports Leagues is hosting their popular Beach Volleyball tournament on Saturday, July 13. This is a great way to meet new people! Sign up now at www.catholicsportsleagues.com

St. Michael's Church in Old Town, 1633 N. Cleveland, is hosting their "NextGen Mass" on Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 PM. Immediately following Mass will be a "Holy S'mores" social! Come meet new people & decompress this evening with sweet eats!

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS
Working in Witness for Christ™

The Chicago chapter of Young Catholic Professionals will have their next Executive Speaker series event on Tuesday, August 13 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 708 W. Belmont Ave. The featured speaker will be Matthew Paprocki, president and CEO of the Illinois Policy Institute. Matt's presentation will be on "The Dignity of Work." Learn more and register at ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-with-matthew-paprocki-110298/

SAINT ALPHONSUS WEDDING MINISTRY

Serve as a Wedding Coordinator!

Are you someone who would consider themselves organized and a hopeless romantic, looking to get more involved in our parish? St. Alphonsus is currently looking for wedding coordinators to join our team. Weddings are joyful and jam-packed events filled with lots of details—it's an all-hands-on-deck ordeal! Being part of the Wedding Ministry is a rewarding opportunity as we help couples enjoy their special and Sacramental day. All volunteers receive a stipend for their time. **For more information, contact Priyanka Golwala weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church**

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SAMUEL GROUP

Discernment for young adults

Samuel Group is a program sponsored by the Vocation Office that holds monthly meetings between September 2024 and April 2025. The goal of the program is to help young adults learn to listen more clearly to the voice of God in their daily lives so that they can make a good discernment. Each meeting includes talks, a time for food and fellowship, adoration, confession, and Sunday Mass. For more information, contact Katie Hazen at **khazen@archchicago.org** or 847.508.2023.

St. Alphonsus Parish (Lakeview), 1429 W. Wellington Ave., Chicago, IL 60657
2024: September 22, October 20, November 17, December 15
2025: January 19, February 16, March 23, April 27
Meetings: 1 – 5 p.m., Mass: 5 p.m.
Meetings and Mass are in English

Cost: $45 per person
Register here: bit.ly/4cSnLTJ



News and Events

Pilgrimage to Mexico City in 2025

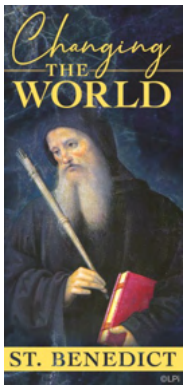


Cardinal Cupich and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe invite you to The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City January 14 – 20, 2025 for an extraordinary pilgrimage of faith, history and hope! Joining as spiritual facilitators on this unique adventure will be Very Rev. Esequiel Sanchez, Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Rev. Manuel Dorantes, Pastor of Saint Mary of the Lake Parish. The pilgrimage will be conducted in English and Spanish. Interested in learning more? There are brochures available on the table in the narthex of the church.

Daily Mass on Thursday, July 11 at 6:00 PM

In honor of the Feast of Saint Benedict, as well as noted evangelist Fr. Mike Schmitz (and others) arriving for the *Adventures in Evangelization and Entrepreneurship* event at the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture later that evening, St. Alphonsus will host an additional daily Mass this day. Please note that Fr. Schmitz will not be a celebrant at this Mass.

Feast of Saint Benedict— Thursday, July 11





Have you ever wanted to change the world? 5th century Europe was a dark place. The Roman Empire had fallen, and barbarian tribes were picking over the scraps of what remained. Faith hung on, but there was no consistent, coherent Christian culture in the world around. Young Benedict began his life with education and privilege but became disillusioned by a life pursuing material success. He withdrew to a monastery and spent much time in solitude. He began attracting followers, whom he organized over time into 12 monasteries, with a 13th established to train young monks. He wrote a rule of life including basic principles for living as Christ. His monks took three vows: conversion to Christ, obedience to the local abbot, and stability to remain with the community. Benedictine monasteries became lights in the darkness, secure centers of Christian culture enlivening the faithful beyond their walls. When the world around us seems complicated and contrary to the Gospel, how will you be a light?

Stewardship—First Fruits

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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

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

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

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.

Men's Vespers– WED evening

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



St. Alphonsus Religious Education

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!

Enrolling Children Grades 1-8

Classes held Tuesday Evenings, 6:15pm-7:30pm, Sept thru May

First Communion preparation takes 2 years and typically begins in 1st Grade

Confirmation preparation takes 2 years and typically begins in 7th Grade

Have a child older than 2nd Grade who has not yet received First Communion?

Have a child older than 7 years old who has not yet received Baptism?

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

Kairos Retreat for High School Students and Grads



The North Side Kairos Retreat is an experience for teens who have just completed their sophomore, junior or senior years of high school. On Kairos, you are invited to reflect on relationships with yourself, friends, family and God. Kairos presents an opportunity to heal, rejoice, question, explore the Catholic faith, meet new people and have fun. The Kairos retreat is normally offered at Catholic high schools, but teens attending public or private non-Catholic high schools should also have the opportunity to experience Kairos. Leaders on the retreat come from different parishes in the city and suburbs, both trained peer youth leaders and Virtus-compliant adult lay ministers. A participant does not need to be Catholic to attend, but it is an authentically Catholic retreat. North Side Kairos 24 will be Thursday-Sunday, August 8-11, 2024 at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, with group departure from and return to Queen of All Saints Parish in the Sauganash neighborhood. The cost including meals is $260. Payment plans and scholarship funding can be arranged: money should not be a reason to skip the retreat which can be such an important part of a young person's journey. Visit bit.ly/NSkairos24 to learn more or sign up.



St. Alphonsus Parish has purchased a subscription to FORMED so that you, yes YOU! can receive FREE access to Bible Studies, Family Programming, Classic Spiritual Books, and more! ¡Hay programas en español también!

TO SIGN UP FREE:
1) Go to formed.org/signup
2) Type in Zip Code 60657
3) Choose St. Alphonsus
4) Fill out your Name and Email
5) YOU'RE IN!

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Gospel Reflection

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. Mark 6:4–6

Faith and Miracles



Why was Jesus "not able to perform any mighty deed" in His hometown of Nazareth? Because the people who had known Him since He was a youth lacked faith in Him. But why wouldn't Jesus simply perform awe-inspiring miracles with the hope of winning them over? Why not try to convince them by raising someone from the dead or by revealing His transfigured glory to His kinfolk, as He did on the Mount of Transfiguration to three of His disciples? The answer goes to the heart of the workings of faith in each soul.

Jesus' goal in His hometown was not to convince the people that He was the Son of God, the Messiah. He could have easily convinced them of this by the most incredible of miracles and proved Who He was. But doing so would have undermined the reason He came. He came to ignite authentic faith in people's hearts, not to convince them through clever reasoning or by the proof of miracles. Miracles were offered to those who already had faith, so as to increase their faith and to show them mercy. But when one lacked faith, a miracle could not increase that which was absent. It might have convinced them on a rational level, or at least impressed them greatly, but that is not true faith.

By analogy, say your spouse said to you, "I love you," and your response was "Prove it." How would they do so? What could they do to prove that they truly love you? Perhaps they could show charity, kindness, compassion and the like. These qualities certainly are manifestations of authentic love. But deep down, no one can prove they love another. Instead, love must be offered and received in a spiritual way. When that happens, each person somehow simply knows they love and are loved. This is the mystery of spiritual and authentic love.

The same is true with faith. Faith can't be proved. It can't be analyzed rationally. It must be embraced and lived. If the people in Jesus' hometown were to have faith in Him, this gift of faith would start within their own souls. They would look at Him and listen to Him. By their openness and a special personal revelation from God, they would come to know and to believe Who He was. Faith comes first from within, when God communicates to the heart.

Reflect, today, upon your own level of faith in Jesus. When you look into your own soul, what do you see? Do you see a heart that knows Christ Jesus as its Lord? Have you discovered the presence of God within you, speaking to you, revealing Himself to you? Or do you primarily look for external signs and proofs of God's presence and love? Look into your soul today and ponder the depth of faith that you discover there. When you discover this gift, gaze at it with love, for you are seeing God's revelation of Himself to you.

My revealing Lord, You continuously speak to me in the depths of my heart, revealing to me Your divine presence and love. Give me a heart that is truly open to You on the deepest level, so that my faith will grow and I will know for certain Your divine love. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Wednesday July 10

11:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



Ward 32, Alderman Scott Waguespack Blood Drive

2657 N. CLYBOURN, CHICAGO, IL 60614
@ Mobile Donation Bus in front of office

Appointments appreciated; walk-ins welcome!

To schedule, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, or scan the QR code below, or https://tinyurl.com/Ward32BD

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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.

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School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

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