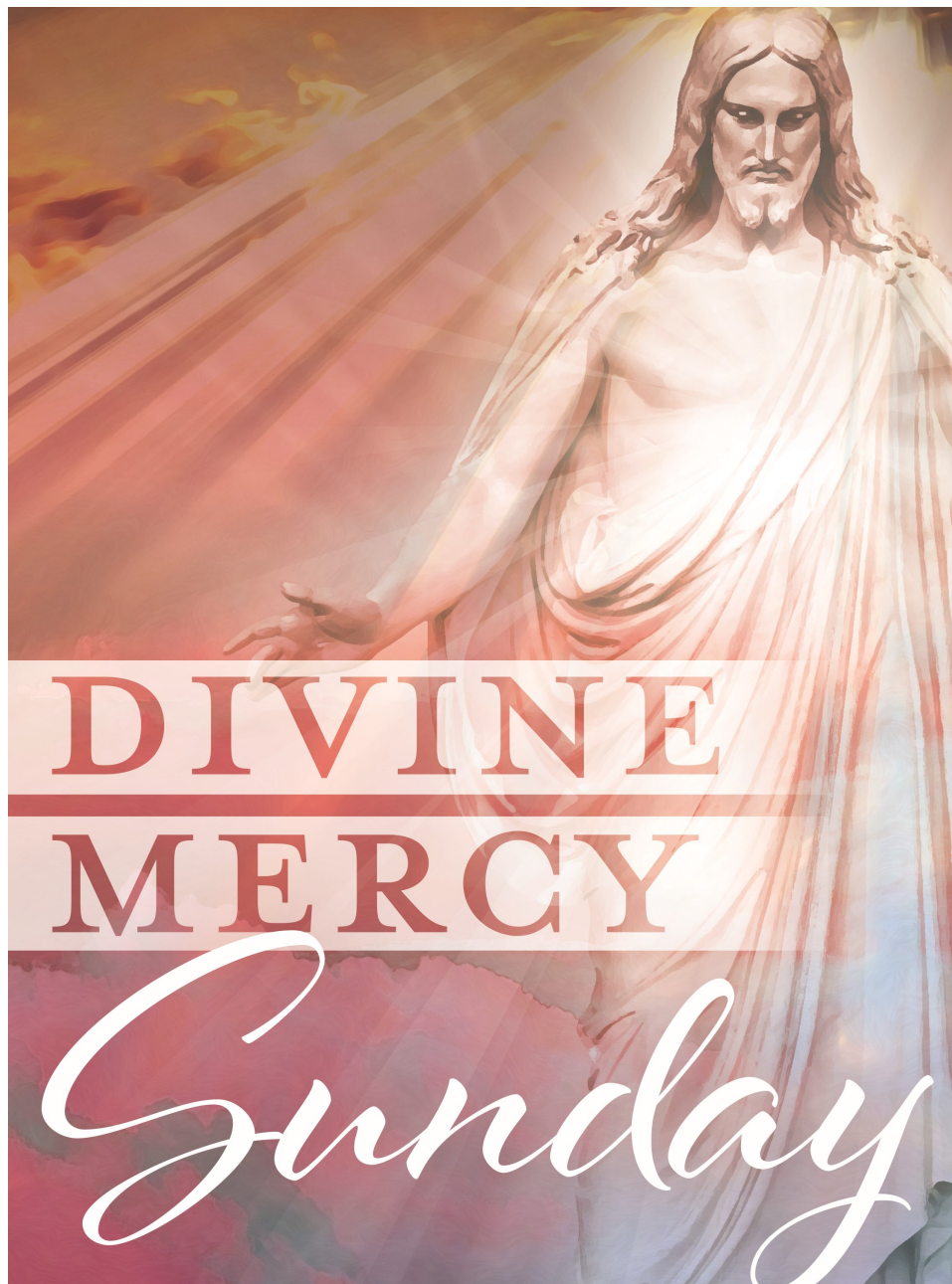




# Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 24, 2022: SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



*On the evening of that first day of the week,  
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,  
for fear of the Jews,  
Jesus came and stood in their midst. (Jn 20:19)*

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Mass Schedule

**Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri** 8:30 AM

**Wed** 6:00 PM

**Sun** 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30  
(Spanish) and 5:00 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 AM—12:00 PM

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

### Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday** 5:50 PM

### 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. That can be a great way to re-center yourself in God and experience the peace that only Christ can give.

### Wednesday Evening Men's Vespers

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

# Worship

## This Week's Readings

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

### Please Pray for the Sick

William Ahearn	Magdalena Gonzalez
Emilia Hurtado	Christopher Bibat
Dorothy Bonds	Michael Aldape
Joanna Ravelingeen	Fidel Mercado Chavez
Jamie Wallett	Janet Horvat
Sandra Wilson	Lauren Macias
Monica Alexis Rios	Sara O'Connor
Margaret Nichols	Frank G. Bauer
Maria Eisler	Al Corleone
Rita Gerich	Mary Perisin
Tessa Sergent	
Carolina Goldie	
Diane Mareci	

### Giving Update

The Easter collection is still being counted and will be available in next week's bulletin. It isn't too late to add your donation. Prayerfully support St. Alphonsus w/ a generous contribution. More details on page 3.

Please remember to help the poor. Donations to the poor box in the narthex go to our parish St. Vincent de Paul society.



### WEDDING BANNS

Mary Kate Larsen  
and

Anthony Babicz

Vanessa Camarillo  
and

Antonio Espinoza

### At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Christian Diaz  
Guillermina Vanoer  
Fritz Becker  
Vicki Thorn,  
founder of Project Rachel

### Welcome to the Parish!

Salvador & Halina Avila  
Phillip Cornelius  
Abbey Baus  
& Jacob Stein  
Charlotte

Christopher Barr  
& Jalyn Echko  
Eleanor and Louisa

Kate & Connor Valentyn  
Danielle & Bradley Watts  
Wyatt  
Caroline Danner

### Welcome Our Recently Baptized

William Javier Damian Rodriguez  
Charlie James Geeser

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, April 24 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

9:00 AM Keaton Pellino  
11:00 AM Smith Family  
12:30 PM +Evans Tapia (10 year anniversary)  
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

### Monday, April 25

8:30 AM +Alexander Pendzinski

### Tuesday, April 26

8:30 AM +Tabitha Elle Sossei Shields

### Wednesday, April 27

6:00 PM +Mr & Mrs George Schwengler

### Thursday, April 28

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

### Friday, April 29

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

### Sunday, May 1

9:00 AM +Christian Diaz  
11:00 AM +Natividad Velasco  
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus  
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus



# News and Events

## Support the Gospel of Life in May!



Next month, St. Alphonsus will be conducting a Baby Bottle drive in support of Aid For Women. The faithful are asked to take a baby bottle from the baskets near the entrances on May 1 and 8th, fill with bills/change, and return to Mass the following Sundays of May 15 and 22. Aid for Women helps thousands of women each year in the Chicago metropolitan area who find themselves facing unexpected and difficult pregnancies. Each woman is provided with the emotional, practical and spiritual support she needs to choose life for her unborn baby and to provide a better future for her and her children. Learn more at [www.helpaidforwomen.org](http://www.helpaidforwomen.org)

May 8 is Mother's Day. There will be a special collection in support of Catholic Charities. Bishop Bartosic will preside at the 11 AM and Joe Lazar from 40 Days for Life will give an announcement continuing the never-ending quest of raising awareness of the gift of life and ending the practice of abortion.

## Marriage at St. Alphonsus



The love between two people is a gift from God. The commitment you make to be together for the rest of your lives is sealed before the community and

God during the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. If you are recently engaged and planning to get married (either at St. Alphonsus Church or out of town) please review the Marriage page on our website and reach out to Kaitlin Holyk at [weddings@stalphonsuschicago.com](mailto:weddings@stalphonsuschicago.com).

### Serve as a Wedding Coordinator!

Are you looking to get more involved in our parish?

St. Alphonsus is currently looking for wedding coordinators to join our team. Being part of the Wedding Ministry is a rewarding opportunity, fun, and all volunteers receive a stipend for their time. For more information contact Kaitlin Holyk

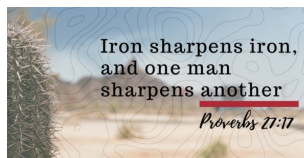
## "Open Gym"

### Saturday Morning Kids Play Time



Looking for a chance to get out of the house and for your kids to run around? Please join us Saturday mornings in Festival Hall (below the church) for a chance to spend time with other St. Als families and for the kids to play together. Please bring your own coffee, snacks, and any toys your kids would like to play with. Enter through the West door closest to the parking lot (by the Mary Altar). Saturdays 8:30 AM-10:30 AM. For questions, please contact Monica Cloghessy at (630) 347-3028 or [monica.mccormack15@gmail.com](mailto:monica.mccormack15@gmail.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](mailto:mduff527@gmail.com).

# Easter Stewardship

Thank you again for your continued support of our church! Your spirited generosity ensures our parish continues our mission and good works throughout our community and beyond for years to come!

Sign up at [www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/527](http://www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/527)

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



Make your Easter offering online this season! It is encouraging to see both new

and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many already support St. Alphonsus with your time, talent and treasure.

# Making A Good Confession



It's been said that "Sin is the shipwreck of the soul. If the sin is serious, it is a fatal shipwreck. Confession is the only plank to which we can safely cling, if we want to be brought back to the harbor of God's grace."

Our parish priests at St. Alphonsus (as well as visiting priests from other parishes) are committed to returning everyone and everything to God's harbor—we call it *restoring the sacred*. And so, we desire that all receive this grace-filled sacrament through its proper practice. Here are a few points of guidance:

- Before reconciliation, pray and ask God to open your heart to make a good confession. (\* There are also **How To Make A Good Confession** pamphlets by the confessional 😊 Take a moment to reflect and look back and recall ways you may have distanced yourself from God—hurting others and/or yourself. Consider using an Examination of Conscience to help you prepare. As we prepare, a clear awareness of what constitutes a mortal sin and what constitutes a venial sin is very important. A mortal sin is gravely and objectively evil, committed with full knowledge that it is evil, and given full consent to it with the will. Venial sin, on the other hand, is a deviation but not a total turning away from God—akin to a lukewarmness in the soul. Venial sins "bruise" our state of grace with God, but they do not break it like mortal sins do.
- Awareness of a mortal sin demands Confession as soon as possible. It is necessary to do so before receiving Holy Communion. However, Confession is not required every time before receiving Holy Communion for every venial sin. The Church teaches that a sincere Act of Contrition and reception of Holy Communion remits venial sins.
- Some people have a habit of re-confessing past sins—sometimes repeatedly. You should only confess those sins committed since your last confession (which, by the way, may be the same as

past sins since we sometimes have areas of repeated weakness). An exception to this guideline is if you remember a mortal sin from the past which you have not confessed; then do confess this sin right away.

- The Sacrament of Confession is for the confession and the absolution of your sins. Although the priest may give some advice, it is not the time or place for in-depth spiritual direction. Unduly extending your confession by asking questions or by discussing your spiritual life tends to demonstrate a lack of charity for those behind you who are now unnecessarily waiting longer to confess their sins.
- Confession of your sins should be fairly concise, specific, to the point, and well-prepared. Lengthy, detailed explanations of what you did and how you came about doing it are not necessary. It also may even be a subtle way of justifying or even reliving your sin. So, confess your sins concisely, and if the priest needs more information, he will ask you. On the other hand, the sins you confess should be reasonably specific rather than general observations. For example, confessing "I have not followed God's commandments" is not specific enough. Rather, please specify the ways in which you have not followed God's commandments.
- Sometimes the priest may tell you something in confession that you may not want to hear. Please consider that the Holy Spirit sometimes works in ways that seem blunt in order to help uproot sin. Try not to feel disheartened, but instead, consider that perhaps the Holy Spirit inspired the priest to tell you something plainly because you may need it.

After the sacrament, celebrate!  
Your confession is a reminder of  
God's unending love and mercy!  
Be sure to commit and follow  
through on your penance and share  
God's tenderness with the world.



## Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

### Grow Green Onions

Leave the white bulb intact as well as an inch of the green part.

#### Water Method

Place the green onion which includes the white bulb and roots into a small cup of water. Sit the cup of water in a sunny location. Change the water every couple of days and the green part will regrow.

#### Dirt Method

The other option is to fill a small container or flower pot with dirt. Bury the root portion of the green onion in the dirt, leaving the green section above the dirt. Leave the pot in the sun and water at least once a week and the green part will regrow.

## Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022

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

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

Divine Mercy means saying to Jesus, "I trust in you." Indeed, all images of Jesus's Divine Mercy bear these words. On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sanctuary is adorned with this image as a reminder for each of us to utter this simple but beautiful prayer, "Jesus, I trust in you." Besides an important devotion for ourselves as sinners, Divine Mercy Sunday also offers us a great time for those all around the world who are in need of God's Love and Mercy. We pray for all the ills that plague our society, from addiction to mental illness, to

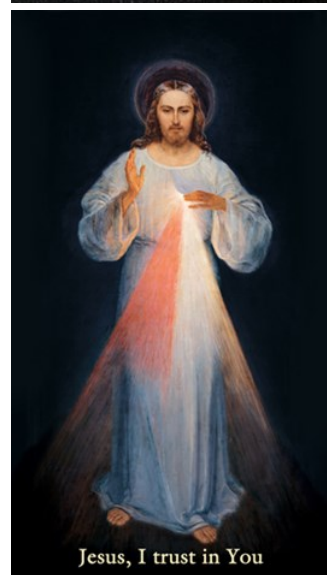
war and greed, to hatred and envy. And of course, we continue to pray for the legal protection of the unborn and for healing love and mercy for all those whose lives have been touched by this evil. Along with the typical Mass schedule, we will have an hour of Eucharistic Adoration accompanied with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM in the Church. What a great way to come to the Lord in thanksgiving for all He has done and has in store for us!

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

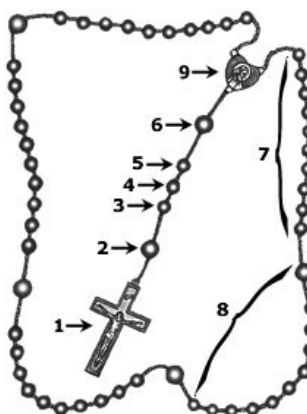
What are some times in my life when I have received God's mercy?

Who do I need to show mercy to right now?

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



### Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet



1. Make the Sign of the Cross In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
2. Optional Opening Prayers You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. (Repeat 3X) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!
3. Our Father prayer; on 1st small bead
4. Hail Mary prayer; on 2nd small bead
5. The Apostle's Creed; on 3rd small bead
6. The Eternal Father; large bead
7. "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world"
8. Repeat for the remaining decades; saying the Eternal Father (6) on the "Our Father" bead, and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads
9. Conclude w/ Holy God (repeat 3X) "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world"
10. Optional Closing Prayer; you can find all at [www.ascensionpress.com/pages/divine-mercy-chaplet](http://www.ascensionpress.com/pages/divine-mercy-chaplet)



# Faith Formation

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



Are you looking for a way to refuel and be refreshed, make authentic connections with other women, and learn more about God? It's time to come back to community! Our mission at Walking With Purpose is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies.

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

[suecombes@hotmail.com](mailto:suecombes@hotmail.com)

## Spring Your Kids Into Totus Tuus Summer Camp!



For all families looking forward to summer, we've got the perfect thing for your children to do: the Archdiocese is bringing the Totus Tuus summer camp back to St. Alphonsus, July 10-15. It's like a week-long vacation Bible school, only way more fun and active. Each session is limited to only 50 participants. All safety protocols will be followed to ensure the health & safety of all participants and volunteers. For more information, please visit: <https://vocations.archchicago.org/events/totus-tuus/what-is-totus-tuus>

The price is only \$60 per child for an entire week!

Register on our parish GiveCentral page at

[www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/32872](http://www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/32872)

Any parent or parishioner interested in volunteering with Totus Tuus should contact Erica Cook, [ecook@stalphonsuschicago.org](mailto:ecook@stalphonsuschicago.org)

# Gospel Meditation



Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled.

But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God

cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

# MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU NATIONAL STAR WARS DAY



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St. Alphonsus Parish, in collaboration with the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, is excited to celebrate...

  
**ATHENAEUM CENTER**  
FOR THOUGHT AND CULTURE

## NATIONAL STAR WARS DAY

Featuring a special screening of

# STAR WARS

*Episode IV: A New Hope*

## May the Fourth

at the Athenaeum Center in the historic main stage

**Movie time 7 PM**

Doors open at 5:30 PM with special pre-show activities, including photo booth fun, interesting Star Wars factoids, tickets for the AACA Rocket Raffle, and more!

Costumes are encouraged!

Purchase a special access ticket to a Star Wars Trivia Contest and put your Jedi mind tricks and galactic knowledge to the test!

Volunteers are also needed – contact Kaitlin at [kholyk@stalphonsuschicago.com](mailto:kholyk@stalphonsuschicago.com)

(AACA families will receive service hours for this event!)

Tickets are available at: [athenaeumcenter.org](http://athenaeumcenter.org)

# MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU



### More movies to watch and enjoy!

*Father Stu* is a biographical drama starring Mark Wahlberg as Father Stuart Long, a troubled former boxer who goes from destruction to redemption and finds his purpose and vocation in life. An inspirational deeply moving film that opens hearts and minds to the saving power of Christ. [www.fatherstumovie.com](http://www.fatherstumovie.com) for more info.

Directed and produced by Spanish filmmakers, the documentary “*ALIVE: Who is there?*” features the testimonies of five men and women who share how the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist has transformed their lives. **Only in theatres one day, Monday April 25,** <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/Alive-Who-Is-There>



# Volunteer Opportunities

"Working with a group of awesome people who really care, in service of good, honest people has given me a sense of agency towards creating positive change in my community."

"Volunteering at Lakeview Pantry feeds my soul."

## April is National Volunteer Month



Lakeview Pantry is always welcoming new volunteers! They provide

quality food, friendly service & hope for tomorrow — and volunteers are the bearers of that hope. Visit [www.lakeviewpantry.org/volunteer/](http://www.lakeviewpantry.org/volunteer/)

## Mission of Our Lady of the Angels



Mission OLA, 3808 W. Iowa St. is always welcoming new volunteers ranging from the mobile food pantry on Saturdays, pantry prep on Mondays, Tuesday food pantry distribution and more! Visit their website at

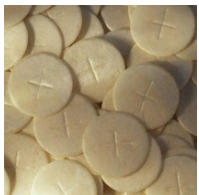
[www.missionola.com/getInvolved\\_Volunteer.html](http://www.missionola.com/getInvolved_Volunteer.html)



## Volunteering Untapped

The concept is simple – volunteer with a different nonprofit organization in Chicago on the second Saturday of every month from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, then spend the afternoon at a local bar for food, drinks, networking and fun with everyone who volunteered. Questions? Send a note to Hannah at [contactus@volunteeringuntappedchi.org](mailto:contactus@volunteeringuntappedchi.org) If you'd like to learn more about VU Chicago, visit their website: [www.volunteeringuntappedchi.org](http://www.volunteeringuntappedchi.org)

## Ministry of Care— A powerful and rewarding volunteer opportunity



Ministry of Care volunteers are needed to offer compassion, prayer and the Eucharist to the Catholic patients at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, 836 W. Wellington Ave. This ministry provides the nearness of God and the Catholic community through the presence of the Minister of Care and the reception of the Eucharist at life's most difficult moments.

Volunteers serve weekly, or on alternating weeks, for approximately two hours each time.

Volunteers can choose to serve anytime between 10AM-7PM, any day of the week. Initial training and on-going formation are provided. If you would like to apply for this ministry or learn more about it, contact Chaplain Kelly Heus at (773) 296-8342.

# Youth Evangelization

## Be A Volunteer Missionary With Young Life

Young Life is looking for Catholic volunteer missionaries to help represent and serve Catholic students in Chicago. Young Life is an ecumenical evangelization organization sharing the gospel with teens in Chicago. Young Life focuses on outreach and accompaniment for teens through authentic friendship between youths and mentors. Mentors become actively involved in the lives of students by meeting them "where they are at" through coffee hangouts, "club", small groups, and camps. Young Life "missionaries" typically work full-time jobs and volunteer with students outside of work.



Want to learn more? Scan the barcode! Contact [ylchicagonorthside@gmail.com](mailto:ylchicagonorthside@gmail.com) to learn more/get involved.





# Young Adult Ministry

## Young Adult Speed Dating

**Saturday April 30 6–10 PM**



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

Cost per individual ticket is \$50. You must pre-register for the event. Final day to register is Wednesday, April 27. At the door sign ups are not allowed, to ensure everyone is able to meet their matches for each round.

There is a 2 step registration process. First, please register online on the parish GiveCentral event page:

Women: [www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/33522](http://www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/33522)

Men: [www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/33521](http://www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/33521)

Once registering, please be sure to create a Profile link. Participants create a profile and select a preferred dating range. They will then be matched with people that select similar ranges (\*your age must fall within the range).

\*Once you create your profile, be sure to save your login to make matches, after the event.

Link: [www.stalphonsuschicago.org/yam-speed-dating-form](http://www.stalphonsuschicago.org/yam-speed-dating-form)

Save your login for making matches after the event

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

Follow-up questions can be sent to [stalsyamsocial@gmail.com](mailto:stalsyamsocial@gmail.com)

## Volunteer With Big Shoulders Fund

**Saturday April 30 9AM– Noon**

For this month's service event, YAM are partnering with Big Shoulders and supporting their April Give Back Day. Please email

[stalsyamservice@gmail.com](mailto:stalsyamservice@gmail.com) as well as register with Big Shoulders

<https://bigshouldersfund.org/calendar-event/april-give-back-day-4/>



Join fellow Big Shoulders Fund supporters for a morning of service at our April Give Back Day hosted by Big Shoulders Fund and its Auxiliary Board. Volunteers will be working at Holy Angels, one of 72 schools supported by Big Shoulders Fund.

**Where:** Holy Angels School (750 E. 40th St. Chicago, 60653)

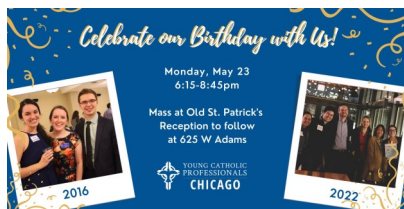
**What:** Painting, landscaping, moving furniture, cleaning, organizing and more.

**Attire:** Clothes you can get dirty.

**Activities:** Spend three hours moving furniture, cleaning, organizing and more. Your time and energy will help make a difference!

## More Young Adult News and Events

Catholic Sports Leagues annual Kickball league is back!! Teams of 16 players will play a minimum of 4 games, with the top 4 teams playing in an additional tournament. Games will be on Tuesdays at Gill Park, 825 W. Sheridan Rd beginning on May 17th. Register at [www.catholicsportsleagues.com](http://www.catholicsportsleagues.com) before early bird pricing ends on May 2nd!



Join Young Catholic Professionals Chicago on Monday May 23 as they celebrate their 6th year of formation! There will be a special Mass at 6:15 PM at Old St. Patrick's, 700 W. Adams, with a reception to follow at 625 W. Adams until 8:45 PM. Appetizers and drinks will be provided! Register HERE: <https://bit.ly/ycpchi6>

# 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](http://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](mailto:stalphonsusyam@gmail.com)

The **Knights of Columbus** are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. For more information, visit [www.stalphonsusknights.com](http://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](http://www.stalphonsuschicago.org/baptism)

[www.stalphonsuschicago.org/marriage](http://www.stalphonsuschicago.org/marriage)



## St. Alphonsus Social Media

Choose to participate in meaningful engagement! Having an attitude of engagement challenges us to love our digital neighbor as ourselves. You can find St. Alphonsus' [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) by going to the parish website and clicking the icons at the footer of the page.



## Directory

### Parish Office

1429 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121  
(P): 773-525-0709 | (F): 773-525-3238  
[www.stalphonsuschicago.org](http://www.stalphonsuschicago.org)

### Parish Office Hours:

**9:00 AM– 4:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri**  
**9:00 AM– 1:00 PM Tue, Thurs**

### School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121  
(P): 773-892-1397 | (F): 773-348-4829  
[www.alphonsusacademy.org](http://www.alphonsusacademy.org)

### School Office Hours:

**8:00 AM– 3:00 PM**

## Staff

### Parish Staff

**Rev. Steven Bauer**, Pastor  
**Rev. Patrick Gorman**, Associate Pastor  
**Brooks Robinson**, Pastoral Associate  
**Brian Bloye**, Director of Music and Organist  
**Erica Cook**, Coordinator of Religious Education  
**Daniel Szymanski**, Director of Operations  
**Mario Serrano**, Parish Office Manager  
**Kaitlin Holyk**, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator

### School Staff

**Gerit McAllister**, Principal  
**Mary Bodlak**, Director of Admissions  
**Caroline Jordan**, Advancement Director  
**Kim Walleth**, Secretary  
**Connie Del Toral**, Administrative Assistant