



Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 23, 2024: TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*They were filled with great awe and said to one another,
“Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?” (Mk 4:41)*

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

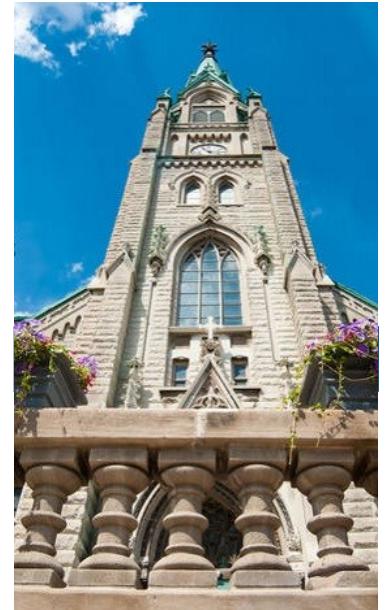
**Or call one of the priests for an appointment*

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41
Monday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29
Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Acts 12:1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

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



WEDDING BANNS

Christine Ramirez
and
Daniel Roe

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount:
\$14,890

Offertory for 6/16:
\$13,652

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

Luna Villarreal
Vivian Grace Leone
Jake Dennis Anderko
Evelyn Rose Anderko
Colten Everett Chinouth

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Kathleen Tokar

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 23

9:00 AM Maske Family
11:00 AM +Arcadio Macaldo y Family
12:30 PM +Juanita Ramirez
5:00 PM +Larry Barnes

Monday, June 24

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, June 25

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, June 26

6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, June 27

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, June 28—Chicago YA Eucharistic Revival

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
6:30 PM For The Success of the Eucharistic Revival

Saturday, June 29

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, June 30

9:00 AM +Joanne Lawrence
11:00 AM +Hikmat Yacu
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Message From Our Pastor

St. Alphonsus Parish on National Stage with Eucharistic Pilgrimage on Friday, June 28

For several years now, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has been prayerfully planning an initiative calling for a national Eucharistic Revival. It culminates in an four-day long event called the National Eucharistic Congress, which is being held in Indianapolis in mid July this summer. To create a catalyst for the Congress, the USCCB, imagining Indy as a geographical center of the nation (roughly speaking), decided to create a National Eucharistic

Pilgrimage -- or actually four of them -- coming from the four cardinal directions and converging on Indianapolis for the start of the Congress. The four pilgrimage routes (respectively from the north, east, south and west), are intended to form a cross that spans the entire country, with the epicenter being the site of the upcoming Congress. The north branch of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be passing through the Archdiocese of Chicago in late June. This is a unique, historical, and monumental undertaking by the USCCB, collaborating with many dioceses along the various pilgrimage routes.

Here's the exciting part: not only will this procession be passing through the Chicago Archdiocese, out of many parishes, St. Alphonsus was specifically chosen by the organizing committee to be a host site for a special Mass and Eucharistic Procession! Recognized and affirmed for our vibrant ministry to Catholics in their 20s and 20s, we have been selected as the singular host site for young adults participating in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. It is equal parts humbling and exciting!

On Friday, June 28th at 6:30 PM, we will welcome the pilgrims crossing the country on foot who bear the liturgical elements for the Mass and Procession. We also expect to welcome several hundreds of young adults from all over the Archdiocese, the state of Illinois, and beyond to our church for this event. After a couple testimonies from the official pilgrims, we will celebrate Mass, and have a special candle-lit Eucharistic procession around our campus. The procession will return to the church and conclude with Solemn Benediction.



Following the procession, there will, of course, be a social afterwards for young adult Catholics to mingle and connect with each other.

While the social might be intended for young adults, anyone and everyone from our parish is strongly encouraged to attend. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an historic event for the Catholic Church in the United States, the Archdiocese, and especially for St. Alphonsus Parish.

Nothing like this has happened in nearly a century -- the closest approximation was back in 1926, when a Eucharistic Congress drew well over 250,000 parishioners to liturgies at Soldier Field and Mundelein Seminary. But this year, as it traverses the country, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage has already drawn millions of Catholics along the four routes. And how blessed are we, not just to attend, but to be a host site welcoming pilgrims and young adults to one of the most beautiful sanctuaries in the city, with a top-tier music program, and some of the best parishioners anywhere!

To learn more about the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, go to www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org.

If you'd like to participate in the event as a volunteer, please go to bit.ly/stalseuch24


Rev. Steven Bauer
Pastor



Have You Heard?

GOD IS DOING SOMETHING
NEW—AND HE IS CALLING
YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!

We are in the midst of a National Eucharistic Revival. Why? Because the Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.

Scan the code to learn more about the exciting journey ahead, and sign up for weekly updates on what's happening in this unprecedented national movement!

eucharisticrevival.org



The Goal of the Eucharistic Revival



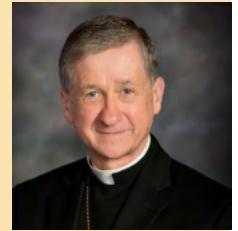
In preparation for the National Eucharistic Congress this coming July, thousands of pilgrims are making their way to Indianapolis from various parts of the United States. Happily, the pilgrimage will include stops in the Archdiocese of Chicago, culminating with the celebration of the Eucharist at Holy Name Cathedral on June 30 at 12:30 PM.

Of course, the point of reference for understanding any eucharistic pilgrimage and in fact all such processions is the actual celebration of the Mass. For as the teaching of the church clearly remind us, "taking part in the Eucharistic sacrifice (is) the source and summit of the Christian life." It is in the celebration of the Eucharist that the Christian faithful "offer the Divine Victim to God, and offer themselves along with It. Thus, both by reason of the offering and through Holy Communion all take part in this liturgical service, not indeed, all in the same way but each in that way which is proper to himself. Strengthened in Holy Communion by the Body of Christ, they then manifest in a concrete way that unity of the people of God which is suitably signified and wondrously brought about by this most august sacrament" ("Lumen Gentium," "The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church," 11).

This teaching is quite profound and helps us remember that our processions and pilgrimages should always aim at leading us to a deeper conversion, freeing us to offer our lives in union with Christ for the salvation of the world, and specifically as we take up the work of bringing about the unity of the human family.

We express this core belief at two moments in the Mass. The first is when the gifts of bread and wine and the offerings from the collection are brought forward in procession by representatives of the community. After these gifts, which represent us, are prepared on the altar, the presider makes clear the meaning of what is taking place as he invites the community in these words: "Pray my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father almighty."

The second procession comes at the time of the reception of Communion, when the Christian faithful move forward to receive the very gifts they have offered, and which have become the Body and Blood of Christ. In this action, Christ unites the faithful to himself and to one another, transforming us into the Body of Christ.



In other words, the Communion procession is a profoundly religious action of the community, rather than that of an individual's faith or piety. This is why the norm of the church is that Holy Communion is to be received standing and that all the faithful should be encouraged to participate in singing the hymn as they join the procession. This expression of unity is nothing less than an answer to the prayer of Christ at the Last Supper, when he pleaded: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are ... as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us" (John 17:11, 21).

Our National Eucharistic Revival and our gathering in Indianapolis will be successful to the degree that we root all our efforts in the actual celebration of the Eucharist, which, as the source and summit of Christian life, should always be the point of reference for all that we do in this moment of renewal. The goal of our revival should not be limited to bringing the Christian faithful simply to believe that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist. As the late Cardinal Avery Dulles once observed, Christ does not reveal himself to "mystify" us, but to draw us into the mystery of participating in his work of salvation.

And so, the aim of our revival should be to bring all the faithful to a deeper faith that in the celebration of the Eucharist, Christ makes himself present to give us a share in his victory and triumph over death, which he won for us on the Cross, thus making us more fully the Body of Christ to continue his work of saving the world as we join our sacrifices and our lives to his. This empowers us to join in the final procession as we walk out of the doors of the church carrying our eucharistic experience into a world that is so much of need of salvation.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Double Boiler

Once in a while you encounter a recipe that calls for very gentle heating of something in a double boiler. Do not go out and buy a double boiler. You do not need it that often and no kitchen has enough space for another pot. Just make one when you need it. Take a sauce pot and put some water in it. Then place a metal mixing bowl on top of the pot and you have a double boiler in seconds. This works great the next time you need to melt chocolate, create custards, melt butter or create sauces with eggs, like hollandaise sauce.



Chicago Young Adult Eucharistic Revival

Friday, June 28, 2024 | 6:30 – 10 p.m.

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church 1429 West Wellington Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

Join us as we celebrate the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese of Chicago!

Come experience this historic Eucharistic event for ALL Chicagoland area young adult Catholics, as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage officially makes its way through Chicago on its way to Indianapolis for the Eucharistic Congress.

The event will include Mass, a Eucharistic Procession, and a social afterwards.

Questions? Please contact Rebecca Siar at rsiar@archchicago.org.

To learn more and register for this event, please visit EucharisticRevivalChicago.org.



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ALL ARE INVITED!

The more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we become like Jesus and the more we get a foretaste of heaven.

Blessed Carlo Acutis

6:30pm ~ Welcome & Pilgrim Testimony

6:45pm ~ Mass

(Fr. Steven Bauer as Main Celebrant; Fr. Tim Anastos as Homilist)

8:15pm ~ Candlelit Procession

9:00pm ~ Social featuring FREE Food & Live Music
(Outside and in the Athenaeum)



****A plenary indulgence has been granted for all National Eucharistic Pilgrimage event participants!



Eucharistic Revival

Pope Francis' ambassador conveys Holy Father's enthusiasm for Eucharistic Revival

Pope Francis' ambassador to the United States conveyed the Holy Father's support for the National Eucharistic Revival in a speech Thursday at the spring gathering of the U.S. bishops held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Cardinal Christophe Pierre, who has served as the apostolic nuncio to the United States since 2016 in addition to being the Vatican's top diplomat in Washington, D.C., is tasked with representing the pope in his dealings with the U.S. bishops.

"Pope Francis is united with us in his desire that people rediscover the power of the Eucharist," Pierre said.

The National Eucharistic Revival, which launched on the feast of Corpus Christi in 2022, has a mission to "renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the holy Eucharist," as stated on its website. Sponsored by the U.S. Catholic bishops, the revival aims to inspire people to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist.

In his speech, Pierre said that Pope Francis has embraced this goal as a means to conversion of heart, a commitment to evangelization, service, and community.

"We have set out on this Eucharistic Revival because we want our people to come to a renewed and deeper appreciation of Christ's presence in the Eucharist," he said.

"We want them to know that Christ is there for them in the Eucharist: to receive their adoration, to accompany them in their earthly journey, and to feed them with the Bread of Life," Pierre told the assembled bishops.

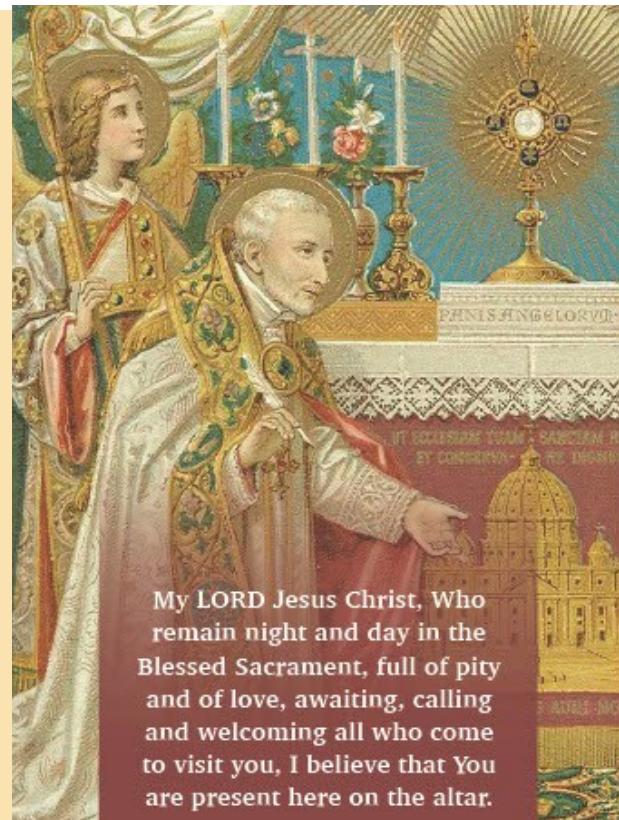
"We want them also to know the implications of encountering Christ in this way: how it calls them to an ongoing journey of conversion, and also how it commits them to a life of evangelization — of being people who offer an openhearted welcome of mercy to everyone who seeks a place in God's Church," Pierre said.

Synodality of Eucharistic Pilgrimages

The apostolic nuncio also conveyed the Vatican's support for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimages underway across the country, connecting them to the theme of synodality.

"The Eucharistic processions that are going on right now, and which will converge on Indianapolis next month, are an outward symbol of what we want to happen on a spiritual level. We want people to turn to the Eucharistic Lord, to walk with him, and to be led by him. We also want this to happen in the context of community," Pierre told the bishops.

"Our people need to experience that a journey with the Lord is also a journey with others who seek the Lord. That this journey is a true synod," he said.



My LORD Jesus Christ, Who remain night and day in the Blessed Sacrament, full of pity and of love, awaiting, calling and welcoming all who come to visit you, I believe that You are present here on the altar.

Bishops as Wounded Healers

He also called on the bishops to seek the fruits of a Eucharistic revival in their own lives.

"Let us not forget: We need Eucharistic revival too! Let's be attentive in our own hearts to what the Lord is saying and doing among us," he said.

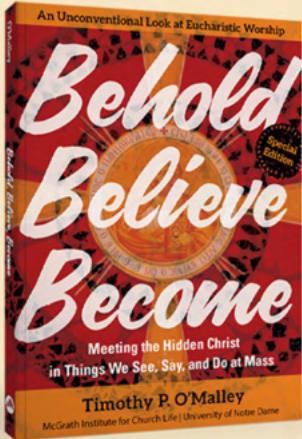
"The lesson is: The Eucharistic encounter with the risen Lord affords a new personal and ecclesial experience, one in which the wounds suffered in the body of Christ become signs of his victory over death," he said. He then suggested that the "woundedness" of the Church can similarly be a pathway forward to healing and listed those wounds.

"We are painfully aware of the most glaring wounds in today's Church. The scandal of abuse and of failed oversight. The plague of indifference toward the poor and suffering, which can affect us all. Skepticism toward God and religion in a secularized culture. And an agitating temptation toward polarization and division, even among those of us who are committed to Christ and his Church," he said.

"We find the answer in Christ. By showing the apostles his hands, feet, and side, the Lord is saying to them, and to us: 'I choose to make your sin and failure a part of the story of my victory. If the marks of my crucifixion can exist on my resurrected body, then the marks of your own suffering and failures can exist in the body of my resurrected Church,'" Pierre said.

News and Events

BOOK STUDY



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Join us on Friday, June 28th at 6:30pm to receive a FREE copy of the book!

**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

Are You Ready To Become Catholic?

Registration is open for The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.). Each year we are blessed with individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA program is the study of the Catholic Faith and the process of introduction into the faith community. Contact Brooks Robinson MDiv, MTS at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church for more information and to register.

Peter's Pence Collection on Sunday, June 30

Next week, all parishes in the Archdiocese will take up the Peter's Pence special collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more info, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

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



Knights of Columbus

Dear Br. Knights,

Though Father's Day has passed, I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your individual impacts you make as fathers, father figures, and servant leaders within our community. Your steadfast commitment to faith, family, and service continues to inspire and uplift others around you.

You embody the virtues of strength, compassion, and selflessness that define true fatherhood. Your dedication to charity, unity, and fraternity not only strengthens our community but also reflects the values we hold dear as Knights of Columbus.

Thank you for your unwavering support, guidance, and generosity. Your efforts in nurturing families, supporting those in need, volunteerism, and fostering a spirit of brotherhood are truly commendable and make a noticeable difference. I hope that these actions will continue on to the next generation of Knights.

As we move forward into the fraternal year, let us continue to uphold these principles and forge on to be beacons of light and hope for others. I am grateful to stand alongside you in this noble mission.

Warm regards,

Ray C. San Agustin

Grand Knight St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus Council 15158



Our next meeting will be on Monday, July 1 at 7:00 PM! Open to all Catholic practicing men, please come out and join us!

Living the Gospel of Life!

Legislation has been introduced to legalize assisted suicide in Illinois. SB 3499 makes it legal for a physician to prescribe an array of lethal drugs to a person diagnosed with a terminal disease who requests to end his or her life. The Catholic Bishops of Illinois oppose this legislation; there is a better way forward for our state.

Please go to www.ilcatholic.org to find out how to contact your local elected official to tell them to vote NO on SB 3499.

What does the church teach on this matter? The Church has consistently taught that our life is a gift of God and its dignity is to be respected from the moment of our conception to our natural death. In each person's life, the mystery of health and sickness, joy and suffering co-exist. While the practice of medicine which seeks to heal and alleviate suffering is a great vocation and work of mercy, the alleviation of suffering may never be confused with the elimination of the suffering person. Truly holistic care for a patient and loved one should include the emotional and spiritual care to adequately address their pain and to accompany them through the last chapter of life, through death into eternal life.

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- 5) ¡DISFRUTA!

Young Adult Ministry

Sacrament Series— The Eucharist on Wednesday, June 26 at 7:30 PM



"Take this all of you and eat of it, this is my Body given up for you". These words, the apex of the Liturgy, are intrinsically tied to the Eucharist which is the focus of the next entry in our monthly Sacraments Series. The Catholic Church teaches that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the Eucharist, and yet a staggering number of American Catholics do not believe in this core tenet of Catholicism which has led to the current episcopal efforts to reverse this trend through the ongoing Eucharistic Revival.

As we explore the Sacrament which is the "source and summit of the Christian Life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1324-1327) we are joined by Fr. Jaroslaw Mikuczewski, SJ as our guest lecturer. Alongside a Master's of Divinity, Fr. Mikuczewski is a visiting lecturer on bioethics at Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine with a PhD in healthcare ethics as well as a Master's of Science in biotechnology with a focus on protein engineering and genetics. This event will be held in the second floor common room of the rectory. Doors will open at 7 PM and the talk will begin at 7:30.

Sippin Social Happy Hour— Sunday, June 30 after 5 PM Mass



Join us after the 5 PM mass on Sunday, June 30th for some drinks and socialization on the St. Al's rooftop! Invite some friends to come and stop by! Some of us will meet at the back of church to walk up to the rooftop together.

YAM Independence Day Rooftop Party/ Stock The Bar



Come join St. Al's YAM on Thursday July 4th from 3 PM to 8 PM as we have a fun 4th of July party on St. Al's rooftop! Enjoy the great weather, fantastic views of the Chicago skyline and great time meeting new friends. This event will be a "stock the bar" theme. To gain admittance, please bring a beverage you enjoy (alcoholic or not - beer, seltzers, wine, soda, or soda water) to enjoy and leave behind to help us stock our YAM drink supply for future events. We are also hoping to have a small grill to cook up some brats/burgers as well! Contact Tammy Brasic and Nate Blanchette with any questions at stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

Theology on Tap— Wednesday evenings this summer!



Look ahead to warmer days when we can sit out on the front veranda and listen to a great speaker series come July! We have four amazing speakers lined up for Theology on Tap, which will take place every Wednesday evening in July on the St. Alphonsus veranda. Fellowship and light refreshments at 7 PM; with the speaker's talk at 7:30 PM. Keep an eye out for more information on each speaker's topic as we get closer to the event!

- 7/10 – Bishop Lombardo
- 7/24 – Anne McGowan, Associate Professor of Liturgy @ Catholic Theological Union
- 7/31 – Fr. Tim Anastos
- 8/7 – Alessandro DiSanto, Co-Founder of Hallow app

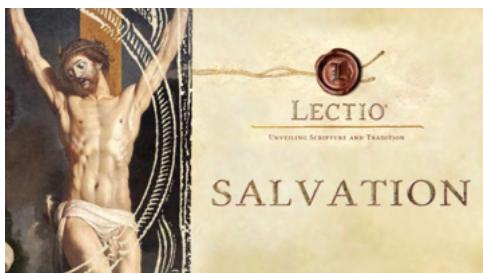
You can learn more about the origins of ToT and other parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago hosting speakers in 2024 as well online at pvm.archchicago.org/young-adult-engagement/tot



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**

Faith Formation



New Lectio Series in June—Salvation

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

Beginning this week on Monday, June 24th 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

Our St. Alphonsus Men's Group is hosting a Holy Hour of silent adoration on Friday, July 5, from 7:30—8:30 PM in the church.

All parishioners are invited to be in the presence of our Lord during this hour, and confessions will also be heard.



**“If Angels Could Be Jealous Of Men,
They Would Be So For One Reason:
Holy Communion.”**



St. Maximilian Kolbe



*Did you know that the Eucharist is not just a symbol of Christ,
but is actually Jesus Himself?*



When the priest prays over the offering of the bread and the wine, they are no longer bread and wine, but become the body, blood, soul, and divinity of our Lord.

Jesus is really and truly present on the altar!

During the first century, Jesus' disciples walked with Him and saw Him face-to-face, but Jesus told His disciples that it would be better for them for Him to go away (*In 16:7*). Why? Jesus could not always be physically present with His disciples, but **in the Eucharist He is physically present to us in all the tabernacles throughout the world and He unites Himself with us intimately as He enters our hearts through Holy Communion.**

Jesus is the Way, and it is through His heart that we are drawn into deeper communion with God and with our neighbor. On the Cross, Jesus' heart was pierced open for us as a fountain of mercy, and **it is in the Eucharist that we receive His heart and His life.**

What is a Eucharistic Revival?

The Revival is “a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery” of our Eucharistic Lord and to recognize the wondrous gift God has given us: Himself. (eucharisticrevival.org)

The Lord desires to heal our broken hearts. Let us draw near to Him in the Eucharist.

Stewardship—First Fruits



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

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

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

Alphonsus Academy

AACA Calendar Reminders

Monday 6/24-Friday 6/28: Website Maintenance and Launch (School directory will be inaccessible during this time)

Tuesday 6/25-Thursday 7/25: Used Uniform Sale

Monday 7/15-Friday 7/19: Summer Bridge for Preschool & Kindergarten

Friday 7/19: Bubbles/Chalk Party for New Preschoolers

Monday 8/12-Tuesday 8/20: Teacher Professional Development

Monday 8/12: Popsicle Party for New Preschoolers at 4 PM

Tuesday 8/13: Popsicle Party for Kindergarten at 4 PM

Thursday 8/15: New Parent Night at 6 PM

Friday 8/16: School-wide Ice Cream Social at 4 PM

Sunday 8/19: Back to School Parish Mass at 9 AM

Monday 8/20: Open House for New Students

Wednesday 8/21: First Day of School for K-8; Preschool has scaffolded start

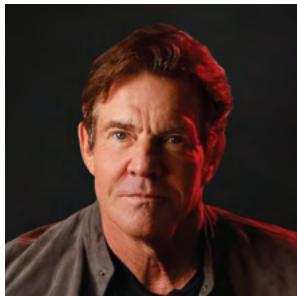
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ALPHONSUS ACADEMY & CENTER FOR THE ARTS

As Catholic school
educators, **our**
primary purpose is to
serve God and our
school's mission.

At the Athenaeum

An Evening With Dennis Quaid Friday, July 18 at 7:30 PM



Dennis Quaid is an American icon and treasure. Alongside his globally beloved acting career, Quaid is a respected singer-songwriter with hundreds of thousands of miles under his belt as a recording and touring musician who's been playing music since his grandfather bought him his first guitar.

A riveting performer, Quaid captivates audiences with engaging stories about his illustrious film career and stories behind the highly personal songs that populate his multi-week No. 1 inspirational album, *Fallen: A Gospel Record for Sinners*, released in 2023, via Gaither Music Group.

Combining soul-stirring renditions of original songs and covers from his movies that defined cinema, Quaid delivers an honest, inspiring performance. *Fallen* follows Quaid's 2018 album, *Out of the Box*, described by Quaid as a junkyard of American music. Though he loves writing, recording and making movies, music holds a special place in the Texas native's heart, and for the last four decades, he has toured extensively, displaying equal ease on the piano and acoustic guitar.

Get your tickets for this concert and check out more events coming to the Athenaeum at athenaeumcenter.org/events/



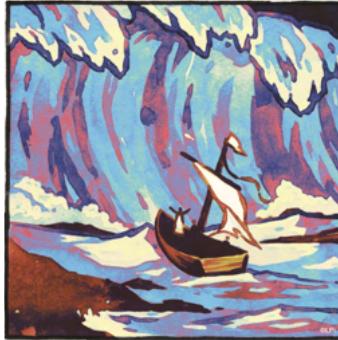
Gospel Reflection

Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Mark 4:38-39

God Is Speaking

Do you desire to hear God speak to you? The most common way this happens is through prayerful meditation on the Gospels. Over the centuries, the saints have prayerfully pondered the Gospels and have offered various insights on the stories and our Lord's actions. Their insights are not primarily an intellectual exercise. Rather, they are first an exercise of prayer and meditation, revealing that the Scriptures have various layers of depth and meaning.

One Church Father, Saint Bede, explains from his prayerful pondering of today's Gospel passage that the boat in which Jesus crossed the sea represents the Cross by which safe passage is obtained to arrive at the shores of Heaven. The other boats that followed represent those who have faith in the Cross of Christ and follow. Though they suffer the waves of temptation and hardship, they press on, relying upon the saving power of the Cross. Jesus being asleep represents His sleep of death, and His wakening represents His resurrection. The pleas of the disciples represent our need to turn to Jesus during the storms and temptations of life. The rebuke of the waves and the ensuing calm reveal the grace won by His death and resurrection, which is able to silence the demons and disordered passions. The fear that the disciples encountered points to our own fear that results from a lack of faith and trust in God.



God is able to speak these and many other truths to us through His actions and words contained in the Scriptures. There is no limit to the depth and meaning we can receive through His holy Word. Therefore, though it is useful to reflect upon the saints' various interpretations of the Gospels, it is also very important to reflect upon these passages ourselves, so as to allow our Lord to reveal to us the message we need to hear.

Reflect, today, upon this Gospel scene. Try to find time to slowly read today's Gospel from beginning to end. Read a sentence and then close your eyes and try to imagine it. See Jesus entering the boat. Ponder the boat being an image of the Cross. See the sea as the many evils within this world. Consider the fear the disciples encountered during the storm. See yourself in that boat, waking our Lord. Listen to Him silence the waves and restore peace. Hear Him say to you about your own struggles in life: "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" As you prayerfully meditate upon this and other Gospel passages, know that God will speak to you and reveal to you the meaning that He wishes to communicate to you today.

My sleeping Lord, as I endure the many storms of life, may I always have faith in the saving power of Your Cross and Resurrection. May I always call upon You to calm the storms and hear You speak to me the many truths I need to hear. Jesus, I trust in You.

Safe Families for Children

Safe Families 5K— June 29

Looking for a family-friendly event in a gorgeous forest preserve that also benefits one of our St. Alphonsus ministries? Then join our St. Al's 5k team this June to benefit Safe Families for Children Greater Chicago!!! Whether you run, walk, or stroll, you are guaranteed an amazing day complete with music, food, bounce house, face painting, medals for the 5K participants, & more!

Register here (& join team "St. Alphonsus Church"): raceroster.com/events/2024/85098/footsteps-for-families

5K Run / 1 Mile walk Saturday, June 29th 2024, 8:30AM-12:00PM

Busse Woods, Rolling Meadows, IL (~30min drive from St. Alphonsus)

Virtual Race also available. Questions about Safe Families? Please reach out to safefamiliesstals@gmail.com



Around the Archdiocese

Advancements in Diagnosing, Treating, and Reducing the Risk of Dementia



Alzheimer's and other dementias cause memory, thinking, and behavior changes that interfere with daily living. Today, more than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's — an escalating health crisis that affects many in our community. At the same time, significant progress in

Alzheimer's research has led to advancements in diagnosing, treating and reducing the risk of dementia.

All are invited on Tuesday, June 25 at 7 PM in the chapel at St. Clement, 642 W. Deming Pl. Their parish's *Love Your Neighbor* ministry will host a presentation led by the Alzheimer's Association. We will learn about the science of dementia, the impact of Alzheimer's disease, the latest in research, including new studies that highlight the importance of lifestyle in reducing the risk of developing dementia, and how the Alzheimer's Association is leading the way toward a world without Alzheimer's and all dementia.

Unity in Variety: Art Tour at St. Gregory Sunday, June 30 from 10:30 AM—Noon

Norman Gothic beauty St. Gregory the Great, 5545 N. Paulina, is unique for the integrity of its design employing a diversity of artistic styles. The marble statues, hand-carved wooden shrines, polychromed ceiling, jewel stained glass, and other decorative features comprise a survey of the history of sacred art including medieval, neoclassical, pre-Raphaelite, art-deco, and folk art styles. In this tour you will learn about the liturgical and decorative art in this Chicago church from a practicing sacred artist.

Reading The Catholic Imagination

Reading the Catholic Imagination is an online summer reading and discussion series for readers and writers to explore together the Catholic literary imagination in its myriad forms. While ever open to the long tradition of a Catholic Imagination, the focus in these seminars is on contemporary work— literary, poetic, cinematic, and beyond. This series is one the Hank Center's summer enrichment series and is led by four excellent emerging scholars of the Catholic literary tradition. Series is free, and all are welcome. Sponsored by Loyola University—Chicago's Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual. Registration ends June 30.

Visit www.luc.edu/ceih/catholicismandhearts/archive/readingthecatholicimagination.shtml



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

Religious Freedom Week 2024: Called to the Fullness of Dignity begins with the feast day of Ss. Thomas More and John Fisher on June 22 and concludes with the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul on June 29. Learn how you can **pray, reflect, and act** to promote religious freedom at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!



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,

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

"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.

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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