Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 10, 2024: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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*

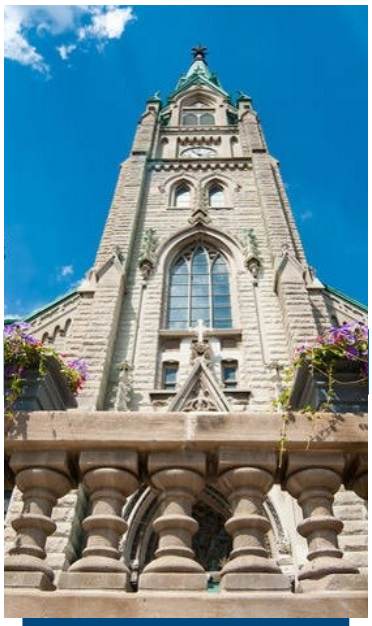
Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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



WEDDING BANNS

Mary Kate Ramker
and
Kevin Bond

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Theodore Enrique Sawczenko

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $14,890

Offertory for 3/3: $17,502

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

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At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Benito Libao
Hector Magnanao
William McGrath

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 10
9:00 AM +Bronius Stankevicius
11:00 AM +Daveon Gibson
12:30 PM +Juan Gonzalez
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, March 11
8:30 AM +Aimee Lee Camp

Tuesday, March 12
8:30 AM +Phillip Valenti

Wednesday, March 13
6:00 PM +Julian Kuca

Thursday, March 14
8:30 AM Joyce Marsalek (Birthday Blessings)

Friday, March 15
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Saturday, March 16
8:30 AM +Richard Slowinski

Sunday, March 17
9:00 AM +Raymond Cavanagh
11:00 AM +Michael Blumenthal
12:30 PM +Gustavo Medina Jr.
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

News and Events

Parish Breakfast Next Sunday!



FREE Parish Breakfast After Mass!
Sunday March 17th, 10 AM-2 PM
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day and get to know your fellow parishioners!
ALL are invited to stay after Mass and enjoy pancakes, eggs, and St. Patty's Day treats.

We Need More Volunteers!
Help us serve breakfast and get first dibs on the food! Shifts are 2 hours each.
Contact Emily at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church or bit.ly/StAlsBreakfast

NET Missionaries Return!



On April 2nd and 3rd, our team of 10 NET Missionaries are returning to St. Alphonsus to host a retreat for our AACA 7th Graders! We are in need of food donations (pizzas, bagged lunches, gift cards, etc.) to provide meals for the missionaries.

Support the missionaries, Spread the faith, Inspire the hearts of our youth!
Contact Emily Ember for more info.

Serve St. Alphonsus as an Altar Server!



We invite all 4th-12th graders who have received their first Holy Communion to please attend a training session in the Church. There will be two upcoming sessions, one on Wednesday, March 13 at 2:15 PM and one on Thursday, March 14 at 6:00 PM. **Current altar servers must attend; new altar servers welcome!** Light refreshments will be available. For questions or more details, please contact Fr. Jesus Raya (Fr. Chuy) at jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church

March Madness Watch Party

Everybody loves March Madness! Our Young Adult Ministry will be showing multiple games for the annual college basketball tournament on **Saturday, March 23rd** from 1 PM— 5 PM in the Festival Hall. We have included the below spreadsheet for Food/Drinks sign up but feel free to bring a dish, snack, or dip to share with the other members of the St. Al's YAM community. Sign-up at bit.ly/Yamarchmad24

Cleaning Angels Ministry



In anticipation of our Holy Week liturgies, our St. Alphonsus Cleaning Angels ministry will be volunteering to help clean and beautify our Church! This service project will take place the morning of **Saturday, March 23** from 9 AM to 10:30 AM. Come and help out your church! This will involve basic cleaning such as wiping the pews, vacuuming and more. We all know St. Alphonsus is a spacious church and caring hearts and hands are needed. There will be no online sign-up; simply come to the church to help!

Donate Blood at St. Alphonsus!

GIVE BLOOD
You can make a difference.
American Red Cross

Our parish will be hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on **Sunday, April 7** in the Festival Hall. You can register for an appointment by going online to www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive and entering StAlphonsusChurch in the sponsor code search.

Be Sure to Vote!!

Pope Francis offered during a 2013 homily: *"Good Catholics meddle in politics, offering the best of themselves, so that those who govern can govern..."* On **Tuesday, March 19 from 6 AM to 7 PM**, our parish Festival Hall will be utilized as a polling place for the Illinois Primary Election.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule



Palm Sunday, March 24
Mass times: 9:00, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (Spanish) and 5:00 PM

Holy Thursday, March 28
8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 29
8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours
3:00 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, March 30
12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM,
1:00 PM (en Español)
No 5:00 PM Mass

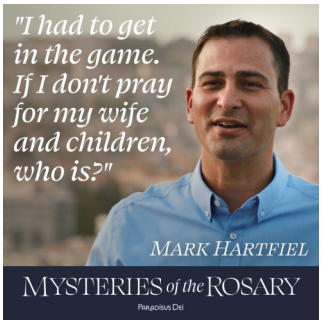


Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7
Mass times: 9 & 11 AM, 12:30 & 5 PM
Holy Hour & Confessions: 3 PM

Faith Formation

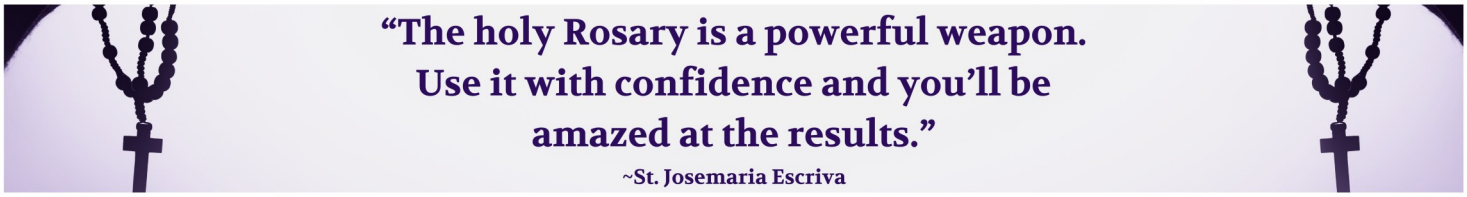
Mysteries of the Rosary— The Sorrowful Mysteries Lenten Study
The Crucifixion

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



Jesus breaks into the darkest moment in human history precisely to reveal the Father's unfathomable love. **What God did over 2,000 years ago, He desires to do in your life today.** He continues to descend into our darkness moments to offer us forgiveness. He reveals a love that conquers sin and restores us into communion with the Father. Join us for this session and experience the personal and intimate love Christ has for you.

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



Walking with Purpose

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

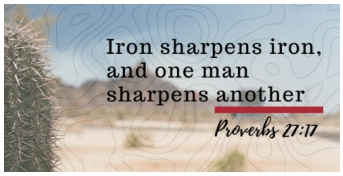


Come as you are. You are welcome here. Make authentic connections with other women! Refuel and Refresh! Learn more about God!

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

Saint John referred to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved," and as we study, John will teach is how much Jesus loves us and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls. Questions? Contact Susan Combes at smbcombes51@gmail.com

St. Alphonsus Men's Group



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

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

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

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

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

Young Adult Ministry



Speed Dating! Saturday, April 20

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

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

Women's registration link: www.givecentral.org/otp/39969
Men's registration link: www.givecentral.org/otp/39970

Create a Profile link. Participants create a profile and select a preferred dating range. They will then be matched with people that select similar ranges (*your age must fall within the range). *Once you create your profile, be sure to save your login to make matches, after the event.
Link: https://www.stalphonsuschicago.org/yam-speed-dating-form
1. Register on the Give Central Link
2. Create a Speed Dating Profile in using the above link, if you have issues, please contact us at the stalsyamsocial email address.

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

Praise and Adoration— Friday, March 22 at 7:30 PM



On Friday, March 22nd, spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration in the church. We'll spend the first 15 minutes in silent adoration, and then our musicians will lead worship in song. Confession will also be available! If you haven't had a chance to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent, this is a great way to enter into Holy Week. The hour will conclude with benediction, and we will gather for fellowship at Olive Black after!

At the Athenaeum



Scythian— Sunday, March 10 at 6:30 PM

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

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

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

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

During this Lenten season, if you find the Lord is gently tugging at your heart, or the heart of someone you know, to deepen and expand your faith, consider our RCIA program. This program is for the unbaptized wishing to become Catholic and for baptized Catholics wishing to receive their remaining sacraments. Please reach out to our RCIA coordinator, Brooks Robinson, at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church for more info or if you have any questions.

Stewardship—First Fruits

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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

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

Sign up at *www.givecentral.org/location/39*
You can also text *Sunday* to (773) 570-7600

Stewardship Reflection

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son…" - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

Lent 2024

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



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

How do we live as disciples of the Lord?

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

Coming to Confession During Lent



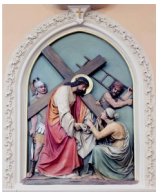
Lent is a traditional time to 'take stock' and discover the ways in which we can turn more fully toward the Lord and away from the sin that weighs us down. It is a great season in which to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

The sacrament of Reconciliation is regularly offered twice each week: Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 PM; Saturday from 11:00 AM to Noon. You may also contact the rectory office and schedule an appointment with a priest.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at 6:30 PM on Fridays before Stations. If you need a refresher on how to pray the chaplet, you can go to www.catholic-link.org/how-to-pray-the-divine-mercy-chaplet-your-step-by-step-visual-guide/

Stations of the Cross



Each Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6 PM (en Espanol) and 7 PM (in English). This prayer allows us to meditate on Christ's Passion and death while walking the "Way of the Cross." It is a wonderful way to grow in one's knowledge of being a disciple of the Lord.



Cabrini Movie Now Playing

Cabrini brings to life the late-19th-century New York City missionary work of the first U.S. citizen to be canonized a saint.

The powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. Cabrini sets off on a daring mission to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini builds an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen.

Gospel Reflection

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." John 3:14–15

Seeking the Full Truth

The line quoted above concludes a dialogue that Jesus had with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. This is the first of three times Nicodemus is mentioned in the Gospel of John. The second time he appears is when he reminds the other members of the Sanhedrin that a man must be first heard before he is condemned. The third time was when Jesus was killed and Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes to prepare Jesus' body for burial.

Jesus was not accepted by most of the Pharisees and within the Sanhedrin. For that reason, Nicodemus was taking a risk by going to him at night to talk. But Jesus clearly senses faith in the heart of Nicodemus, which is why when Nicodemus asks Jesus about His teaching, Jesus answers him. Unlike the other Pharisees, Nicodemus was not trying to trap our Lord; he sincerely wanted to understand.

At the beginning of this dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus, Nicodemus professes the beginning of faith in Jesus when he says, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him" (John 3:2). Interestingly, Jesus then speaks to Nicodemus in figures of speech, saying that one can only enter the Kingdom of God when they are "born from above" and "born from water and the Spirit." Nicodemus tries to understand but fails. Jesus then gently rebukes him by saying, "You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this?" (John 3:10). Jesus then goes on to speak further in symbolic language and figures of speech, concluding with the beginning of today's Gospel quoted above when He speaks in a veiled way about His coming crucifixion.

One thing that is important to understand from this dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus is that Jesus' language is veiled in symbolic language because, even though Nicodemus was on the right path, he was not yet ready for the full revelation of the Gospel. He could not yet fully comprehend all that our Lord came to reveal. Thus, Jesus spoke in veiled language and invited Nicodemus to keep seeking its hidden meaning.



In our own lives, we can come to God and want Him to speak clearly and definitively to us, revealing His perfect will for our lives. But often He doesn't. Why? Because God knows we are not yet ready for the full truth. When He speaks to us and when we gain insight in one way or another, this is good and reveals we are on the right path. But the Gospel, in its fullness, is so radical and so demanding that most people are not yet ready for the full truth. Therefore, in His compassion, God gives us only what we can handle at the moment. But this humble truth should encourage us, as it did Nicodemus, to not give up and to continue opening ourselves to the fullness of the Word of God.

Reflect, today, upon how open you are to the fullness of God's Word. What would happen if God were to reveal to you, by an immediate personal revelation of divine knowledge, all that was in His sacred mind? Would it be too much for you to handle? Yes, it would be. But that humble admission is an important step toward that very goal. Humble yourself, today, more fully before the mysterious Word of God and pray that you will continue to be changed and open so that the clarity of God's truth will more fully penetrate your soul.

My teaching Lord, Your sacred Truth is so deep, so profound and so transforming that it remains too much for me to fully comprehend and embrace. For that reason, I thank You for the mercy of speaking to me in veiled ways so as to continually draw me deeper in my faith and knowledge of You. Please continue to open my mind and heart to You so that, one day, I will understand Your Truth most fully. Jesus, I trust in You.

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NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Eucharistic Prayer Companion

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Walking in Light

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

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

Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

ASK FOR THE GRACE: Jesus, help me to see that your grace is what sustains my life as your adopted child and helps me to become my true self, walking always in your light.

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

> **"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them." (Ephesians 2:8–10)**

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

Jesus wants to give us everything we need. He has destroyed sin and death so that we can enjoy the freedom of the children of God. What is one concrete choice I can make to root out traces of pride in my life so that I can live in relationship with Jesus and others more fully?

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

> **"And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." (John 3:19–21)**

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

What are some areas of my life that need to be illumined by the light of Jesus? Ask Jesus to help you allow his light to reveal to you the areas you need to bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Ask him to help you grow in true repentance for your sins and in gratitude for his forgiveness and merciful love.

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

CLOSING PRAYER — O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Fourth Sunday of Lent)

SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer your repentant heart. Allow Jesus to draw you into deeper participation with his own perfect sacrifice made present upon the altar of the Cross!

LOVE IN ACTION — Do you know someone who doubts whether they are loveable? Share the light of Jesus you have received by listening to them in their struggle. Tell them a story from your own life that has helped you believe in God's love for you. Encourage them to turn to the Lord, who loves them deeply at all times, even when they can't feel it.

National Eucharistic Revival

Pilgrimage Coming Through Archdiocese of Chicago in June

On the weekend of May 18-19 — Pentecost weekend — pilgrimages for the National Eucharistic Revival will begin at four different points around the country and start making their way to Indianapolis, the site of the National Eucharistic Congress in July.

One of those pilgrimages — the Marian route — will begin in Minnesota and travel through Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana, traveling through the archdiocese June 26-30.

Catholics can take part in daily events at various locations, including a Mass and eucharistic procession with Cardinal Cupich at Holy Name Cathedral on June 30. The local pilgrimage begins with a youth-focused event the afternoon of June 26 at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary.

On June 27, people of all ethnic backgrounds are invited to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for events from Noon to 9 PM. **On June 28, cultural communities will hold Masses at various locations and young adults will gather for an event at St. Alphonsus Church.**

June 29 will focus on service, with volunteer opportunities in the morning at Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, 3808 W. Iowa Ave. Parishes also are being invited to host their own service days. Eucharistic adoration will also take place at various locations to be announced. That evening, each vicariate will host a Mass along with eucharistic adoration and a procession.

The local pilgrimage will culminate on June 30, with the Mass and procession at Holy Name Cathedral. Parishes are being asked to invite one first Communion and one confirmation family to represent them at the Mass.

“It is very exciting that this is coming to our archdiocese,” said Father Rob Ryan, associate pastor of Sts. Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish in Wilmette and one of the local organizers. “This is not something that every Catholic in the United States gets to experience and it’s unique that it is happening in this way leading into the 10th eucharistic congress here in the United States. We think that the opportunities that we are providing are a good survey of the archdiocese as well as touch all the different areas of the archdiocese, whether it be by location, or culture or the other different variables.”

Having the local portion of the pilgrimage begin at Mundelein Seminary connects it to the eucharistic congress held there in 1926, he added.

"The way that we are kicking it off is a beautiful testament to the eucharistic relationship that we have here in the archdiocese,” Ryan said.

NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

The service day on June 29 will be a highlight of the local pilgrimage, said Franciscan of the Eucharist of Chicago Sister Alicia Torres, one of the local organizers and a member of the executive team for the National Eucharistic Revival.

“We’re cultivating it so that it is regionally accessible so that we’ll have two to three major sites in each vicariate, but also regionally accessible eucharistic adoration so we can make a connection between the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy,” she said. “So someone might not have the physical ability to bag food or to tutor a child or to visit the elderly but they can pray in adoration.”

Todd Williamson, director of the archdiocese’s Office for Divine Worship and a local pilgrimage organizer, agreed.

“Making the connection between the Eucharist, the celebration of the Eucharist, being sent out and building the kingdom, continuing the mission of the salvation that Christ won on the cross is key,” Williamson said.

“I think, overall, our structure really speaks to the vision of the cardinal of it beginning from Mass and flowing outward then returning back to the Mass, that we’re meant to be a living sacrifice and Eucharist for others as well,” Ryan said. “Even our structure begins with these eucharistic events then flows into this day of service and then flows back to the Mass and eucharistic devotion. It really speaks to the overall vision the cardinal has and what we’re doing here in the archdiocese.”

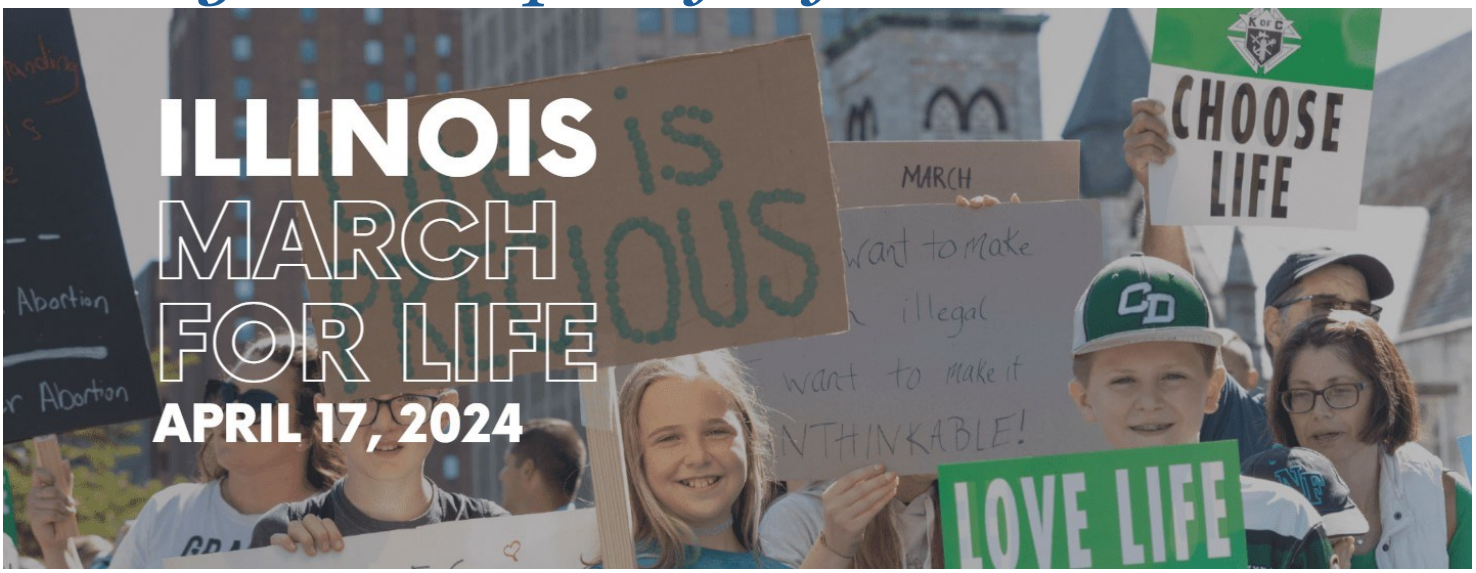
All of it ties into the spiritual renewal the archdiocese is undergoing through Renew My Church, Williamson said.

“They are interwoven. This comes at a great moment in the renewal of the archdiocese,” he said.

The National Eucharistic Revival began June 19, 2022, on the feast of Corpus Christi, in order to increase Catholics’ understanding of the Eucharist.

For updates on the local pilgrimage, visit pvm.archchicago.org/en/events/national-eucharistic-revival/parish-resources

Living the Gospel of Life



With the overturn of Roe v. Wade, the power to protect the unborn was given back to you – the American people – through your elected representatives. Your state capital is now a critical battleground for protecting Life. That is why we need YOU to march at the Capitol Building to bring a voice for the voiceless. Together, we march to empower women to choose life, and to defend the dignity of the unborn. Join us as we march for both mom and baby! Learn more and RSVP for the March in Springfield, IL at www.marchforlife.org/illinois

Around the Archdiocese

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ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN DAILY PRAYER

April 13, 2024 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
St. Raymond de Peñafort Catholic Church
301 South I-Oka Avenue, Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Join us for a day of prayer and formation with Josh Danis, Director of Diocesan and Parish Engagement for Hallow, the #1 Catholic meditation and prayer app in the U.S. The cost is $20 per person. Learn more and register at **bit.ly/DayPrayer.**

Topics of the day will include:

- Prayer as a means to encounter Christ personally.
- How to identify your personal prayer style and build a daily habit of prayer.
- How to help create a parish culture of prayer.
- How to tap into the power of intercessory prayer to fuel the mission of the Church.
- Methods for leading group prayer that create space for an encounter with Christ.

Upcoming Catholic Charities Events

The Art of Caring
Saturday, April 20, 6-11 PM
Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest

Catholic Charities Women's Board of Lake County hosts this signature fundraiser, bringing together civic, philanthropic, and community donors to support Catholic Charities programs in Lake and Cook counties.

- Learn more and purchase tickets at one.bidpal.net/2024artofcaring/welcome
- Questions? Email events@catholiccharities.net

Blossoms of Hope Brunch

Sunday, April 28, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM Westin Chicago Lombard

Plan to attend this inspiring, annual gathering of friends and supporters of Catholic Charities LOSS program. The Keynote Speaker will be award-winning author and investigative reporter Meg Kissinger.

- Learn more and purchase tickets at one.bidpal.net/2024blossomsofhope/welcome
- Questions? Email events@catholiccharities.net

Contact

Sacramental Information

Contact our parish office at (773) 525-0709 for information regarding celebrating sacraments including Baptisms (infant and adult), Reconciliation (confession), Eucharist (Communion), Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick. For information regarding Funerals, please first contact the funeral director of your choice to begin making arrangements.

How to Offer a Mass Intention

Have you ever noticed that every Mass said here at St. Alphonsus is offered for a special intention? The entire congregation prays for that intention during the petitions (Prayers of the Faithful) when we say, "For those who have died, and for the intention of this Mass: (named intention)"

You can make a Mass Intention request here. Masses are often offered for family, friends and relatives that have died. Praying for the dead is a Spiritual Work of Mercy. Offering a Mass for someone that has died is an especially comforting gesture to the family. Mass can also be offered to commemorate joyful occasions and to give thanks to God for blessings received.

The customary offering for a Mass is $15. However, any amount that you would like to offer is acceptable. You can request Masses by visiting the Parish Office during office hours or calling the Parish Office at (773) 525-0709.

You can ***register in the parish*** by coming to the rectory office or going online at *www.stalphonsuschicago.org*. The advantage to registering is that we know who you are and can better plan our programs by knowing whom we serve.

Want *to find out what is happening in the young adult community?* Join the St. Al's Young Adult Listserv. We send out monthly emails to let people know about our upcoming events. To register for the listserv, contact *stalphonsusyam@gmail.com*

The ***Knights of Columbus*** are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. For more information, visit *www.stalphonsusknights.com*

St. Alphonsus Social Media

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

Directory

Parish Office

1429 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
(P): 773-525-0709 |
www.stalphonsuschicago.org
parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon- Fri

School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
(P): 773-892-1397 |
www.alphonsusacademy.org

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

Rev. Steven Bauer, Pastor
Rev. Jesús (Chuy) Raya, Associate Pastor
Brooks Robinson, Pastoral Associate
Emily Ember, Coordinator of RE/Evangelization
Brian Bloye, Director of Music and Organist
Daniel Szymanski, Director of Operations
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager
Kathryn Kibler, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator/Parish Secretary

School Staff

Gerit McAllister, Principal
Angela Kladis, Assistant Principal
Madeleine Durkin, Director of Admissions
Kim Wallett, Secretary
Connie Del Toral, Administrative Assistant