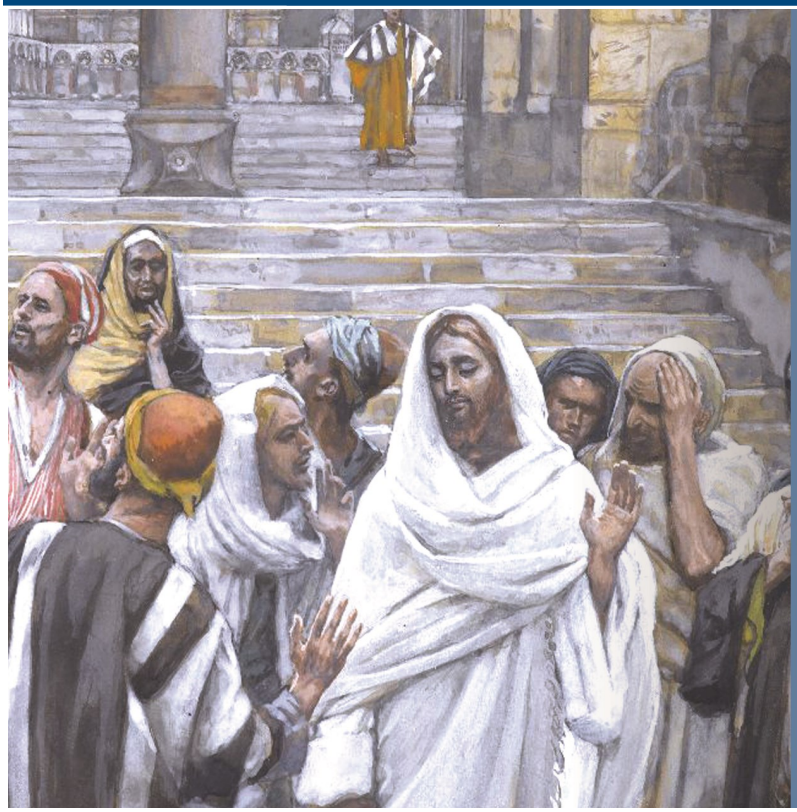
Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024: TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

OKTOBERFEST ST. ALPHONSUS 2024

All 2024 Oktoberfest Merch (including the Stein shown here) can be found at the tent near the Fest main entrance next to the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture



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: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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
Michael Aldape
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania
Leslie Salimi
Jason Jamero
Rosemarie Cordero
Gary Masterson
Ramona Colon

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Offertory for 9/22: $13,425

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 to the Parish!

Jose Roman

Matthew Hamilton & Morgan Bucciferro
Louise
Ruby

Christian Holtz

Joseph Sulentic & Hannah Rees

Carley & Georgios Kypraios
Leonidas

Clare & Sven Gartner
Grace
Jane

Griffin & Neva Barra
Leo

Allison Barnes

Michael & Emily Hunter
Caroline

Kristen & Jordan Decker
Oliver
Maddox

Cameron Mitchell & Rebecca Brielmaier

Erin Guarnieri

Jason Friesl

Wedding Banns

II. Hailey Watkins and Charlie Piermattei

II. Jessica Pawelski and Dolapo Oni

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 29
9:00 AM +Edmund and Mary Gobat
11:00 AM +Alan Thiel
12:30 PM +Nicolasa Martinez
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, September 30
8:30 AM Joseph Reichart (Healing)

Tuesday, October 1
8:30 AM +Brady Doherty

Wednesday, October 2
6:00 PM +William Henry Remmes

Thursday, October 3
8:30 AM Betty Douglas (Healing)

Friday, October 4
8:30 AM +Mr. & Mrs. Schwengler

Saturday, October 5
8:30 AM Becket Imus (Birthday Blessings)

Sunday, October 6
9:00 AM +Christian Kebr
11:00 AM +Rev. Erasmo Ramirez, OP
12:30 PM +Pablo Carvajal
5:00 PM +Frances Zajczenko

News and Events

Serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion!



Our parish is in need of faithful Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion. EMHC's should be fully initiated and practicing Catholics having received baptism, confirmation, and first Eucharist. If you would like to volunteer for this important ministry at Mass, please contact Father Bauer.

Men's Pickup Basketball

Almost every Sunday at 7 PM, there is a competitive men's pickup basketball game(s) for anyone who plays. Games are played in the St. Alphonsus gymnasium that is underneath the Athenaeum. Entrance to the gym is on the side of the building between the church and the Athenaeum. If you would like to be added to the weekly email list that coordinates the games or have any questions, you can reach out to Chris at cberezniak1@yahoo.com



St. Francis Day and the Blessing of Pets

Saint Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) is famous for many things, the most popular of which are his love for Jesus, care for the poor, founding of the Order of Friars Minor, his love for the beauty of God's creation, and the amazing ability to speak to animals.

To celebrate his feast day, we will be having special outdoor prayers with a Blessing of Pets on **Saturday, October 5th at 10 AM,** on the Veranda of the Church. Make sure that all pets are appropriately leashed (or caged), and "walked" before arriving, please and thank you!

Register as a Member of St. Alphonsus!

St. Alphonsus is blessed to welcome many visitors each year. If you worship at our church, you are invited to formally join our faith community! Register at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors If you have moved and would like to update your address, contact Mario Serrano, mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.church

Oktoberfest is Happening!



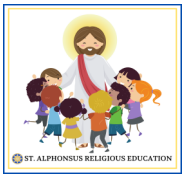
Providing additional fun for families and children, this Sunday features a special "Kinderfest" area! Our talented Alphonsus Academy students' Advanced Band will kick off the fun with an interactive concert at 12 PM. Other fun offerings will include face painting, crafts and activities, and a kid-friendly Kinderfest meal available for them to enjoy! Parents can hang out and enjoy a delicious brat and beer while watching the afternoon games on a Jumbotron. Kids should also keep an eye out for a limited "oktoBEARfest buddy" for sale.



All little ones are encouraged to enjoy the *Kinderzug* Train Ride from 12:15-6:30 PM this Sunday! Tickets will be $3 for children/ $5 for adults at the merchandise tent.

Faith Formation

Register Your Children for Religious Education!



Registration for our Religious Education program is now open for the 2024-2025 school year for grades 1st-8th. Classes are on Tuesday evenings at 6:15 PM. Please register at the link on our Religious Ed page, www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education

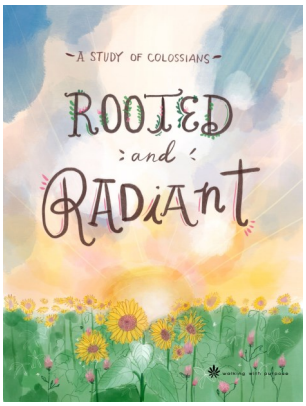
Are You Ready to Become Catholic?

Registration is open for The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with several 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.

This class is offered for adults in three situations:

1. Un-baptized adults who desire to be baptized in the Catholic Church.
2. Baptized non-Catholic Christians who desire to be formally admitted into communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed and desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Adult baptism (and if applicable, Confirmation and First Holy Communion) takes place at the Easter Vigil (Evening before Easter Sunday). It is one of the highest celebrations in the Catholic Church's liturgical year! If you or someone you know is interested in taking the class, please contact our pastoral associate, Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church



Rooted and Radiant Women's Bible Study

Walking w/ Purpose is a modern woman's guide to the Bible! Join us this fall as we help you enjoy a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, nurtured through personal Bible study and small group discussions created just for women!

In the ***Rooted and Radiant*** study, we will learn the book of Colossians and seek to understand the challenges that faced them, recognizing that they are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.

Sessions are on Tuesdays, mornings are 9:30—11 AM and the evening session is 6:30—8 PM. Questions? Please contact Susan Combes, 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.

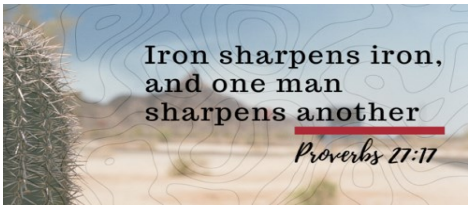
When great conversations happen, synergy that creates connections and helps values be shared develops. *Proverbs 27:17* describes this as two iron tools being sharpened and made more effective. The same applies with friends coming into contact, sharpening and encouraging each other to greater service.

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

The St. Alphonsus Men's Group is hosting a Holy Hour of silent adoration on Friday, October 4th, from 7:30 to 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 during this time.



Young Adult Ministry

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is one of St. Alphonsus' most active parish groups! YAM is led by a volunteer board and is guided by Pastoral Associate, Brooks Robinson. Stated simply, the ministry's mission is to help one another participate in Christ's mission, that we, as young adult Catholics, may be effective disciples, evangelists, and agents of charity in all that we do. YAM provides many social, intellectual, service, and spiritual opportunities for growth. Members range in age from 21-39 years old. Our YAM group is made up of 4 main pillars, Spiritual, Intellectual, Service, and Social. Visit the St. Alphonsus YAM Facebook page, *www.facebook.com/AlphonsusYoungAdult* or contact the YAM board at *stalphonsusyam@gmail.com*

BE SOCIAL
BE SPIRITUAL
BE CHARITABLE
BE INTELLECTUAL
BE CATHOLIC

Trivia Night! Saturday, October 19



Are you the friend whose schtick is sharing random factoids? Or, the one with the most fun party conversations? Well, calling all you trivia fans and friends alike to come join us in St. Alphonsus' Festival Hall (basement) on Saturday, October 19 from 5 PM-8 PM because St. Alphonsus YAM Trivia is back!

The cost of tickets is $25 per person (it is a fundraiser!).
Teams of 5-6 people can register individually or together.
For anyone registering as a team, simply list the names of everyone in the "Comments" section of the GiveCentral link, during your purchase. Light refreshments, beer and wine are included in the event cost. We will have prizes for 3rd, 2nd and 1st place winning teams.
Don't know anyone or don't have 6 people on your team?
Fear not! You may also register individually or in a smaller group (2-4 people). We will assign you to a team. All are welcome!
***Please note: pre-registration with payment through the GiveCentral link is required to attend. No walk-ups will be allowed since we have teams.
Register online at www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/39/event/38222

Apple Picking— Saturday, Oct. 12



Hay there! Do you love Fall weather, Are you fun to the Core, Isn't it A-Maze-ing that Autumn Leaves a smile on your face? Ready to have a Gourd time and live Apple-y ever after? Don't Leaf us hanging and come be the Apple of our Eyes, you couldn't Pick a better way to spend your day. Come one, come all to St Alphonsus Young Adult Ministry goes Apple Picking and have an Apple-solutely wonderful day!

Our YAM community leaders will be carpooling from St. Alphonsus that morning to County Line Orchard in Indiana, 200 S County Line Rd, Hobart, IN 46342.
Please visit our Facebook event page for the Google sign-up!
Contact us at stalsyamsocial@gmail.com with any questions!

Praise and Adoration Holy Hour, Friday, Oct. 18 at 7:30 PM



On Friday, October 18th, 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! The hour will conclude with benediction, and our Young Adult Ministry will lead a group to gather for fellowship and drinks at a local bar after!

Safe Families for Children



Please join us in exploring the plight of urban poverty this October! All parishioners and community members are welcome.

Light breakfast will be provided.

9 AM-10:30 AM
Saturday, October 19th

St. Alphonsus Rectory, 2nd Floor Common Room

To register, please scan the QR code or visit:
www.eventbrite.com/e/st-alphonsus-safe-families-for-children-poverty-training-tickets-1015683375317

Faith at the Movies— October 8 at 7 PM; one night only!

Spirit Juice Studios is proud to present ***"Heart of a Servant: The Father Flanagan Story,"*** a documentary that tells the inspirational story of Fr. Edward Flanagan, founder of Boys Town, who is currently on the path to sainthood. Fr. Flanagan devoted his life to serving vulnerable children and standing up for justice. His legacy, rooted in his deep Catholic faith, is an inspiration to all of us, and his cause for canonization continues to gain momentum. Fr. Flanagan is not only a model of holiness but also a uniquely American saint, one who represents the potential for sanctity in our own land. Narrated by *The Chosen's* Jonathan Roumie.

In a time when Catholic voices and stories need more representation in mainstream media, it is crucial for the Catholic community to rally behind projects like this one. Supporting Catholic media allows our stories of faith, courage, and love to reach broader audiences, and Spirit Juice is honored to bring Fr. Flanagan's story to the big screen. Get your tickets at www.fathomevents.com/events/heart-of-a-servant/



Living the Gospel of Life

Support "The Baby Bottle Project"

Pick Up Your Bottle Next Sunday October 6



This October, our parish will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting Aid for Women. Aid for Women was founded over 43 years ago on the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church. Aid for Women operates four pregnancy resource centers throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. Services include pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams and confidential counseling. Aid for Women's residential programs, Heather's House and Monica's House, help women whose decision to choose life is further complicated by lack of adequate housing.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you next weekend. Fill it with your spare change and return it to church in October. The bottles will be passed out by 7th/8th grade Alphonsus Academy students at the exits as you leave Mass. Thank you for your support!

Volunteer w/Little Sisters of the Poor

Little Sisters of the Poor in our Lakeview area, St. Mary's Home 2325 N. Lakewood, are looking for volunteers to visit residents and help with serving meals as well as other volunteer opportunities. Make a difference in the lives of others, put a smile on someone's face! For more info, contact volunteer coordinator Angelika Bravo at (773) 935-9600 or volchicago@littlesistersofthepoor.org



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DONATE ONLINE AT:

helpaidforwomen.org/babybottle

Your donation can make a difference in the lives of a mother and her baby!

(312) 621-1107
contact@aidforwomen.org
helpaidforwomen.org

Aid for Women

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 8-9 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

Know Your Saints

Archangels Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael Sept. 29



Angels—messengers from God—appear frequently in Scripture, but only Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are named.

Michael appears in Daniel's vision as "the great prince" who defends Israel against its enemies; in the Book of Revelation, he leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil. Devotion to Michael is the oldest angelic devotion, rising in the East in the fourth century. The Church in the West began to observe a feast honoring Michael and the angels in the fifth century. Michael's name means "**who is like God**." God gave Michael the responsibility of protecting us as God protects us.

Gabriel also makes an appearance in Daniel's visions, announcing Michael's role in God's plan. His best-known appearance is an encounter with a young Jewish girl named Mary, who consents to bear the Messiah. Gabriel means "**God is my strength.**" He was sent from God to Nazareth, "to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, . . . and the virgin's name was Mary.

Raphael's activity is confined to the Old Testament story of Tobit. There he appears to guide Tobit's son Tobiah through a series of fantastic adventures which lead to a threefold happy ending: Tobiah's marriage to Sarah, the healing of Tobit's blindness, and the restoration of the family fortune. Raphael means "**God is my health.**" He is one of seven angels "who enter and serve before the Glory of the Lord" (Tob 12:15). The meaning of Raphael's name reflects the fact that he touched Tobit's eyes and brought sight from blindness.

The memorials of Gabriel and Raphael were added to the Roman calendar in 1921. The 1970 revision of the calendar joined their individual feasts to Michael's.

Each of the archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides. Believers experience God's protection, communication, and guidance in ways which defy description. We cannot dismiss angels too lightly.

Saint Michael is the Patron Saint of
Police Officers/First Responders
Grocers, Soldiers, Radiologists

Saint Gabriel is the Patron Saint of:
Broadcasters/Communicators

Saint Raphael is the Patron Saint of:
The Blind, Travelers

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).

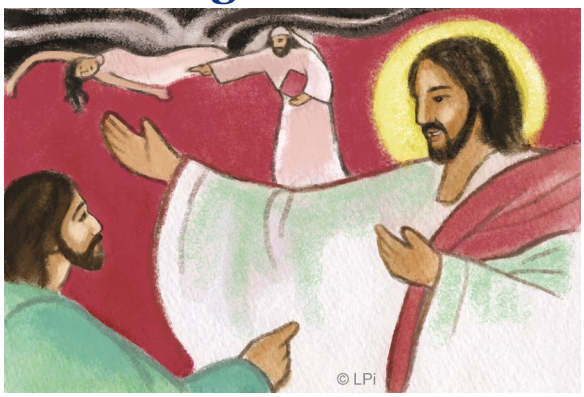
A huge thank you to those that are already giving online. Please consider making St. Alphonsus an extension of your home and family when contributing.

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

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out…" Mark 9:43–47

Eliminating Occasions of Sin



Sometimes we need to wake up to the horror of sin. Sin and sin alone is capable of sending you to hell. Hell is real, and going there for eternity is a real possibility. Therefore, we must do whatever it takes to avoid that frightful possibility. This teaching from Jesus might not, at first, be thought of as one of His most inspiring teachings, but it should be. It's not inspiring in the sense that it is quite graphic. But it is very inspiring in the sense that it has the potential to motivate us to action.

Are you motivated to do all that you can to avoid sin? Would you even go so far as to cut off your hand or foot, and to pluck out your eye so as to avoid sin? First of all, this should not be seen as a literal command in which Jesus is telling us to mutilate ourselves. But He is the one Who chose such graphic language. Therefore, we should not shy away from pondering these images in a prayerful way so as to more clearly see those things that lead us into sin. When we see them, we must take the radical step of completely eliminating them from our lives.

Many of the Church Fathers say that the hand, foot and eye in this teaching refer to our friends. Just as a hand, foot and eye are good in and of themselves, so also are friends. We are made for friendship with God and with others. However, not every friendship helps us grow closer to God. Therefore, when an earthly friend becomes a source of sin, we must eliminate that friendship.

Friendship is different from charity. We owe charity to all people, even those who are the most sinful. But acting with charity toward others is different from being friends with them. To be a friend implies mutual giving and receiving. And though we must always give of ourselves to others, we ought not always receive from them when what they have to offer is an invitation to sin.

This is how we "cut it off" and "pluck it out." When another person tries to relate to us in such a way that they lead us into sin, we must take that temptation very seriously and reject it with much vigor.

The hand, foot and eye in this teaching also represent every situation in life that tempts us to sin. For example, consider material possessions. If buying a very expensive car, house, or electronic gadget tempts you to become more materialistic, then you must avoid buying it. People are drawn to nice things. But does possessing nice things help your soul to become holy? One could argue that they can have nice things, while at the same time remain spiritually detached from them. But this is difficult to live. The more luxurious our material possessions, the more tempted we will be to rely upon them for our happiness. Therefore, choosing to live simply is almost always better for your soul than choosing to live in luxury. This teaching also applies to anything else that could become a source of temptation.

Reflect, today, upon those things or persons in your life that have become an occasion of sin for you. Do not fool yourself into believing that you can handle the temptation. If you have some source of ongoing temptation in your life, you need to eliminate it. Ponder this very graphic teaching from Jesus and try to apply it to your life. Identify those things that lead you into sin and eliminate them with much determination.

My radical Lord, You call all of Your children to a life of holiness and perfection. Please help me to take Your teachings seriously so as to eliminate all occasions of sin from my life. May I have the eyes to see these temptations and the courage to reject them with all my might. Jesus, I trust in You.

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ALTAR SERVERS WANTED

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to serve at the altar for Mass?
It might be God calling you to be an altar server. TRY IT!!!

FALL MEETING (ICE CREAM SOCIAL)
FOR CURRENT AND NEW ALTAR SERVERS
Monday, September 30, 2024 at 6:30pm

If you are interested and cannot make it to the new altar server training or our first fall meeting, please talk to Fr. Raya for accommodations. To be an altar server you must be in 4th-12th grade, have received First Holy Communion, and commit to serving at least one Sunday Mass per month.

For questions contact Fr. Jesus Raya (Fr. Chuy) jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church



Music Program at Mass for October!

A few years back, during the heart of the pandemic, I played a major work of Bach after Mass each week in October. I called it "Bachtober." I heard from many people how much they enjoyed these 3-6 minute mini-concerts after Mass.

Playing on the same idea, this year I propose "Tocctober," a combination of the word toccata with the month of October.

What is a toccata? A toccata is a musical composition that is written for the organ or other keyboard instrument. Toccatas are known for their fast-moving passages, full chords, dramatic runs, and intense harmonies. The word "toccata" comes from the Italian word toccare, which means "to touch." Thus, a toccata is a piece that features the performer's "touch" at the instrument: usually a fast and exciting perpetual-motion extravaganza!

I will play four famous toccatas over the weeks of October: the *Toccata in F* by J.S. Bach, a fierce *Toccata in B minor* by Eugène Gigout, the beloved and jovial *Toccata from Symphony V* by Charles-Marie Widor, and just in time for All Hallows Eve, and the Feasts of Saints and Souls, the *iconic Toccata and Fugue in D minor* by J.S. Bach.

I will play these works at all Masses during the four Sundays of October.

See you then…after Mass!

Brian Bloye
Music Director

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Pumpkin Soup

Well, it is that time of the year again and the kids want a pumpkin. But do not waste that Halloween pumpkin by carving it. You can make the pumpkin into soup. Paint it, instead of carving it.
Quantities vary according to the size of pumpkin.
For a 12" pumpkin: Wash the pumpkin. Cut pumpkin in half and scrape out the seeds and the membrane. (If you want, separate the seeds for roasting.)
Bake the split pumpkin on a jelly roll pan at 350° for 45 min.
While it is cooking, sauté 8 diced stalks of celery & 2 large diced onions.
Let the pumpkin cool. Separate the meat from the skin and place the meat in a large pot & add the celery and onions and water to cover the pumpkin.
Add 4 – 8 cloves of chopped garlic & 2 T salt.
Bring to a boil and simmer 45 min.
Let the soup cool and run through a food processor or immersion blender to give a smooth consistency.
Heat and add one pint of whipping cream (or less to your taste) and serve.

Contact

Sacramental Information

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

How to Offer a Mass Intention

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Alphonsus Social Media

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

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9:00 AM– 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
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