



Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 14, 2022: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?
No, I tell you, but rather division." (Lk 12:51)*

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 8:30 AM

Wed 6:00 PM

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

Alphonsus Academy & Center For the Arts

Friday 8:30 AM or as announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 6:30–7:30 PM

Confessions

Wednesday 6:30–7:30 PM

Saturday 11:00 AM–12:00 PM

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

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesday 5:50 PM

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Please Pray for the Sick

Diane Mareci	Fidel Mercado
William Ahearn	Chavez
Dorothy Bonds	Janet Horvat
Joanna Ravelingeen	Frank G. Bauer
Jamie Walleth	Al Corleone
Sandra Wilson	Mary Perisin
Monica Alexis Rios	Edward Marsalek
Margaret Nichols	Rita Longnecker
Maria Eisler	Cheryl Nester-Detweiler
Tessa Sergent	Marla Alicea
Carolina Goldie	
Michael Aldape	

Giving Update

Weekly Budget
Amount: \$15,218

Offertory for
8/7: \$12,800

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



WEDDING BANNS

Diana Sojda
and
Marcin Fedurek

Mary Dunaway
and
Ephrem Shaffer

Eucharistic Adoration: A Source for Peace:

Sometimes our weeks can be quite hectic, making it hard to find quiet time to pray. If this sounds familiar, join us for Mass on Wednesdays at 6 PM., followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 6:30 – 7:30. That can be a great way to re-center yourself in God and

experience the peace that only Christ can give.

Wednesday Evening Men's Vespers

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

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Rev. James H.
McCarthy, founder
and director of SPRED
program for
Archdiocese of
Chicago

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Beau Anderson Buenger
Marco Jonah Hoolehan
Jezaniah Denise Sotelo
Lucy Althea Schwind

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 14

9:00 AM Huffman Family
11:00 AM +Floro Espinosa & Gonzalo Gilana
12:30 PM Maria and Delfina Gutierrez
5:00 PM +Jack Micelli

Monday, August 15

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonse

Tuesday, August 16

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonse

Wednesday, August 17

6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonse

Thursday, August 18

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonse

Friday, August 19

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonse

Sunday, August 21

9:00 AM Pike Family
11:00 AM The People of St. Alphonse
12:30 PM +Ana Figueroa
5:00 PM +Jack Micelli



Save the dates for St. Alphonsus' Annual Oktoberfest!

September 23, 24, and 25

Our parish is planning our biggest fundraiser, Oktoberfest and all the festive joy that goes with it! Kinderfest on Sunday, BrewMaster package, Craft Beer Nights Fri and Sat in the Festival Hall, jumbotron for the Sunday games, and other surprises! Full details will be in the Aug 21 bulletin. Visit stalsoktoberfest.org for the music schedule and to sign up to volunteer!

Assumption Reflection



This Monday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM. Because it falls on a Monday, the day after Sunday, it is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. But that doesn't mean we shouldn't celebrate!

The Assumption was proclaimed a dogma of our Faith by Pope Pius XII in 1950, although belief in the Assumption has been held since the earliest days of the Church. He stated, "We proclaim and define it to be a dogma revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven."

This feast day gives us many things to think about given what we believe about the Blessed Virgin Mary. First of all, because we know that Mary was assumed into heaven, body and soul, that means she is truly there, totally, in constant communion with the Holy Trinity, interceding for us in all the things that we need. We should have great faith that she hears our prayers. Secondly, upon reflecting on the fact of the Assumption, we should be filled with hope. When looking around at our world, we may tend toward despair. But how can we fail to be filled with Christian hope given the fact that the Mother of God, Mary most holy, after finishing this life on earth ascended to heaven body and soul and awaits us there and pleads on our behalf to her son, Jesus Christ? Thirdly, Mary's Assumption acts as a reminder to all of us that this earth is not our eternal home. We live in a time of so much focus on the here and now and we struggle to put things in the grand perspective. When we celebrate the Assumption of Mary, we are reminded that it is there that Mary is, not here. And it is there, heaven, to which we also are headed. May she keep us on the path of holiness, serving her Son in all that we do until our very last breath.

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us!

Knights of Columbus Social This Friday Aug 19 at 6:30 PM!

Come one, come all, to a parish social hosted by our St. Alphonsus' Knights of Columbus council this Friday, August 19 6:30-9:00 PM in the side courtyard near the Festival Hall. (weather permitting)

Summer isn't over yet! What better way to see what your fellow parishioners have been getting up to this summer then eating, drinking, and socializing together at St. Als on a Friday night. All are welcome. Food and drinks to be provided at no cost. See you there!



Faith Formation

Register Your Child(ren) for Religious Education! Catechists Needed!



Registration for our Religious Education program is now open for the 2022-2023

school year for grades 1st-8th on Tuesday nights at 6:15 PM. Parent orientation is September 20 and classes will begin on September 27. Please register at the link on the front page of our parish website. Visit our Religious Ed page, www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education for more information.

Each year, St. Alphonsus joyfully educates the children of our parish in their Catholic faith. If you would like to spend more time with children, strengthen the faith bonds in our families or enjoy serving in our parish—please consider volunteering as a catechist for our religious education program! We'd love to talk to you and no experience is necessary :) There are training opportunities and support as you get started and throughout your time of service. Contact our RE Coordinator Erica Cook, ecook@stalphonsuschicago.church for more information.

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

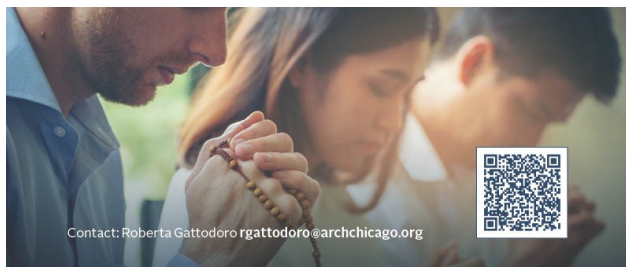
Walking With Purpose— Summer Prayer Group



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

Walking With Purpose summer group will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM in the St. Alphonsus Common Room in the rectory. We will come together to share our intentions and pray the rosary. All women are welcome! Please join us on September 13 to pray in community. For more info, contact suecombes@hotmail.com

Samuel Group— Discernment for Young Adults



Contact: Roberta Gattodoro rgattodoro@archchicago.org

Do you ever wonder how to make a good decision according to God's will? Join us for a discernment group specifically geared toward young adults (ages 19–35). Here you will discuss all kinds of discernment—if you are called to consecrated life, married life or single life, to a certain career or city, and more. The goal of this group is to help you, and in some cases your significant other, know yourself, Jesus and your role within the Church. These discernment groups will take place monthly over the course of seven months at St. Alphonsus Parish. At each

session, you will listen to talks, have time for small group sharing, and have the opportunity for Mass, Confession and Adoration. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet individually with a spiritual director while doing this course. This group starts meeting **Sunday September 18** from 1–5 PM. Register at bit.ly/3AJRkqs



Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

Our Mission

As members of St. Alphonsus Young Adult Ministry, we walk alongside one another in faith. Our community is focused on:

- Meaningful worship, careful discernment, and prayerful reflection
- Curiosity and a thirst for the truth
- Service to one another, our church, and our city
- Lasting friendships and an invitation to fellowship and meaningful participation

Praise and Adoration Friday, August 26 at 7:30 PM



Spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration in the church. We'll spend the first 15 minutes in silent adoration, and then musicians will lead worship in song. The hour will conclude with benediction, and fellowship at Lincoln Tap down the street after!

*Want to sing/play an instrument with us? Come to the lower church early (6:30 PM) to run the songs with the music team! Or contact Patrick Doherty on Facebook.

Cocktails After Mass



Meet at St. Al's Veranda after 5 PM Mass Sunday, August 28 and we'll walk over to Lincoln Tap Room at 3010 N. Lincoln Ave. for some drinks and socialization.

Gallagher Way Movie Night Wednesday, August 31 at 6:00 PM



Our Young Adult Ministry is organizing a fun movie night to Gallagher Way outside Wrigley Field! The movie screening will be *Almost Famous* and this event is free of charge. More info for

this and all YAM events can be found at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/young-adult-ministry or reach out to us at stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

Philosophy Forum— Tues Evenings

Join us on Tuesdays in the St. Alphonsus rectory for weekly philosophy discussions and digging deeper into the greatest thinkers of all time. Get in touch with our coordinator Evan, esadasiv@alumni.nd.edu for more information.

Young Adult Retreat— Sept 16-18

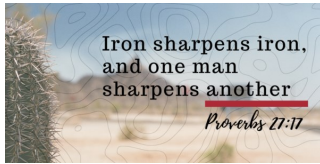
Eagle Eye Ministries is excited to invite you to its annual young adult retreat for the Chicagoland area! All young adults 18-35 are invited to their annual young adult retreat. See more details and register at <https://buff.ly/3PsMmly>

Led by Fr. Hugh Mary of the Community of St. John, the weekend will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, Intellectual Formation, and Community. Spend time in prayer, reflection, and fellowship while learning about St. Joseph and how he can be a beacon of holiness for us on our journey towards heaven.



More News and Events

St. Alphonsus Men's Group Thursday Evenings

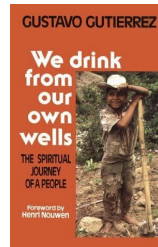


St. Alphonsus Men's group meets Thursday nights to pray the liturgy of the hours, have fellowship, and to propose challenging topics to discuss.

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

We meet every Thursday night at 7 PM in the rectory. Food and drinks provided. All men are welcome, with most men being in their 20s and 30s. Access can be gained at the west facing rectory door in the parking lot. For questions or more information, contact Matt Duff at mduff527@gmail.com.

Young Adult Book Club



We are continuing "*We Drink From Our Own Wells: The Spiritual Journey of a People*" by Gustavo Gutierrez on Wed. evenings at a new time, 6:30 PM. For more info, contact Leora Wallace, lwallac2@alumni.nd.edu or pastoral associate Brooks Robinson.

Save the Date! YAM Kickoff— Sunday Sept. 11



It's almost time to officially kick off another YAM year at St. Al's! Following the 5 PM Mass on Sept. 11, young adults (ages 21-39) are invited to attend the YAM Kickoff Party in the

church parking lot. Enjoy food available for purchase, free beer/wine, music and great company! Plus learn how to get involved in our small groups and Spiritual, Social, Service and Intellectual pillars. We look forward to seeing you! Whether you're a YAM regular or newcomer, all are welcome!

Safe Families for Children Ministry Summer Baby Registry! Now through Aug 28



The Safe Families for Children ministry is holding a summer baby registry to stock up our Festival Hall supply closet with essential baby & toddler items, **and we need YOUR help to purchase these items!**

Baby Registry link: bit.ly/babyregistry22

Registry items range from kids' toothpaste (\$2) to pack-and-plays (\$110), and include everything in between.

Safe Families for Children is a national, Christian nonprofit organization that connects families in crisis, often single mothers with no support system, with local "Safe Families" that volunteer to host children while the parent(s) get back on their feet.

The items donated via this baby registry will be available to parishioner families who volunteer as "host families" for local children, and will return home with the children at the end of hosting. Taking in a child is challenging, and many children arrive at their host family's home with few possessions. Our ministry supports our "host families" with whatever material items the children need during their stay (clothes, diapers, toys, etc.), reducing the financial burden of hosting a child.

Thank you for your generosity! God Bless! Learn more at safe-families.org or contact us at safefamiliesstals@gmail.com

Catholic Charities

St. Martin de Porres Society Inaugural Event ***“Putting Faith Into Action: Becoming Builders of a Better World”***



All are invited to this special event as ACTC welcomes Bishop Robert Barron (Live) and Father James Martin, S.J. (via video conference) in a conversation about the needs of our region, nation and world, and how each of one of us can address these needs by putting faith into action today. Sally Blount, President and CEO of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago will moderate.



Bishop Barron

Wednesday, September 28

The Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture
2936 N. Southport Ave.

Doors open at 5:45 PM

Program begins at 6:30 PM with a reception to follow.

Come to reconnect with friends or make new ones as we inspire each other to live our faith in new ways.

A ticket is required to attend this event. Please RSVP online at athenaeumcenter.org/events/2022/catholic-charities/ to reserve your general admission seat. A suggested donation of \$50 per person (\$25 for young professionals) is encouraged. For more information, please contact communications@catholiccharities.net.



Father Martin

The St. Martin de Porres Society is a forum for dialogue and debate at the intersection of economic growth, social justice, the mission of Charity, and the practice of mercy. It serves as a convener of partners, advocates, and champions of Catholic Charities and our broader community, providing opportunities for intellectual discovery and deep conversation about the needs of our region, nation, and world, and the power of faith in meeting those needs. Together, we can inspire each other to live our faith in new ways, through greater education, regular service with intention, and advocacy on behalf of our neighbors in need.

Natural Family Planning

The Natural Blueprint



Are you interested in learning about a natural method to avoid or achieve pregnancy? Apply today to join The Natural Blueprint's next cohort, beginning September 21. Space is limited.

The Natural Blueprint is a six-week virtual course that introduces you to the basic principles of a scientifically proven, natural method to help you achieve your goals - whether you want to learn more about your reproductive health, prevent pregnancy, or achieve pregnancy. We also discuss hormonal condition clues that can be discovered through charting, basic lifestyle changes that can support hormone balance, and the latest technology that helps make charting cycles easier.

Interested in joining? Apply today at thenaturalblueprint.org or reach out to thenaturalblueprint@gmail.com to learn more!

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

Stewardship Reflection

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

Gospel Meditation



An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply

and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand

against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth.

Low Gluten Hosts Available



If you are allergic to wheat or have celiac disease, or for any reason can't tolerate gluten, we have hosts available for you.

To receive a low gluten host at Mass, please come to the sacristy at least ten minutes before mass begins, so that one can be prepared for you. Then, be sure to get into the communion line to receive from the priest.

Family Life Ministry

Ten Commandments of a Husband & Father



“Take courage and be a man. Keep the mandate of the Lord, your God, following His ways and observing His statutes, commands, ordinances and

decrees, that you may succeed in whatever you do.”
– 1 Kings 2:2-3

- **Develop an intimate**, personal relationship with Jesus, allowing Him to forgive you of your past, to talk to you, to heal you and to guide you. Then, trust the Holy Spirit in all things. Trust Him to provide everything you need, including financial help.
- **Get your priorities** in order: Jesus, your family, your work, etc. Develop a weekly schedule, blocking out quality time for the Lord, your wife, each child and the family as a whole. A husband's most important time during any given day is the first five minutes when he gets home from work and the love and attention he shows his wife and children at that time. Remember that your human fatherhood is rooted in the Divine Fatherhood of Almighty God.
- **Realize that you** are the “priest” of the home. It is your primary responsibility to oversee the TV and its influence, the internet and its influence, as well as the books and magazines that enter into your home. You must stand *firmly* against all evil influences, asking constantly for God's strength and guidance to lead your family in living a pure, holy and non-violent lifestyle. *Esto vir! (Be a man!)*. A father fosters moral virtue within his home first and foremost by example. Get into the habit of blessing your children – both alone and with your wife – before they go to sleep at night or before they leave the house in the morning.
- **Make sure you** know what your children are being taught at school regarding morals and values. All teachers teach “in your place” as you and your wife are the primary educators of your children. If objectionable subjects or materials are being taught in the classroom, you must stand strong. The primary place for Christian morals and values to be taught and practiced is within the family home – your home, which you oversee. This is an awesome responsibility given both to you (as the “head” of your household) and to your wife (as the “heart” of your household).
- **Pray with your** wife and regularly so. Try to keep a simple, but sincere spiritual journal and share it with her, even if your entries are just short, inspirational sentences. Trust the Lord to guide, purify and sanctify your relationship with your wife. She is the “heart” of the home. Reverence her as such. Love her with the same love and affection Christ has for His Church.
- **Spend quality time** with each child. Treat each child in a unique and personal way. The power of a father's affirming love is tremendously overwhelming and something truly wonderful. Children need it. They require it for their full and proper development. Let each child share his or her ideas, feelings, fears and problems with you. Do everything in your power to ensure that your child can always approach you in any matter. Be sure to share periodically with your wife your insights concerning each child.
- **Consecrate your home** to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Set up a “prayer corner” within the home in the room where the family most gathers. In this room should be an “altar-table.” On this table place a Bible, a good condensed version of the Lives of the Saints and a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. On or around this table also place images (statues, pictures or icons) of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The daily family Rosary is a powerful prayer. A wonderful, fixed time for daily family prayer and spiritual reading (say, a total of just 15 or 20 minutes) is immediately after supper each evening. Included here could be the Readings from the Mass of the day; purchase a daily Roman missal for this. Again, remember that you are the priest of the home. As such, you are called to be a true leader. A child will remember well into his adult life these early family practices of the Faith. They will never be forgotten. A father must be the first Christian witness to his wife and children. This is both a duty and a responsibility. Also, be sure to foster the use of sacramentals among your family members.
- **Do not let** sports or outside activities become more important to you or to your children than Christ and family. Spend fun time at home. Do things together as a family. This calls for creativity, imagination and frequent planning in advance. Seek suggestions from your wife and older children in this regard.

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Family Life cont.

- **Pray that each** one of your children may answer the call to the vocation that Almighty God has chosen for him or her from all eternity. Never ask your children, "What do you want to be?" Rather, ask each child, "What do you think God is calling you to be?" Help them to discern their states-in-life, whether it be singlehood, the married state or consecrated religious life. Have this discussion often with your children, especially after they reach the age of 15.
- **Ensure the frequenting** of the Sacraments by your family members. The Sacrament of Confession should be partaken of at least monthly and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist should be partaken of at least weekly. You must make sure that your family's sense of sin is never dulled. Take your family to Sunday Mass precisely as a family. Do not give your teenagers an option here. If you do, you are not fulfilling your vocation as a father. Foster among your family members a great love of the Holy Eucharist. Tithe regularly and devotedly. Do everything in your power (as the wise and prudent king of your home) to truly make Sunday the Lord's Day and a day of family togetherness; that is, a day of prayer, relaxation and recreation. Again, this calls for creativity, imagination and frequent planning in advance. Seek input from your wife and older children in this regard. Remember, any good and wholesome recreation is really a "re-creation" of both body and soul.

Prayer For Our Family

Heavenly Father, most good and gracious God, sustain our family in Your love. Make our family home a place where holiness and love abound. In our daily actions, help each one of us to learn to be more like Jesus. Aid our family to imitate the Holy Family of Nazareth: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Help our family to learn from the good example of those families that especially please You in their way of life. May our family members learn to give good example always by living lives in true Christian faith, hope and love. Assist our family in learning to bear pain and suffering as Jesus did. Aid our family members, too, in overcoming difficulties and carrying their crosses. Help our family life to lead to Jesus Christ, the Source of all Truth and happiness. We ask this through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. AMEN.

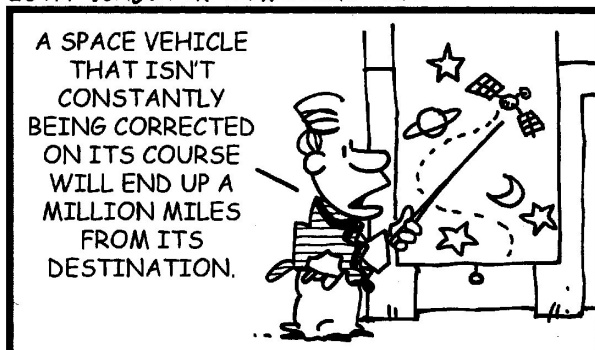
Family Prayer to Our Blessed Mother Mary

Holy Mary, Virgin Mother of God, we seek your patronage and we invoke you under your title "Queen of Families."

O Blessed Mother, you were conceived without sin. May every family choose you this day as the model for their household, along with St. Joseph, your most loving, chaste and caring spouse. Through your Immaculate Conception, preserve all families from every disaster, from all violence and from every misfortune. O Holy Virgin, bless and protect all families, strengthen them in trial and keep them from every evil. AMEN.



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sacramental Information

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

How to Offer a Mass Intention

Did you ever notice that every Mass said here at St. Alphonsus is offered for a special intention? The entire congregation prays for that intention during the petitions (Prayers of the Faithful) when we say,

"For those who have died, and for the intention of this Mass: (named intention)"

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

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

You can **register in the parish** by coming to the rectory office or going online at www.stalphonsuschicago.org. 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

Our parish has received permission to once again host important sacraments. Please be patient as the pandemic created a scheduling backlog regarding Baptisms and Weddings. You can find more info at:

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/baptism

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/marriage



St. Alphonsus Social Media

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



Directory

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