Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022: TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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"I tell you, in just the same way
there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents
than over ninety-nine righteous people
who have no need of repentance." (Lk 15:7)

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: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1 -10
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Please Pray for the Sick

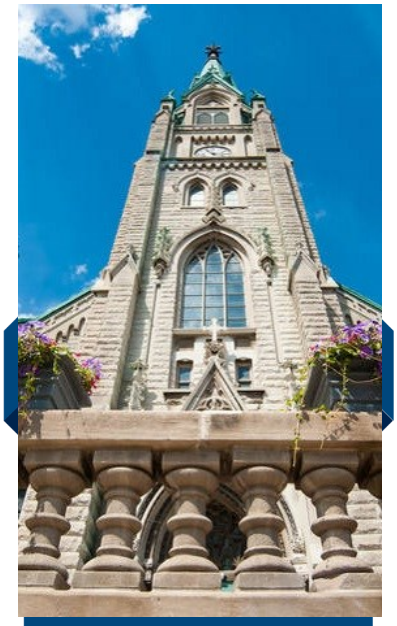
Dorothy Bonds
Joanna Ravelingeen
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
Tessa Sergent
Carolina Goldie
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
Rachel Schopp
Mike Madigan
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Mary Perisin
Edward Marsalek
Rita Longnecker
Cheryl Nester-Detweiler
Marla Alicea
Leon Wink

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 9/4: $12,185

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



WEDDING BANNS

Lorena Ponce
and
Mauricio Perez

Kelly Weber
and
Joseph Murphy

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.

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

Edward Marsalek

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Colin Archer Driscoll
Alayna Grace DeMoney
Madeline Lake Masud
Luke Santiago Rodriguez

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 11
9:00 AM Michal Para and Ola Skital
11:00 AM +Judy Merritt
12:30 PM +Martin Rios
+Luis Hernandez
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, September 12
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, September 13
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, September 14
6:00 PM +John Cloughessy

Thursday, September 15
8:30 AM +Valerie Cloughessy

Friday, September 16
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, September 18
9:00 AM Dino Swan
11:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus



20th Anniversary Oktoberfest!

September 23, 24, and 25th

Admission $10.00 Friday and Saturday

Free Admission on Sunday!

Join us for all the Oktoberfest fun!

And just like every year, there will be plenty of beer and homemade brats!

We'll have music from lots of German bands and Fest favorites alike.

Get all the Fest details and Volunteer at

www.stalsoktoberfest.org

Entertainment

Friday

Fletcher Rockwell, Rod Tuffcurls
Ipop, The Bratwurst Brothers

Saturday

AACA Battle of the Bands Winner
Blackberry Jam, To The 9's
Stache
16 Candles (80's Biggest Hits)

School of Rock
Sgt. Sauerkraut's Polka Band
The Indigos, Polkaholics

Sunday

KINDERFEST! JUMBOTRON SCREEN ON SOUTHPORT AVE TO WATCH THE GAMES!

Craft Beer Tasting

Friday 6-9 PM, Saturday 4-7 PM
Select from dozens of options from local breweries, seasonal selections, and international favorites.
Tickets now available at
bucketlisters.com/event/craft-beer-tasting-at-oktoberfest-chicago

Brewmaster Package

Brewmasters will receive a commemorative 1L stein from Germany, brats, free admission for 4, 2 for 1 beer, Oktoberfest T-Shirts, Hat and more!
Package now available on parish GiveCentral site, www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/34537

PROST!

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?

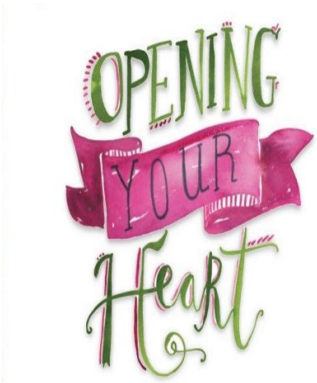
Registration is open for The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA program is the study of the Catholic Faith and the process of introduction into the faith community.

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

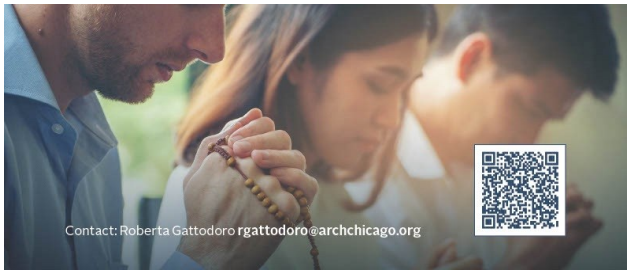


Are you looking for a way to refuel and be refreshed, make authentic connections with other women, and learn more about God? It's time to come back to community! Our mission at Walking With Purpose is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies.

Walking With Purpose summer group will be meeting this Tuesday September 13 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 to pray in community.

Starting Tuesday September 27, we will begin meeting weekly on Tuesdays (see following page) For more info, contact suecombes@hotmail.com

Samuel Group— Discernment for Young Adults



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 **next Sunday September 18** from 1–5 PM. Register at bit.ly/3AJRkqs

Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women
Refuel and refresh | Learn more about God

As we look at Old Testament people and events, we'll encounter problems that only Christ will solve, needs that only He will satisfy, and promises that only He can deliver.

Beholding His Glory, a nine-lesson Bible study, reminds us how all Scripture points us to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We'll learn to recognize and appreciate God's plan for our own lives, His awe-inspiring majesty, and His desire for personal intimacy with each one of us.



St. Alphonsus Rectory
1429 W. Wellington Ave.

September 27, 2022
9:30 -11:00 AM OR 6:30-8:00 PM

Questions? Contact Susan Combes at 717-329-6370/
suecombes@hotmail.com

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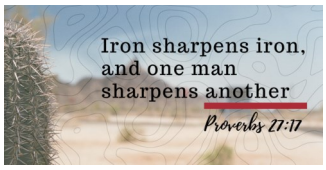
www.walkingwithpurpose.com

More News and Events

Communio: A Men's Prayer Group

Men of the parish are invited to attend the Communio prayer group each Wednesday at 8 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door at the southwest corner of the building at 7:55). 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, share reflections on the upcoming Sunday gospel reading, followed by a social with refreshments, fellowship, and conversation. All men of the parish are invited. For questions or more info, contact Fr. Bauer.

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.

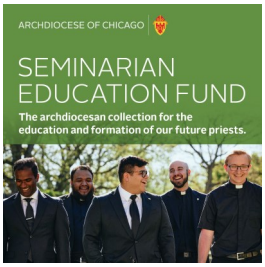
When great conversations happen, synergy that creates connections and helps values be shared develops. *Proverbs 27:17* describes this as two iron tools being sharpened and made more effective. The same applies with friends coming into contact, sharpening and encouraging each other to greater service.

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.

Recovery Programs at St. Alphonsus

If you or loved ones you know have a problem with alcohol/substance abuse, please seek help! Our parish hosts two AA programs. Daily Reflections meet on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM in the rectory Common Room. Contact Lauren Merrill Sammis, lauren.merrill@live.com for more information. There is also a Young People's Big Book AA group that meet Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the Festival Hall. You can contact one of the coordinators, Samuel, samuelaaronmosley@gmail.com for more info.

Seminarian Education



On Sunday September 18, all parishes in the Archdiocese will take up a special collection. The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each archdiocesan seminarian as they proceed through the various stages of formation before ordination as a priest for Chicago. Please support the men seeking to answer God's call to a life of service as a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Visit www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund to make a gift for tomorrow's church leaders.

Marriage at St. Alphonsus



The love between two people is a gift from God. The commitment you make to be together for the rest of your lives is sealed before the community and God during the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. If you are recently engaged and planning to get married (either at St. Alphonsus Church or out of town) please review the Marriage page on our website and reach out to Kaitlin Holyk at weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church

Register Your Child(ren) for Cub Scouts!

Registration Link at bit.ly/stalsscout3889

Meetings: 1st Grade Tigers, 2nd Grade Wolves, 3rd Grade Bears, and 4th/5th Grade Webelos each have a den in the pack. Dens meet 1-2 times/month. Dens also meet at Pack 3889 activities through the year.

Pack 3889 Fees: $50 per scout for den participation (NOTE: these are separate from BSA Fees). Full flyer can be found in the parish weekend newsletter.

Contact Email for Questions/Comments: pack3889@gmail.com

Young Adult Ministry

BE SOCIAL
BE SPIRITUAL
BE CHARITABLE
BE INTELLECTUAL
BE CATHOLIC

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*

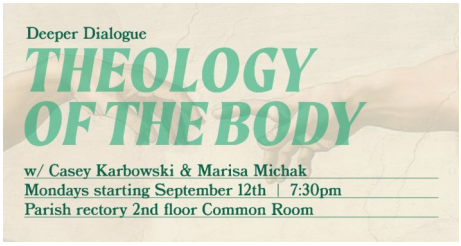
YAM Kickoff— This Sunday Sept. 11



It's time to officially kick off another YAM year at St. Alphonsus! Following the 5 PM Mass this Sunday, 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!

Deeper Dialogue—Theology of the Body

Monday evenings starting Sept 12 at 7:30 PM



Immerse yourself in a deeper form of conversation surrounding JPII's Theology of the Body. Led by Casey Karbowski and Marisa Michak, the group will examine excerpts from the book as well as other related materials to break up the content into more digestible and easily understandable elements for discussion. No need to have a hard copy of any Theology of the Body books as all materials and discussion points will be provided on a weekly basis. Join on Monday evenings at 7:30 PM starting Monday, Sept. 12th!

Prove Me Wrong— Monday Sept. 19



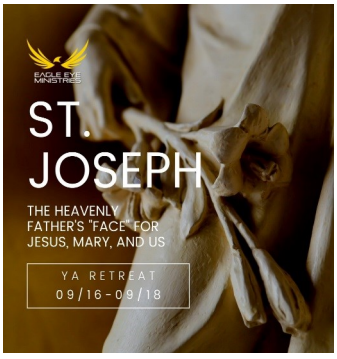
Join us on Sept. 19 in Festival Hall for the latest installment of the Prove Me Wrong series. Fr. Timothy Monahan, vocation director for the Archdiocese of Chicago will be the featured speaker.

Title: "Don't Take Yourself Too Seriously!"
Description: Joy and a sense of humor are an integral part of the Catholic Faith, and need to be cultivated especially in times of outrage and anger.

Fellowship at 6:30 PM w/ the discussion starting at 7 PM. Complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. A $5 donation is suggested.

Praise and Adoration— Friday Sept. 30

On Friday, September 30th 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 our musicians will lead worship in song. The hour will conclude with benediction and fellowship afterward. Confessions will also be heard this evening.



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.

Gospel Meditation



Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of "who is God" and foolishly believe some of God's job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It's a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

"Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure)." One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God's power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm's way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God's wide-open arms waiting to receive us. "Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure)."

Safe Families For Children



WOW! Thanks to our summer baby registry campaign, the Safe Families ministry supply closet in Festival Hall is several steps closer to being fully stocked. Huge thank you to everyone who generously contributed to this work to support our St. Alphonsus host families and the children in their care. Praise be to GOD!

Safe Families for Children is a national, Christian non-profit which connects local families in crisis with "safe families" who volunteer to watch their children while parent(s) get back on their feet. This is a great opportunity to show Christ's love and compassion for local families, often young single moms with no support system, in a tangible and meaningful way.

Interested in learning more? Reach out to safefamiliesstals@gmail.com

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 or @thenaturalblueprint on Instagram to learn more!

Stewardship—First Fruits

Participate in Electronic Giving

GiveCentral.org is a secure online system where parishioners can create individual giving profiles with payment options ranging from direct debit (ACH) to credit cards.

Benefits for you
- Increased options and accessibility
- Review your giving history in real time
- Keep your gifts secure

Benefits for St. Alphonsus
- Saves money on envelopes & postage
- Helps predict cash flow for budgeting
- Better collection of payment history

Go to www.stalphonsuschicago.org & click on the Donate tab at the top of the page.
Questions? Contact Mario Serrano at mserranostals@gmail.com

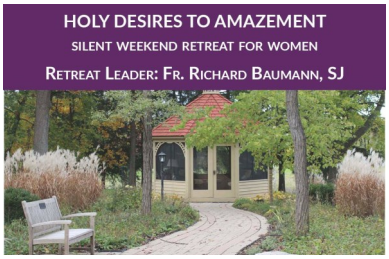
Stewardship Reflection

"Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

More News and Events

Bellarmine Retreat House

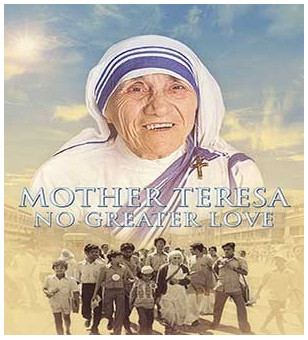


Time in self-reflection directly impacts our ability to work with passion and energy. Gift yourself time to reflect with the hope and strength of God's grace. **Silent Women's Retreat: Oct. 4-6** Learn more and register at https://jesuitretreat.org/retreats/october-4-6-2022



Are you discerning a life choice? Drawing on insights from his book, *"What's Your Decision?"*, Join Fr. Michael Sparough, as he presents an "Ignatian tool kit" for discernment and decision making, leading a series of prayer exercises designed to help us listen to God. **Silent Men's Retreat: Sept. 30-Oct. 2**. Learn more and register at https://jesuitretreat.org/retreats/sept-30-oct-2-2022

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love



Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta , sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. Filmed on 5 continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.

Only in theaters Monday Oct. 3 and Tues Oct. 4, visit www.fathomevents.com/events/Mother-Teresa-No-Greater-Love for Chicago area showings.

Know Your Saints

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Sept. 13



Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means "golden-mouthed."

In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.

****As an early and important Doctor of the Church, he is featured as one of the eight Doctors high above the nave of St. Alphonsus church.****

From a homily by the Bishop St. John Chrysostom, (Ante exsilium, nn. 1-3; PG 52, 427-430)*

The waters have risen and severe storms are upon us, but we do not fear drowning, for we stand firmly upon a rock. Let the sea rage, it cannot break the rock. Let the waves rise, they cannot sink the boat of Jesus. What are we to fear? Death? Life to me means Christ, and death is gain. Exile? The earth and its fullness belong to the Lord. The confiscation of goods? We brought nothing into this world, and we shall surely take nothing from it. I have only contempt for the world's threats, I find its blessings laughable. I have no fear of poverty, no desire for wealth. I am not afraid of death nor do I long to live, except for your good. I concentrate therefore on the present situation, and I urge you, my friends, to have confidence.

Do you not hear the Lord saying: Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst? Will he be absent, then, when so many people united in love are gathered together? I have his promise; I am surely not going to rely on my own strength! I have what he has written; that is my staff, my security, my peaceful harbor. Let the world be in upheaval. I hold to his promise and read his message; that is my protecting wall and garrison. What message? Know that I am with you always, until the end of the world!

If Christ is with me, whom shall I fear? Though the waves and the sea and the anger of princes are roused against me, they are less to me than a spider's web. Indeed, unless you, my brothers, had detained me, I would have left this very day. For I always say: Lord, your will be done; not what this fellow or that would have me do, but what you want me to do. That is my strong tower, my immovable rock, my staff that never gives way. If God wants something, let it be done! If he wants me to stay here, I am grateful. But wherever he wants me to be, I am no less grateful.

Yet where I am, there you are too, and where you are, I am. For we are a single body, and the body cannot be separated from the head nor the head from the body. Distance separates us, but love unites us, and death itself cannot divide us. For though my body die, my soul will live and be mindful of my people.

You are my fellow citizens, my fathers, my brothers, my sons, my limbs, my body. You are my light, sweeter to me than the visible light. For what can the rays of the sun bestow on me that is comparable to your love? The sun's light is useful in my earthly life, but your love is fashioning a crown for me in the life to come.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Fix squeaky hinges by using vegetable oil. It is easy to put on with a liquid sprayer. You can also use a silicon spray. Do not use WD-40 because it contains petroleum distillates that attract dust.

Contact

Sacramental Information

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

How to Offer a Mass Intention

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

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

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

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

Parish Office Hours:

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

School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
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School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

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