



Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 22, 2023: THE TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)*

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: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds

Jamie Wallett

Sandra Wilson

Monica Alexis Rios

Margaret Nichols

Tessa Sergent

Diane Mareci

Fidel Mercado
Chavez

Emilia Hurtado

Bernard Zapp

David Birks

Celeste Soult

Magdalena
Gonzalez

Michael Aldape

William Ahearn

Janet Horvat

Frank G. Bauer

Al Corleone

Tracy Duda

Jacob Duda

Dorothy O'Brien

Ryan Meadow

Danny Browder

Carol Kania

Leslie Salimi

Jason Jamero

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Ariah Faith Williams

Quintin Israel Williams

John Francis Blake IV

Grace Therese Sullivan

Welcome to the Parish!

Nicki and Joe Stanula
Mason

Jackie and
Alex Webster

Samantha Hamilton

Colleen and Andrew
Wilson

Bryce Dixon

Hannah Marcheschi
and Keenan Smith



WEDDING BANNES

Regina Froehlich
and
Patrick Egan

Genevieve Lyons
and
Hunter Davis



At Rest in the
Peace of Christ

Sister Patricia Crowley

Giving Update

Weekly Budget
Amount: \$14,890

Offertory for 10/15:
\$11,320

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



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goes to our
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our parish Venmo.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 22

9:00 AM +Phil Piazza
11:00 AM +Estrella and Karen Sahagun
12:30 PM +Irene and Carmen Rodriguez
5:00 PM +Olga Lucilla Alvarado

Monday, October 23

8:30 AM +Dr. Anthony Caruso

Tuesday, October 24

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, October 25

6:00 PM +John P. & Dolores Huffman

Thursday, October 26

8:30 AM Aurora Hague

Friday, October 27

8:30 AM +Maria Suriakusuma

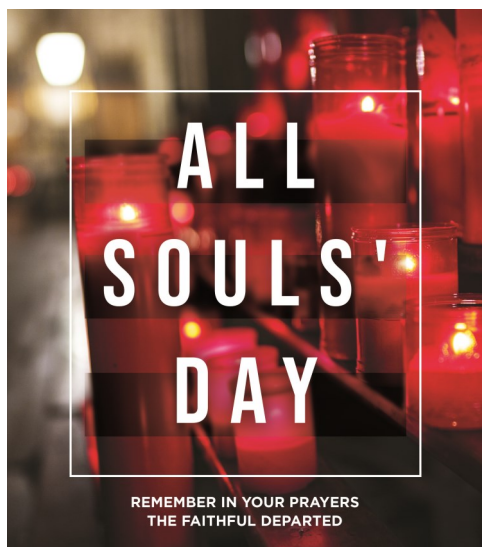
Saturday, October 28

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, October 29

9:00 AM +Ines Stonehouse
11:00 AM +Mary Jane Sullivan
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM +Lucille Vicker

All Souls Day— Thursday November 2 at 7 PM



November 2nd is a special day in the life of the Church as we take time to pray for our deceased family members and friends who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith. **St. Alphonsus will be holding a special Requiem Mass on Thursday, November 2nd at 7 PM**, to pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died. Through the Sacred Liturgy, the Church invokes the forgiving love and abundant mercy of God, that He may receive all those we remember into His kingdom so they can come to know the fullness of life and peace of Heaven.

If you would like to honor a loved one who has died, go to: bit.ly/stals2023allsouls All those who complete the form and make a suggested offering of \$15 or more for a name will receive their designated unlit candle before Mass begins. After the homily, while the choir sings, the person will come forward in a line with their candle, light it from the Paschal Candle, and place it on the Communion rail. Additionally, our music director is arranging a special program with a men's schola singing chant in Latin and English from the traditional Requiem Mass of the Church. You can also write the names of your loved ones in the Book of the Names of the Dead, which will be available in the Church during November.

Alphonsus Academy

we ♥ our teachers

ALPHONSUS ACADEMY & CENTER FOR THE ARTS

At AACA, our focus on academic excellence, enriched by an arts-integrated curriculum and a strong Catholic foundation, creates a welcoming community full of creativity and opportunity for all. Join us at our next **Open House on Thursday November 9 at 9 AM** to discover what our community has to offer you and your child. This is a wonderful chance for you to become familiar with our school and to ask questions you may have about AACA. Register online at www.alphonsusacademy.org/Page/202

Please note the AACA/St. Alphonsus Oakdale parking lot will be closed this Friday October 27 starting at 3 PM for our AACA Mother's Club Trunk or Treat event.

Stewardship—First Fruits



services. Throughout the year, many already support St. Alphonsus with your time, talent and treasure.

It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship

Thank you again for your continued support of our church! Your spirited generosity ensures our parish continues our mission and good works throughout our community and beyond for years to come!

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

**You can also text Sunday to
(773) 570-7600**

Stewardship Reflection

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.

Faith Formation

Register Your Child(ren) for Religious Education!

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 Oksana Kuzma, okuzma@alphonsusacademy.org for more info.

Our Religious Education program is currently underway for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in registering your child, please visit www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education 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.

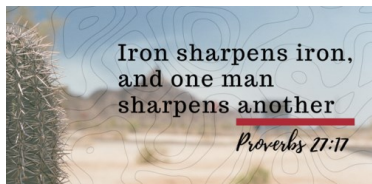
This class is offered for adults in three situations:

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

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 Men's Group at our new email, divineofficers@gmail.com

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

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

Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday at 8:15-9 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door) It's a great way to take your spiritual life a step further as we enrich our knowledge of the faith, encourage each other in life's challenges, and grow in fortitude together. We chant the Liturgy of the Hours, 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

Remembering our Lost Children



We Remember...

Children lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, illness, trauma, injury, or early infant death.

On **Wednesday, November 8th** at the **6:00 PM Mass**, our St. Alphonsus community will remember babies and children lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, illness, or injury. Grief over the loss of a child is profound and long-lasting. This opportunity allows our community to grieve with and support our families who have lost a child. All those who have lost children of any age, as well as those who wish to support these families, are encouraged to attend.

Immediately following Mass, there will also be a special time of Eucharistic Adoration in which families can light a candle, inscribe the name of a child in a book of remembrance, or offer other personal prayers.



Walking With Purpose

**Women's Group at St. Alphonsus—
Tuesday mornings and evenings 9:30-11 AM or 6:30-8 PM**



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

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

Saint John referred to himself as “the disciple whom Jesus loved,” and as we study, John will teach us how much Jesus loves us and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls.

Questions? Contact Susan Combes at smbcombes51@gmail.com



When it's Being Held

**Sunday, November 5, 2023 ~ 60-minute Zoom
3 p.m. Pacific, 5 p.m. Central, 6 p.m. Eastern**

What to Expect

In celebration of Vocation Awareness Week, we invite you to join vowed and non-vowed Presentation people from across North America for a Zoom event. This will be a time to hear from and share with others your personal connection to the Presentation mission and charism.

How to Register

Scan the QR code or [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register for this event.



Vocation Awareness Week - November 5-11, 2023

Support Aid for Women!

Aid for Women

This October, our parish is participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting Aid for Women. Aid for Women was founded over 42 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 this weekend. Fill it with your spare change and return it to church next week. The bottles may be found at the exits as you leave Mass. Thank you for your support!

Young Adult Ministry

“Stress, God & Us” w/ Sister Lekan, OP— Tuesday Oct. 31



We're excited to introduce a brand new speaker! On Tuesday, October 31 at 6:30 PM, we will be joined by Sr. Margaret Lekan, OP for a talk on the various stresses in our lives and God's working through them. Sister Margaret comes to us with a tremendous wealth of experience having organized numerous retreats and workshops for the laity, clergy, and religious on various aspects of human psychology, mental health, and God's connection to them in the workings of our daily lives.

Afterwards, you're invited to participate in pumpkin carving organized by our Social Committee! Everyone is welcome to

attend and refreshments will be provided. While we will provide carving tools, we ask that anyone interested in participating please bring your own pumpkin. This is a great way to get to know some new people in our community while getting into the fall spirit! Hope to see you all there!

More News and Events

Safe Families for Children

We know that God calls us to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and clothe the naked; supporting families in crisis in our community (AND supporting the volunteer Host Families that temporarily take in the children) is a wonderful way to do that.

General Resource Closet needs:

- Diapers, sizes 1,2,3,5,6 (<- we're low on diapers!!!)
- Pull-ups, sizes 3T-6T
- Baby 3-in-1 body wash
- Baby/toddler/kid clothes sizes: 18mo, 2T, 3T, 4T

If you can help provide any of these items (or equivalent gift card), please either leave the items in the narthex/parish office Safe Families donation bins, or reach out to safefamiliesstals@gmail.com to coordinate a drop-off time. Thank you for your generosity!

Volunteer with Cleaning Angels!



All parishioners are invited to join us on **Saturday October 28 from 9 AM to 10:30 AM** as we help to clean and beautify our Saint Alphonsus campus! It is our duty as good Catholics to be of service to our faith community and our local parish! The focus area will be on the rectory instead of the church this month. Contact Coordinator Kelly Lovewell at kjlovewell@gmail.com for questions.

Donate Shoes for Refugees



Our St. Vincent DePaul chapter is accepting shoe donations for all the refugees currently staying at the Chicago Police District on Addison near Halsted. You will find bins marked for the shoe collections at the back of the church and at the rectory. There is a particular need for children's shoes at this time. Shoes dropped off at the rectory should be done during regular business hours. Thank you for your kind generosity!

World Mission Sunday— October 29



Next weekend, our parish will celebrate World Mission Sunday and unite with fellow Catholics around the globe. We will renew our call to become missionary disciples of Jesus Christ by reflecting on the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. We will offer our support for the Church's missionary activity in the most remote and resource-limited areas of the world through the annual collection. Please support the work of the Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith w/ your prayers and generosity. Thank you for your daily witness to the Love of Christ!

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ATHENAEUM CENTER PRESENTS



DANTE 360

November 10–19, 2023

Returning in a new and expanded production, *Dante 360* is a meditation on humanity's journey from this beautiful but ever-challenging world to the joy of Paradise.

The show is a unique blend of visual art, dramatization, and exquisite music—all drawn from a masterpiece of poetic composition, *The Divine Comedy*. True to Dante's goal, *Dante 360* aims to enrich our understanding of the meaning of life as well as our experience of the journey through it in a compelling narrative of hope and beauty.

*Featuring Liz Lev and Schola Antiqua.
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Directed by Peggy Garvey.*

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and 10% will be donated to your parish.*

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Do you drink coffee on your way to work? One of the problems with that is the coffee is too hot to drink, so you cannot drink it right away. So, you got the idea to put an ice cube in the cup to bring the temperature down to a drinkable level. But the coffee is now diluted and weak. The solution is to make ice cubes out of coffee.

Praying the Rosary

Get More Out of the Rosary!

During this Month of the Holy Rosary, focus on the fruits of this special devotion



The Rosary is one of the most popular prayers for Catholics, and saints for centuries have experienced the many benefits that come from its frequent recitation. But

sometimes when praying the Rosary, it can be difficult to know what to focus on. Do I focus on the prayers themselves — most frequently the words of the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be? Do I focus on asking God to hear the intention that I have entrusted to Mary through the Rosary? Do I focus on the mysteries themselves — and if so, the Scripture passages that relate to them or their individual fruits? As long as our hearts are focused on Jesus while praying the Rosary, there really is no wrong answer. But still, knowing exactly where to dedicate our attention can make our time in prayer more fruitful. The following examination of conscience on the Rosary offers a helpful focal point for prayer.

Joyful Mysteries

(Prayed on Mondays and Saturdays)

The Annunciation

Humility. Lord, help me to be selfless as you were.

- * When do I let my pride control my actions?
- * Do I talk more than I listen?

The Visitation

Love of neighbor. Lord, help us love one another as you have loved us.

- * Do I go out of my way to be friendly and kind, even to strangers, or am I consumed in my own world?
- * Do I look for opportunities to care for others?

The Nativity

Love of poverty and of the poor. Lord, help me care for the “least of these.”

- * Have I donated any time, talent or treasure lately to helping those in need?
- * Do I acknowledge the dignity of the homeless on the street by looking them in the eye and saying hello, or do I look the other way?

The Presentation

Wisdom and purity of heart and body. Lord, give me a clean heart.

- * Do I avoid temptations of pornographic material and other media that objectify or denigrate human beings?
- * Do I open my heart to the Church’s teachings on chastity and contraception?

The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

Conversion of sinners, piety. Lord, bring me closer to you.

- * Do I regularly ask Jesus for a conversion of heart so that I may be more like him?
- * How can I pray more often?

Glorious Mysteries

(Prayed on Wednesdays and Sundays)

The Resurrection

For a lively faith. Lord, let all the nations proclaim you!

- * Do I praise the Lord every day?
- * Do I reach out to share the Faith with others?

The Ascension

For a firm hope and a great longing for heaven. Jesus, I trust in you.

- * Do I strive every day to grow in virtue that I may one day be with God for all eternity in heaven?
- * Am I a person of hope or despair?

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

For holy wisdom that we may know, taste, practice and share. Come, Holy Spirit.

- * Do I judge others irrationally instead of treat them with mercy?
- * What is a teaching of the Church that is challenging to me? How can I learn more about it?

The Assumption of Mary

For the gift of true devotion to her in order to live a good life and have a happy death. Lord, help me to love like you.

- * Do I pray the Rosary often?
- * Do I look to Mary as the model Christian, patterning my life after hers?

The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

For perseverance and an increase in virtue up to the moment of our death and thereafter the eternal crown that is prepared for us. God, we thank you for the example of our mother, Mary.

- * Do I give praise to the Holy Trinity or do I honor instead the things of this world?
- * Do I pray often enough for the sick, the dying and the dead?

Praying the Rosary cont...

Luminous Mysteries

(Prayed on Thursdays)

The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan

For obedience and vocation. Lord, illuminate your will for me in my life.

- * Is seeking the Lord's will my delight and my joy?
- * Am I continuously discerning where God is calling me in life?

The Wedding Feast at Cana

For a manifestation of God in the world through our actions, particularly in marriage and family life. Lord, protect the family.

- * How can my marriage and/or family life become more Christ-centered?
- * How can I teach others about the beauty of authentic family life?

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

For an evangelistic spirit. Lord, help me to bring others to you.

- * How can I better proclaim the Kingdom to others?
- * How can I help in my parish's mission of evangelization?

The Transfiguration of Jesus

For ongoing conversion to Christ. Transfigure me, Lord.

- * Am I constantly learning more about my faith, or have I grown stagnant?
- * How can I continue to develop my prayer life?

The Institution of the Eucharist

For a deeper love of and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. Lord, help me love you better.

- * Could I carve out time in my schedule to attend daily Mass once a week, or more?
- * When I pray, do I only ask for what I need?

Sorrowful Mysteries

(Prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays)

The Agony in the Garden

Conformity to God's will. Lord, not as I will, but as you will for me.

- * Do I ask God to lead me where he wants me to go, or do I spend my time telling him what I want instead?
- * When faced with difficulties in life, do I give into frustration and anger, or do I offer God a grateful, obedient heart?

The Scourging at the Pillar

Grace to mortify our senses (purity). Purify my heart, Lord.

- * Do I desire only what is good, true and beautiful?
- * Do my actions reflect my faith?

The Crowning with Thorns

Deep contempt of the world. Lord, help me stay focused on you.

- * Do I let my life be informed by my faith or by the culture?
- Do I set aside technology and other forms of media in order to focus more on Christ?

The Carrying of the Cross

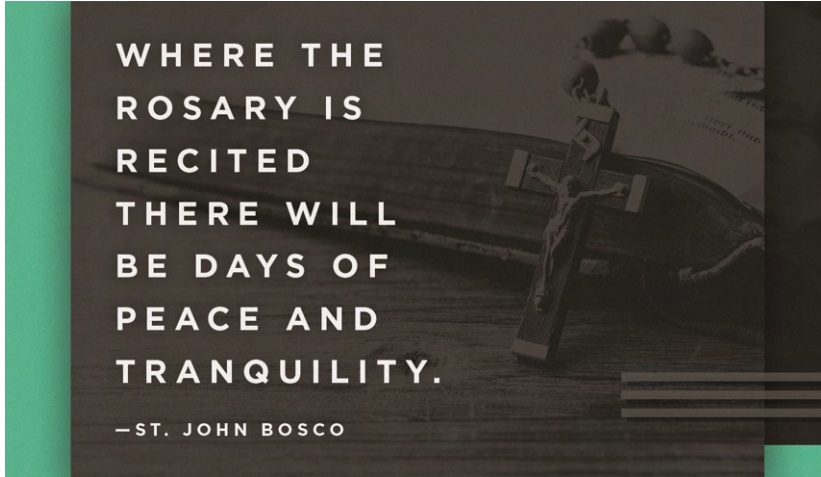
Patience in carrying our cross. Lord, help me persevere during times of trial.

- * When faced with challenges in life, do I give into frustration or do I strive to live with joy?
- * Do I embrace the crosses given to me in life, or do I wish them away instead?

The Crucifixion

Great horror of sin, love of the cross, grace for a holy death. Lord, give me the grace of your peace in my final moments.

- * Do I understand what it means to sin and strive to avoid it in my life?
- * Do I give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and attempt to align myself ever more with him?



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THERE WILL
BE DAYS OF
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—ST. JOHN BOSCO

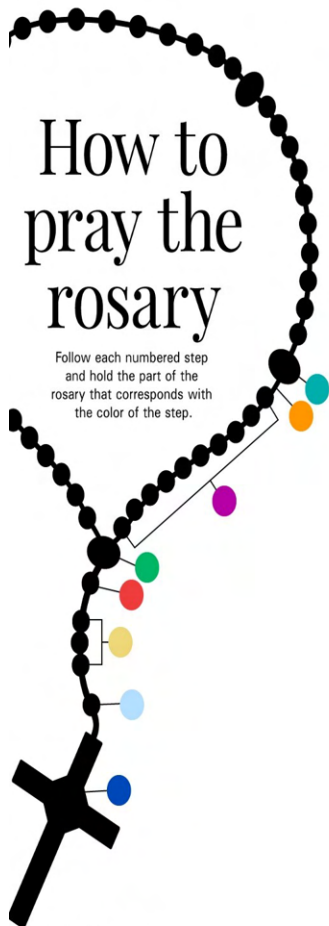
Low Gluten Hosts Available

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.

These hosts have 0.01% gluten. We can provide further information about their content if you would like us to.

Around the Archdiocese



How to pray the rosary

Follow each numbered step and hold the part of the rosary that corresponds with the color of the step.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles' Creed
2. Say the Our Father
3. Say three Hail Marys
4. Say the Glory Be
5. Announce the first mystery and then say the Our Father
6. Say 10 Hail Marys while meditating on the mystery
7. Say the Glory Be (Optional: Say the O My Jesus prayer requested by Mary at Fatima)
8. Announce the second mystery; then say the Our Father and repeat these steps as you continue through the remaining mysteries.
9. Say the Hail, Holy Queen
10. Make the Sign of the Cross

Find the mysteries here:
<https://bit.ly/1hNN0c4>

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Revival, Renewal & the Archdiocese

As we in the Archdiocese of Chicago continue on our journey of spiritual renewal, the Eucharistic Revival process is an opportunity to reflect upon and draw closer to the Eucharistic celebration as the source and summit of our lives and the missionary discipleship to which we are called. Throughout the Year of Parish Revival and the Year of Missionary Sending, the Archdiocese of Chicago will share resources and host opportunities for all the faithful to encounter the Risen Lord together in the celebration of the Eucharist and deepen our response to that encounter through prayer, fellowship and faith formation grounded in witness, reflection and dialogue.

Remain in Me: A Parish Resource for Eucharistic Revival

Coming this fall, the archdiocesan Office of Lifelong Formation and Office of Divine Worship will offer a five-part series of interactive reflections on the call to encounter and respond to Christ's abiding presence in the Eucharist. Based on Cardinal Cupich's *Take, Bless, Break, Share: A Strategy for Eucharistic Revival*, this will be a great resource for parish-wide and small group sharing. Each session of the Remain in Me five-part series will be shared as they become available over the coming weeks. **The first three sessions are now available** on the National Eucharistic



Revival page of the archdiocesan website at pvm.archchicago.org/en_US/events/national-eucharistic-revival

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Presence is a community of writers who recognize Catholicism as fertile ground for the flourishing of contemporary poetry. The *Poets of Presence* conference will consist of a series of panels and workshops exploring how poetry navigates the intersection of matter and spirit, depicts the struggle between belief and doubt, and engages faith—precisely by being surprised by it, taking joy in it, and even finding humor in it.

OCTOBER 27–28, 2023

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO
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Register online:



CHRISTIAN WIMAN

KEYNOTE ADDRESS | OCTOBER 28

This conference will be in-person and registration is required. Space is limited.

— FEATURING —

Angela Alaimo O'Donnell | Mary Ann Buddenberg Miller
Mark Burrows | Susan L. Miller | Paul J. Pastor | Jeannine M. Pitas

This event is co-sponsored by *Presence: A Journal of Catholic Poetry* and
The Francis and Ann Curran Center for American Catholic Studies at Fordham University.



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for American Catholic Studies



Catholic Intellectual Events

All are encouraged to check out ***Poets of Presence: Faith, Form, & Forging Community*** on October 27-28 at Loyola University's Water Tower Campus. Cost of registration is dependent upon participation level: \$60 for (10/27-28) Friday and Saturday participation and \$20 for Saturday (10/28) participation and a cocktail/heavy hors d'oeuvres reception.

Consecrate Us in Truth

**CATHOLIC WRITERS
ONLINE CONFERENCE
FEB 23-25, 2024**

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online-conference**



The Catholic Writers Guild is hosting their annual online writing conference February 23–24, 2024. It features presentations on faith and writing, chances to meet fellow authors, and opportunities to pitch to Catholic publishers like Ave Maria and Chrism Press. It's totally online—no travel!—and costs \$60. Learn more at <https://catholicwritersguild.org/online-conference>

Why Register at a Parish?

- It is a **sign of commitment and support to the life of a parish community** and indicates willingness to **belong to our parish family**.
- Our Parish Staff will have the basic information needed to **communicate with individual families, especially in times of emergency**.
- Every Catholic needs to have their **sacramental information documented**. Copies of one's Baptismal, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage records are required at various times in our life.
- Families that enroll their children in **our Parish School or Religious Education Program** should be registered and active in the parish, especially if they intend to have their children receive the Sacraments.
- Families are able to receive **important information about the parish** that often comes through direct mailing.
- For **Godparents**, it is required to provide information stating active parish registration, practice of faith and ongoing support to the overall life of the parish.

****Parish Mailing list is only used for church purposes and never shared with businesses or other organizations.**

All who worship at St. Alphonsus are invited to register as a member if you have not yet done so! There is a link on our website,

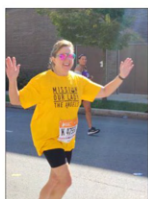
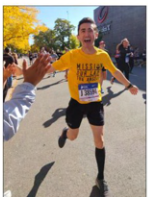
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RUN IN THE 2024 BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON
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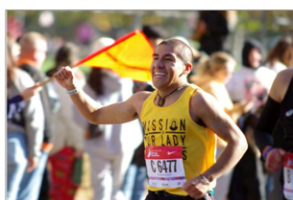
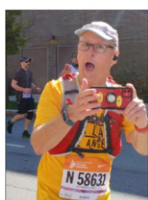
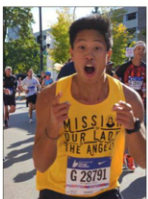
SUNDAY OCTOBER 13, 2024

Mission OLA strives to spread the love of Jesus by providing food and basic necessities to over 3000 families a month in West Humboldt Park, Chicago.



Runners Get:

- Guaranteed entries into the Chicago Marathon
- Race weekend accommodations
- Training help from Sr. Stephanie (2:53 marathoner, former D1 runner)



For More Info:

Please visit our website at www.missionola.com/marathon.html or contact Sr. Stephanie at olamission@gmail.com, or call 773-486-8431.

Hurry
ENTRIES ARE LIMITED.
SIGN UP TODAY!



Run w/ Team OLA! Join NOW for 2024 Chicago Marathon!

Consider running to support Mission OLA in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon! Mission of Our Lady of the Angels (via the Franciscans of the Eucharist) provides hope to the poor on the west side of Chicago via food pantries supporting 3000 families a month, afterschool programs, seniors programs, community meals, and much more. Registration is OPEN! They have a limited # of guaranteed entries- SIGN UP TODAY!

Fundraising minimum jumps from \$1250 to \$1750 on 11/16/23- time is of the essence!

Benefits of joining:

-Guaranteed entries into the race!
-T-shirts, pre-race Mass & dinner, place to stay the night before the race, and more...

-Sr. Stephanie (2:53 marathoner, NCAA D1 cross-country and track athlete, as featured in Runner's World) can write a training plan for you

-Complimentary subscription to the Hallow App so you can pray while you run!

-Each team member will be paired with a member of the prayer team to pray for them!

-Please see missionola.com/marathon.html for details. Please e-mail or call Sr. Stephanie at olamission@gmail.com or (773) 486-8431 with questions or to sign up!

Catholic Charities

House of the Good Shepherd Glow of Hope Brunch— Sunday November 5

Sunday, November 5 at Noon- Four Seasons Hotel Chicago
120 E. Delaware Place

This special event, hosted by the Women's Board of the House of the Good Shepherd, raises awareness and critical funding for the family violence recovery program at this transitional housing residence.

Purchase your tickets at www.catholiccharities.net/events/an-afternoon-in-paris For more information, please contact Cristin Clifford, cclifford@catholiccharities.net



Invest In Kids Act

Please Read and Respond to this Important Letter from the Bishops of Catholic Conference of Illinois!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the Catholic bishops of Illinois, write with a sense of urgency. Unless the General Assembly acts to renew the Invest in Kids scholarship program, more than 9,000 children currently relying on this program to attend a non-public school may have their educational path disrupted. Without an extension of the program in Illinois law now, no scholarships will be awarded for the school year that will begin in September 2024. Most of these children will have to leave the school their families determined was their best chance to receive a high-quality education in a safe and wholesome learning environment. This is an injustice that should and can be avoided, but only if the General Assembly acts when it reconvenes on October 24, 2023.

Invest in Kids has proven to be a beacon of hope for thousands of Illinois students and their families. Children receiving Invest in Kids scholarships come from lower-income families who could not otherwise afford tuition at the Catholic or another non-public school that is the best fit for their child. Childhood is a limited time in the life of a human being and primary and secondary education is not something that can be put off to some future date when it is convenient for adults. This is our one chance to offer these Illinois children a good start. Please help keep education options available and a brighter future possible by contacting your state senator and state representative & telling them to continue the Invest in Kids Program.

+ *Blase J. Cupich*

His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

+ *Thomas John Paprocki*

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

+ *David J. Malloy*

Most Reverend David J. Malloy
Bishop of Rockford

Since its inception six years ago, Invest in Kids has generated overwhelmingly positive results. Nearly 40,000 scholarships have been awarded to students attending non-public schools across Illinois. Demand for scholarships is very high - for every scholarship granted, three students are turned down due to lack of funds. Contrary to what you may have heard, this is not a voucher program, nor does it take state funds away from the public schools. These scholarships are funded through contributions from donors who receive a tax credit for their donation on their Illinois state income tax.



What can you do to help? Please contact your state senator and state representative to let them know of your support for extending the Invest in Kids tax credit scholarship program in Illinois. We also encourage you to urge your fellow parishioners to do the same. Our collective voice is vital to the continued help for Illinois families. Please visit the Catholic Conference of Illinois website at www.ilcatholic.org or call the Springfield office at (217) 528-9200 for further information on how to locate your elected officials, request sample wording for a message to your legislator, or for information about how to donate to this program.

+ *Ronald A. Hicks*

Most Reverend Ronald Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

+ *Michael M. McGovern*

Most Reverend Michael McGovern
Bishop of Belleville

+ *Louis Tylka*

Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Bishop of Peoria

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 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 [Twitter](#) by going to the parish website and clicking the icons at the footer of the page.



Directory

Parish Office

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(P): 773-525-0709 |
www.stalphonsuschicago.org
parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon- Fri

School Office

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

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM— 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

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

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