Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 13, 2025: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Titian, Ancona *Crucifixion,* 1558

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 13

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

Holy Thursday, April 17

8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 18

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

Holy Saturday, April 19

12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 PM **Easter Vigil**

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20

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

Then he took the bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying "This is my body
which will be given for you.
Do this in memory of me."



Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/ Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ /Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Michael and Elizabeth Velten
Fidel Mercado Chavez
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Michael Aldape
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania
Leslie Salimi
Jason Jamero
Rosemarie Cordero
Ramona Colon
Michelle Renee Moya
Ernest Nora
Albert Meier
Daniel Kathrein

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Gary Masterson
Tessie P. Trocio

Eucharistic Adoration: A Source for Peace:
Sometimes our weeks can be quite hectic, making it hard to find quiet time to pray. If this sounds familiar, join us for Mass on Wednesdays at 6 PM, followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 6:30-7:30. This can be a great way to re-center yourself in God and experience the peace that only Christ can give.

Men's Vespers– WED evening
Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday from 8-9 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door) It's a great way to take your spiritual life a step further as we enrich our knowledge of the faith, encourage each other in life's challenges, and grow in fortitude together. We chant the Liturgy of the Hours and share reflections on the upcoming Sunday gospel reading, followed by a social with refreshments, fellowship, and conversation. All men of the parish are invited. Questions or more info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 13
9:00 AM +Bronius Stankevicius
11:00 AM +Ed & Mary Gobat
12:30 PM +Marcelina Felipe y Roberto Rodriguez
5:00 PM Smith Family

Monday, April 14
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, April 15
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, April 16
6:00 PM +Ervin Frohnauer

Thursday, April 17 (Holy Thursday)
7:00 PM +Mr. & Mrs. Duwayne and Pam Olson

Friday, April 18 (Good Friday)
7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 19 (Holy Saturday)
8:00 PM Neophytes & People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday)
7:30 AM Evangelization Efforts of St. Alphonsus Parish
9:00 AM Frankart Family
11:00 AM +Ed & Mary Gobat
1:00 PM +Efrain Garcia
No 5 PM Mass

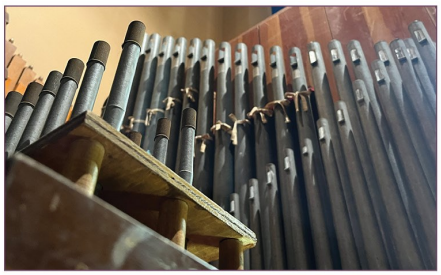
Capital Campaign at St. Alphonsus

Our Campaign Priorities:

.....GENERATION
TO GENERATION:
ANSWER THE CALL .....



Save Our Iconic Veranda



Repair & Restore the Organ

St. Alphonsus is participating in the *Generation to Generation: Answer the Call* campaign, along with every parish within the Archdiocese of Chicago, for parishioners to pledge support over a five-year time period to help with specific parish priorities (just a few highlighted here).

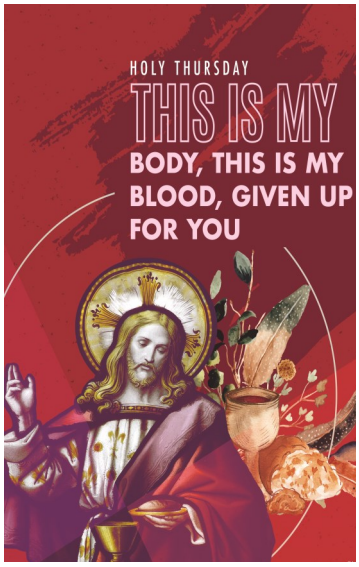
We have an ambitious stretch goal to raise $2.24M our projects, and to date we have raised 31% of that goal. To achieve our goals, especially to save our veranda, we need the support and backing of all of our parish families. Scan the QR code to learn more, or contact the parish office to request a meeting with a campaign committee member. Thanks & God bless you all!



Re-imagine the Rectory's Side Courtyard

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Holy Thursday



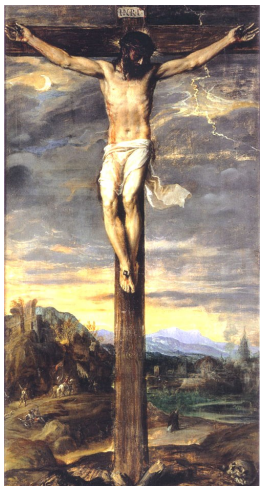
St. Alphonsus Church will be open on April 17 until midnight to keep vigil and allow for various Holy Week bus pilgrimages and private prayer.

Holy Thursday is the feast that marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the Holy Triduum, which of course includes Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. At this Mass of the Lord's Supper, Catholics remember the Passover meal, when Jesus instituted the sacrament of the holy Eucharist by sharing bread and wine with his disciples, saying *"Do this in memory of Me."*

At the end of the Holy Thursday Mass, the Eucharist is placed on a temporary "altar of repose" away from the sanctuary. It is customary for the faithful to process together to this altar and spend time in quiet prayer and adoration. In the Roman Missal, it states: *"The faithful are invited to continue adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for a suitable length of time during the night, according to circumstance."*

The Seven Churches Visitation is a tradition that grew out of this time of prayer and adoration. Catholics remember when Jesus asked his disciples to stay and watch with Him while they were in the garden of Gethsemane. This tradition of mindful watching is a sort of pilgrimage to various altars of repose, in different churches that correspond to each of the seven places, or *"stations"*, that were made by Jesus between the Last Supper to His crucifixion on the cross.







Keeping Holy Week

The Triduum ('three days') is one solemn liturgy, beginning with the entrance procession on Holy Thursday and continuing through to the celebration of Lord's Resurrection at the Easter Vigil.

Holy Thursday is the solemn beginning to the Triduum.

During the liturgy, we remember, as we always do, the events of the Last Supper. We listen to the *Mandatum* from John's gospel, to serve each other, and the presider washes the feet of twelve parishioners. The liturgy doesn't conclude in the usual way. The Eucharist is taken to an 'altar of repose' which is decorated as a garden. We are invited to pray there, as the disciples accompanied Jesus as he prayed in Gethsemane. Adoration continues until midnight.

Why come? *To remember the great gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. Let us not take it for granted.*

Holy Thursday Pilgrimage There is a tradition of visiting several churches during the time of adoration.

On Good Friday, there are no signs of life in the church.

There are no candles burning. The fonts are dry. The tabernacle is empty. All are a reminder of what the world would be like without Christ's living presence. We listen to the Passion from John's Gospel, and come forward as a community to venerate the Cross.

Why come? *To remember Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, not just for us, but for all people and for all time. As Christians we believe that this was the center point of history. We gather to reflect on the magnitude of this mystery.*

Remember, Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. One main meal may be eaten. Two smaller snacks are allowed, but together they can't equal a meal. Those who are ill, pregnant, nursing or over 59 years of age do not have to fast.

On the evening of Holy Saturday, we celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter.

Each year, we mark the night of Christ's triumph. We begin by lighting a huge fire and from it, light a new Paschal candle. We recount the great events of salvation history, beginning with Creation. Then those to be baptized are led to the font, and immersed in the newly blessed waters. After being confirmed, our brothers and sisters share in the Eucharist for the first time, and we join them.

Why come? This is the highpoint, the peak of our year together as Christians. Fire, water, perfumed chrism, bread and wine all speak to us of God's great gift of new life and the promise of resurrection. We renew our own faith with those who are beginning their lives as Christians.

Lakeview Easter Egg Hunt— Saturday, April 19 at 11 AM

Hop on down to the brand new Lakeview Egg Hunt event on April 19th, perfect for families and small children, near our parish's Veranda at Lincoln & Wellington. (same area as the Christmas tree)

Enjoy a 100% free Easter Bunny photo opportunity, giveaways, a small -scale Egg Hunt with eggs including candy for kids and small gift cards and coupons from Lakeview businesses for parents.

Funded by Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce's SSA 27 grant programs. Learn more at www.lakeviewssa27.com



Faith Formation

Walking With Purpose—Women's Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 AM; Evenings at 6:30 PM

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

Become a true , dynamic disciple of Jesus Christ.

Passionate Discipleship is a Bible study focused on equipping women to know Christ and to make Him known. Study 2 Timothy verse by verse as we immerse ourselves in Paul's last and deeply personal letter to his beloved friend and mentee, Timothy.

walking with purpose

Come learn how to live as disciples of Christ, living with Him as the center of our lives and entrusting this message to others who can pass it on as well.

Meetings take place every Tuesday on the 2nd Floor Common Room in the parish rectory. For questions and more info, please contact Marianne at mariannek36@yahoo.com

St. Alphonsus Men's Group

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

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

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

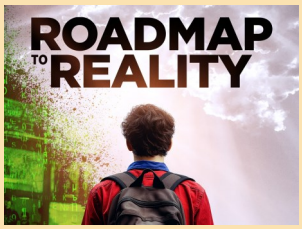


For questions or more information, contact Men's Group at our email, divineofficers@gmail.com

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



Faith at the Movies



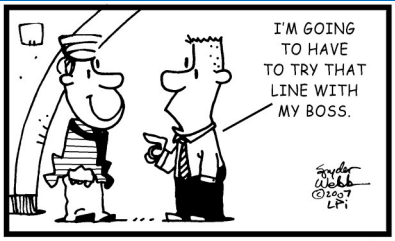
Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality in theatres April 27 - 29 ONLY. Don't miss out! Get your tickets NOW at http://CarloAcutisFilm.com/Tickets

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey

Fix Wobbly Furniture

If you have a chair or a small table that wobbles, it is easy to fix the problem. Figure out which leg is short by using a level. Just glue a coin to the leg that is too short. U.S. coins are all different thicknesses so just use the coin that is the correct thickness. Also the good part is the fix costs less than a dollar.





Stewardship—First Fruits

May Jesus' gift of peace at Easter bring every happiness to you and your loved ones. May you understand fully His love for you and may your life reflect that love to all you meet!

This Easter season reminds us of the role the church plays in our lives, it also urges us to be closer to Christ. Please consider supporting your St. Alphonsus parish with a generous donation. We are grateful for every gift received from the faithful! Your donations are critical to our mission and ministry.

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/event/527*

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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Offertory for 4/6: $19,137

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

Left QR code for GiveCentral; Right QR code for Venmo

For Mass donations via Zelle, please submit to general parish email account, parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Stewardship Reflection

"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

Around the Archdiocese

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On Solid Ground

Christian Couples Day of Encounter

"On Solid Ground" will be an invigorating day of insights to help Christian couples build and enhance their relationships grounded in faith and in Christ on **Saturday, May 3, at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica (Parish Hall), 3121 W. Jackson Blvd.**

Andrew and Terri Lyke longtime marriage and couples ministers in the Archdiocese of Chicago, founders of The Arusi Network and authors of ***"Marriage on a Lampstand: Exploring a New Paradigm for Modern Christian Marriage",*** will be the facilitators. Andrew and Terri bring their vast insights and experiences from around the world helping couples live gracefully and lovingly in Christ.

This Day of Encounter will begin at 8:30 AM with a continental breakfast. The day will be filled with presentations, discussions and activities to support, encourage, and empower couples to strengthen their relationships. Through a variety of relevant topics, couples will shape for themselves a mission for living out their relationship in service to one another, the Church and society. Lunch and dinner will be provided. The day will conclude at 5 PM with a social gathering and dinner.

The cost is $50 per couple. All Christian couples are welcome. Couples do not have to be married. Ample parking is available in the secured lot behind the Basilica on Van Buren.

Register by calling Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica at (773) 638-0159 no later than Friday, April 25.

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Luke 19:38–40

Following Him to the Cross

At the foot of the Mount of Olives was the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus agonized in prayer and was arrested. But several days before that happened, our Lord crossed over that hill next to the Mount of Olives with His Apostles and then approached the slope heading toward the Garden. As He descended, He encountered "the whole multitude of his disciples" who "began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen." They then cried out: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." They met Him within eyeshot of the gate of the city of Jerusalem. This must have left the Twelve in amazement.

Among those who were amazed were the Pharisees. But they were not amazed with joy. Their amazement was caused by envy and led to condemnation. Jesus' response was very clear: "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" That begs the question: If these disciples had not offered our Lord this glorious welcome, would the stones truly have cried out? Most certainly they would have! They did so just several days later after Jesus had been abandoned by the crowds.

Recall that when Jesus was crucified, almost every one of these disciples abandoned Him. They fled in fear. Even most of the Twelve ran and hid. Only our Blessed Mother, Saint John and a few others remained. Therefore, when Jesus died on the Cross, abandoned by the crowds, this prophecy of His came true. "And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised" (Matthew 27:51–52).

We must never keep silent in praise and worship of God. There is an important lesson to learn from these two moments from that first Holy Week. At the beginning, as Jesus entered Jerusalem with much excitement, there were many who offered Him praise. It's easy to give praise and glory to God when it is popular and when many others are doing so. Contrast this with the end of Holy Week when Jesus was persecuted and killed. Suddenly, praise and open acclamations were not that popular. Fear had the effect of silencing the crowds and ending their worship of our Lord. For that reason, the stones did cry out and the earth quaked.



As we enter this Holy Week, consider whether you are more like the "whole multitude" of Jesus' disciples who praised Him when it was easy and popular, or whether you are more like our Blessed Mother and Saint John who remained faithful to Him when it was anything but popular to do so. Do you persevere in your praise and adoration of God during difficult times? Or do you allow fear of what others may say, fear of rejection and other forms of humiliation to deter you from your sacred calling?

Reflect, today, upon these two contrasting moments of that first Holy Week. Join, today, with the crowds as they acclaim Jesus as King. As you do, turn your eyes to the King Whom you worship. Choose to follow Him to His betrayal, His suffering and His death. Commit yourself to fidelity, especially when it is hard to do so. Do not waver in your commitment. Look at the love in the heart of Jesus' own mother and pray to her that you will have the courage she had to remain faithful to our Lord, lest the stones be forced to cry out in your place.

Most glorious King, You were fittingly worshiped and adored as You entered Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. I commit myself to that adoration and praise, and I pray that I will honor and love You, not only when it is easy but also when it is unpopular. May I never allow fear to deter me from my love of You and follow You all the way to the glorious throne of Your Cross. Jesus, I trust in You.

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. Low gluten hosts are available at every Mass, even daily Masses. To receive a low gluten host at Mass, all you have to do is get in the Communion line for the celebrant, and then just point to the little ciborium that the priest sets on the communion rail. These hosts have 0.01% gluten. We can provide further information about their content upon request.

MISERICORDIA HEART OF MERCY



CANDY DAYS

APRIL 25-26, 2025

SPECIAL CHICAGO LOOP COLLECTION
WED AND THURS APRIL 23 - 24



is counting on you!

Misericordia is celebrating 40 years of thousands of volunteers giving back to the community through Misericordia's annual Candy Days – by handing out Jelly Belly candies in exchange for donations and creating online fundraising pages to support Misericordia. The funds raised provide much needed support for the 600 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who call Misericordia Home.



ABOUT MISERICORDIA

Misericordia provides a network of services and a continuum of care for more than 600 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities offering residential placement, employment opportunities, social, recreational, health & fitness programs and therapies to all of their residents.

We need your help to achieve our annual fundraising goals. Misericordia must raise approximately $33 million to provide services and programs that are not covered by the government. In helping with our annual Candy Days fundraiser as a volunteer or making a donation, we can look towards the future with confidence! All proceeds collected during Candy Days go directly to the Misericordia Foundation in support of our residents.

HOW CAN I HELP? Ask your friends and family to join in by making a donation online, creating a Personal Giving Page and/or volunteering their time to collect donations!

- Put Candy Day flyers up around your local storefronts, schools, churches and throughout your community.
- Create a Personal Giving Page or donate online
- Ask local businesses if you can collect donations outside their store
- Volunteer your time! Wear the Misericordia apron and hand out Jelly Bellys in exchange for donations
- Post on social media with a link to make a donation.

We supply the aprons, collection cans and CANDY! You supply the smile!

HOW TO SIGN UP

Here's how you can make a difference:

DONATE: online, or create a Personal Giving Page: www.misericordia.com

VOLUNTEER: email Vanja St. Clair at: vstclair@misericordia.com to connect you with a Candy Days coordinator

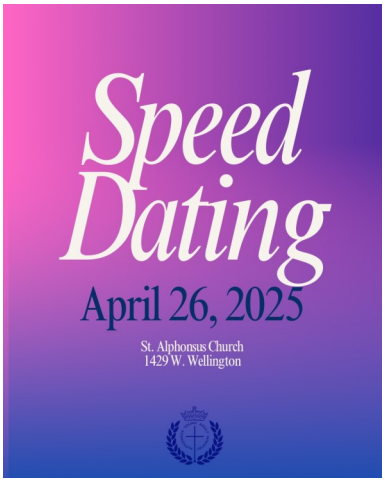
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Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Speed Dating— Saturday, April 26

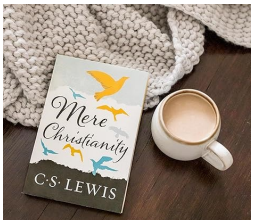


Mark your calendar! Young Adult (21 - 39 years old) Speed Dating will take place on Saturday, April 26th, with check-ins beginning at 6:00 PM. This event will be held in St. Alphonsus Festival Hall.

Cost per individual ticket will be $50. You must pre-register for the event! Sign-ups at the door will NOT be allowed. This is a necessity to ensure that we are able to properly plan everyone's conversations. The final day to register will be Wednesday, April 23rd at NOON, no exceptions. Cost of entry includes light refreshments, two drink tickets for the beginning of the event and two drink tickets for afterwards. We will NOT be serving a full dinner so we strongly recommend eating dinner before arriving as this is a longer event.
In order to register for this event, each individual will have to sign up through two links: Give Central (to pay for the event) and our Speed Dating link (your account will require your email, a password to see matches afterwards, your age, your minimum dating age, and your maximum dating age). Remember, you must both pay and sign up through the link order to attend this event.

GiveCentral Link for Men: www.givecentral.org/otp/42962
GiveCentral Link for Women: www.givecentral.org/otp/42961
Speed Dating Account (all signups): www.stalphonsuschicago.org/yam-speed-dating-form

Young Adult Book Club



Book Club meets in the rectory on Wednesday evenings to discuss a few chapters, grow in faith and intellect, and share in fellowship. Our next book will be C.S. Lewis' "*Mere Christianity*", starting on Wednesday, April 23.
For more information, please contact coordinator Leora, lwallac2@alumni.nd.edu

Catholic Charities

Paint and Sip Event— Thursday, May 1



We invite you to join us for an evening of painting the Chicago skyline to support the essential work of Catholic Charities! You will have the opportunity to learn more about Catholic Charities' programs and services while joining in fellowship.
Thursday, May 1 6:30 PM— 8:30 PM
St. Alphonsus Festival Hall

Event is BYOB. Snacks and painting materials will be provided. Tickets are $40 and can be purchased at bidpal.net/2025paintandsip

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago partners with mission-driven people and organizations across Cook and Lake counties to witness a message of mercy and hope to a world in need. We are called to serve and accompany anyone, regardless of their faith, gender, race, or ethnicity.

Blossoms of Hope Brunch— Sunday, April 27



Join Catholic Charities this April for the annual Blossoms of Hope Brunch, benefiting the Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) program. The LOSS Program provides grief support to individuals and families who have lost a loved one to suicide. Since 1979, the program has served thousands of suicide loss survivors through support groups and individual counseling. RSVP at catholiccharities.net/events/blossoms-of-hope-brunch-2025

Music at St. Alphonsus

Mozart Requiem Concert— Friday, May 16 at 7:30 PM



Family friendly performance of Mozart's iconic masterpiece. Don't miss this exciting and delightful concert experience with world-class soloists!

Use coupon code SACC for a 25% DISCOUNT
www.cameratachicago.org/category/concerts/

Enjoy the outstanding musical artistry of Camerata Chicago and its choir performing the famous *Requiem* by Mozart!

- Four wonderful soloists conducted by Maestro Drostan Hall including Robin Wiper, Lauren Decker, Martin Luther Clark and Wm. Clay Thompson.
- Elite orchestra and choir with top Chicago area musicians.
- Entertaining and educational musical anecdotes about the music and its vivacious composer.
- Generously supported by Deby and Jamie Fellowes.

autism speaks
world autism month

April is World Autism Month!

Autism Acceptance Month celebrates the unique strengths of individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) while promoting understanding and support for their needs. ASD affects 1 in 36 children and an estimated five million adults in the U.S. Many face co-occurring mental and physical conditions, requiring holistic care to support their overall wellbeing.

Why Acceptance Matters

Acceptance creates opportunities & builds a sense of belonging. When individuals w/ autism are accepted & supported:

- **Early intervention becomes possible.** Diagnosing autism early enables access to therapies, such as Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), that improve communication & social skills, promoting independence & meaningful connections.
- **Barriers are broken down**. Approximately 85% of adults w/ autism are unemployed or underemployed. Increased awareness & support can help overcome employment, education & healthcare challenges, opening pathways to success.

Why Co-Occurring Conditions Matter

Co-occurring conditions often significantly impact the lives of individuals w/ ASD.

- **Physical health conditions,** such as gastrointestinal issues, epilepsy & sleep disorders, affect approximately 50-70% of children w/ ASD.
- **Mental health conditions,** like anxiety, depression & attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), impact up to 80% of adults w/ ASD.

Addressing these co-occurring conditions in tandem w/ ASD improves quality of life, strengthens relationships & promotes greater independence.

How You Can Make a Difference

✓ **Learn:** Educate yourself about autism & co-occurring conditions.

✓ **Advocate:** Promote participation in schools, workplaces, & communities.

✓**Amplify:** Celebrate the strengths & perspectives of individuals w/ ASD.

Together, we can create a world that embraces neurodiversity, fosters acceptance & empowers individuals w/ ASD to thrive!

Contact

Sacramental Information

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

How to Offer a Mass Intention

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Alphonsus Social Media

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

Directory

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Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM– 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
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Parish Staff

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