



Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 22, 2022: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



*"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all that I told you." (Jn 14:26)*

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: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/ Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Please Pray for the Sick

Carolina Goldie	Michael Aldape
Diane Mareci	Fidel Mercado Chavez
Dorothy Bonds	Janet Horvat
Joanna Ravelingeen	Sara O'Connor
Jamie Wallett	Frank G. Bauer
Sandra Wilson	Al Corleone
Monica Alexis Rios	Mary Perisin
Margaret Nichols	Edward Marsalek
Maria Eisler	Rita Longnecker
Rita Gerich	Cheryl Nester-Detweiler
Tessa Sergent	

Giving Update

Weekly Budget
Amount: \$15,218

Offertory for
5/15/2022: \$9,473

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

WEDDING BANNES

Michelle McAvoy
and
Frank Bruno

Alexandria Johnson
and
Dalton Pollvogt

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Ian Kneedy
Cecilia Michele Smith
Ronan Suerth Bolin
Sophie Hope Araneta
Owen Richard Looft
Ellie Koopman

Eucharistic Adoration: A Source for Peace:

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

re-center yourself in God and experience the peace that only Christ can give.

Wednesday Evening Men's Vespers

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 22

9:00 AM John and Linda Morris
11:00 AM +Marty Collins
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM +Herman Allgeier

Monday, May 23

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, May 24

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, May 25

6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, May 26

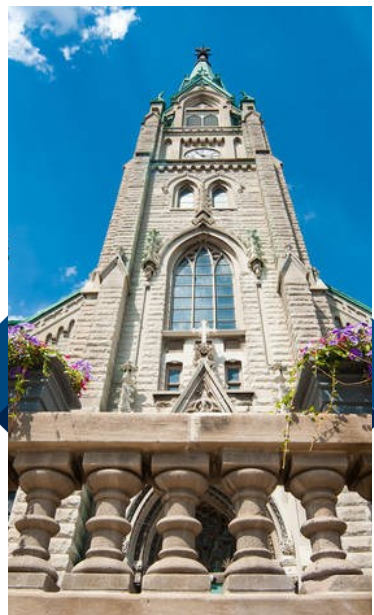
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, May 27

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, May 29

9:00 AM +Barbara Elliston
11:00 AM +Bill Lappe
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM +Mike Blumenthal



Father Bauer's Reflection

Seminarians, Sacraments and Joy

Almost everyone feels happier when spring unfurls itself and grows: the warmer weather, leaves on trees, flowers blooming, birds singing, and longer daylight. This “opening up” in the realm of nature hopefully also helps our hearts and minds open up to the spiritual beauty and blessings that surround us. Parishes commonly experience that in the Sacramental life of the Church as children receive their First Holy Communion, eighth graders are confirmed, and couples get married – all sources of spiritual joy.



This spring St. Alphonsus is blessed to have an additional cause of great spiritual joy: we are privileged to witness our seminarian, Michael Mehringer, receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders as he is ordained to the Diaconate. In the journey through the seminary, the

last milestone before being ordained to the Priesthood is for a seminarian to be ordained a transitional deacon.

The Ordination Mass, celebrated by Cardinal Cupich, was held on Saturday May 21st at Holy Name Cathedral. Michael was ordained as a transitional deacon during the same liturgy when two seminarians were ordained to the Priesthood. Then on Sunday, May 22nd, the Rev. Mr. Mehringer is assisting at Mass as a deacon and preaching for the first time at the 9 AM and 5 PM Masses, with refreshments and fellowship on the veranda for Deacon Michael following those two liturgies.

When a parish is able to witness an ordination, it is a cause for rejoicing. It is ultimately a celebration of God's activity in the life of the man ordained, as well as His presence and activity in the parish community.

Religious vocations, whether to the Priesthood or to consecrated religious life, are born out of the two-fold workings of the Holy Spirit: first, in the heart of the individual who responds to the promptings they feel, and secondly, in the parish community who affirms the person and supports them in their spiritual journey and formation. Even though God speaks in the silence of our hearts, a vocation to the Priesthood is not formed in a vacuum. A community of faith helps encourage and nurture a seminarian in his formation.

For the past two years, Deacon Michael has been very connected and involved here at St. Alphonsus Parish. Those here on Sundays are accustomed to seeing him serving at Mass, and those in the Religious Education Program remember him from the zoom classes and prayer services he led. Students at AACA wave excitedly whenever he makes an appearance. He has genuinely been a blessing for the whole parish community, and it has been fun to see him interact with a many different people in a variety of contexts. We are grateful to God for sending him to be a part of our parish family.

As a seminarian, Michael had a positive impact on the faith and spiritual lives of many parishioners. And now as Deacon Mehringer, he will do that in more ways for many others, especially as he undertakes new roles of service and the ministry of preaching.

We are very proud of Deacon Michael, and we express our thanks to the Lord for all of the blessings we have received. And I'm sure every parishioner will join me in congratulating our new Deacon!

Additionally, as we are all inspired through the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, I invite all parishioners to join me in praying that God will raise up more vocations to the Priesthood and to consecrated religious life from our parish community, that our sincere faith and spiritual life may inspire others to respond with courage, hope and joy to the voice of the Lord in their hearts.

Tips to Help Your Child Participate in Mass

Here are a few tips that might help your child enjoy mass more. First **sit up close** so that s/he can see the action at the altar. Second, if your child is beginning to read, or is a more secure reader, find the passages in the missalette and, using your finger, **help him or her to follow along**. Third, **use this technique for songs**, too. It is often difficult for a child to keep up with the verses, but with your guiding hand, they will enjoy singing along. On the short refrains or Alleluias, it is possible to sing without knowing how to read. Fourth, **help your child to begin to internalize the prayers**. Even holding your child and saying the Creed into her or her ear helps a young child to know the rhythm and recognize the words as s/he grows. One last tip: **Have your child kneel beside you, and quietly explain the action** during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Your gentle commentary can help develop both faith and participation.

Faith Formation

Spring Your Kids Into Totus Tuus Summer Camp!



For all families looking forward to summer, we've got the perfect thing for your children to do: the Archdiocese is bringing the Totus Tuus summer camp back to St. Alphonsus, July 10-15. It's like a week-long vacation Bible school, only way more fun and active. Each session is limited to only 50 participants. All safety protocols will be followed to ensure the health & safety of all participants and volunteers. For more information, please visit: <https://vocations.archchicago.org/events/totus-tuus/what-is-totus-tuus>

The price is only \$60 per child for an entire week!
Register on our parish GiveCentral page at

www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/32872

Any parent or parishioner interested in volunteering with Totus Tuus should contact Erica Cook, ecook@stalphonsuschicago.org

Walking With Purpose— Summer Prayer Group



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

Walking With Purpose summer group will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of the month (June– Sept) at 9:30 AM in the St. Alphonsus Common Room in the rectory. We will come together to share our intentions and pray the rosary. All women are welcome! Please join us on June 14, July 12, August 9 and September 13 to pray in community. For more info, contact suecombes@hotmail.com

The Chosen Retreat



During this retreat on July 26-29 at Bellarmine Retreat House, 420 W. County Line in Barrington, you

will have the opportunity to reflect on the life of Jesus and his first followers in a whole new way. Activities include watching all 8 episodes of either season one or season two of *The Chosen*, prayerfully reflect on the episodes, talking to a Spiritual Director about the episodes and your reflections on them, using private time to read and journal, meals, daily Mass, Reconciliation, and more!

This retreat is open to adults over 18 of all faiths, including those struggling with their faith, and those who are looking to have some private quiet time on our grounds and sacred spaces. Learn more at www.jesuitretreat.org/retreats/the-chosen-retreat-2022



Come Away with Me

FOR SINGLE, CATHOLIC WOMEN AGE 18-35
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Join us for a **week-long discernment retreat** to rest with the Father, to draw nearer to Jesus, and to be rejuvenated by the Holy Spirit. Echo with Samuel the prayer: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." What does God have in store for you? Come and see!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR:

◦ PRAYING THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS WITH THE SISTERS ◦ PERSONAL PRAYER TIME
◦ DAILY MASS ◦ DAILY ADORATION ◦ SILENCE ◦ REFLECTION ◦ CONFERENCES ◦ FUN WITH THE SISTERS! ◦ RECREATION ◦ AND MUCH MORE!

REGISTER AT:

www.sistersop.com/events/come-away-2022



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QUESTIONS?

Email Sr. Charbel Joseph, OP:
vocations@sistersop.com



News and Events

Wishing Farewell Blessings to Eileen!



Our longtime St. Alphonsus rectory housekeeper Eileen Koutnik will be moving on into retirement life at the end of May. She has been a faithful mainstay of St. Alphonsus for most of her life, having attended Alphonsus elementary, receiving her sacraments here, and serving the parish in various capacities for over 40 years. For several years, she has been lead coordinator of our parish Decorations committee responsible for making sure our Church looks great during the Easter and Christmas liturgical seasons. She also cooks wonderful meals for our priests and parish staff after meetings and has impacted many lives positively! She is a staple at the 9 AM Mass so please say thank you if you happen to see her for the next few Sundays! She will be moving to Dixon, IL with her daughter Noelle.

Monday Memorial Day Mass

Please note that due to Memorial Day, the daily Mass next Monday May 30 will be at 9 AM instead of the customary 8:30 AM. The rectory office and AACA school will be closed for the holiday.

St. Alphonsus Scouts— 100th Anniversary Commemoration



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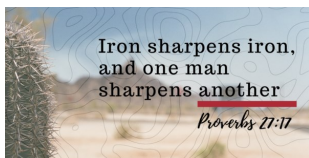
St. Alphonsus Parish is proud to celebrate 100 years of Scouting programs. On Sunday June 12, our parish will host a special commemoration after the 11:00 AM Mass in the Festival Hall with refreshments. If you have memories, pictures, or other memorabilia from your years of Scouting

in our community, contact Tom at tbrusstar.scouting@gmail.com

June 19— Corpus Christi

Sunday June 19 is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). There will be a Eucharistic procession going around the block of the Alphonsus campus. The 11 AM Mass this Sunday will be bilingual and there will not be a 12:30 PM Spanish Mass that day. There will be a reception afterwards in the Festival Hall.

St. Alphonsus Men's Group Thursday Evenings



Iron sharpens iron,
and one man
sharpens another
Proverbs 27:17

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.

"Open Gym"

Saturday Morning Kids Play Time



Looking for a chance to get out of the house and for your kids to run around? Please join us Saturday mornings in Festival Hall (below the church) for a chance to spend time with other St. Als families and for the kids to play together. Please bring your own coffee, snacks, and any toys your kids would like to play with. Enter through the West door closest to the parking lot (by the Mary Altar). Saturdays 8:30 AM-10:30 AM. For questions, please contact Monica Cloghessy at (630) 347-3028 or monica.mccormack15@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.

Gospel Meditation

Jesus tells his disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” The peace that Jesus gives is far different than the kind that comes from the absence of war, conflict, or affliction. The peace that God offers is found alongside suffering and hardship, not necessarily in their absence. St. Teresa of Avila offers us a bit of wisdom regarding peace: *“May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us.”*

In order for us to experience the divine peace that Jesus offers, we have to allow God’s presence to settle into our bones! It is only when this happens that we can be truly taught by the Holy Spirit to discern the true path

to peace and find ourselves with untroubled hearts. The world and our lives are so unpredictable and changeable. If we look for a source of lasting and real peace only there, our search will never be satisfied. Something will always unsettle and disturb us. The Jewish disciples could really relate to what Jesus was saying about peace (shalom). They already knew that it was more a matter of achieving wholeness and wellbeing than anything else.

Wholeness and wellbeing are precisely what is uncovered when we begin to really see and know the height, depth, and breadth of God’s presence and promise. The elegance of God’s Divine life flows through our blood and the marrow in our bones. It is that close and deep. As we breathe in and exhale God’s life, peace becomes what we know within and what is exhaled out. This remains in the midst of intense conflict, persecution, suffering, rejection, and even death.

Know Your Saints



St. Philip Neri (1515 - 1595), Feast Day - May 26th

Philip Neri was known in his early years as a “good little boy.” His father, Francesco, provided the necessities to his family, and his friendship with the Dominicans influenced the life of Philip. Growing up, he studied

humanities under some of the best scholars of the Renaissance. At the age of sixteen, he was sent to help his father’s cousin with his business. Philip was very diligent and responsible which made him very successful at business, but he would often take time from work to withdraw to a little mountain chapel belonging to the Benedictines to spend time in prayer.

In 1533, he renounced the success and fortune he received from the business and journeyed to Rome with no money. There, he dove into the studies of Philosophy and Theology and became the tutor to two children. Philip became well-known for his humor and joy in teaching and building relationships with people. Under his care, these children improved in their studies and their faith. He dedicated years of his own life to the study of Philosophy and Theology, and then, when he felt he had learned enough, he sold his books and gave the money to the poor and began to go out to minister to people. He visited the sick in hospitals, bringing joy and laughter in the midst of their illness and suffering. He would spend time in shops, warehouses, banks and other public places in Rome, spreading his

warm personality and kindness and exhorting those he encountered to serve God.

In 1544, Philip had a mystical experience while praying in the catacombs of San Sebastian. A globe of fire entered his chest, expanding his heart and breaking two ribs as it made an arch around his heart.

In 1551, Philip became a priest and, never losing his joy and kindness, became known for being a great preacher and confessor. He shared with his community that his two favorite books were the Bible and a book of jokes.

In 1575, Philip began the Congregation of the Oratory, also known as the Oratorians. This order was dedicated to preaching and teaching. Cardinal John Henry Newman was a member of his congregation.

Philip died in 1595, and the entire city of Rome mourned the loss of the Apostle of Rome and the saint of joy.

Throughout his life, St. Philip Neri was known for his kindness and strong call to serve those in need. He was truly an apostle accompanying the poor in their needs and could always be counted on to share his good sense of humor while doing so. He was also an evangelizer who encouraged others to serve God with a cheerful spirit. **Today he is the patron saint of Rome, the US Special Forces, humor and joy.**

Reflection

Where do you find joy in your life? In what ways do you share the joy you find in your life with others? How can you encourage others to share our faith w/ joy & kindness?

Stewardship—First Fruits



**FIRST
FRUITS**
time talent treasure



We want to invite all parishioners who want to participate in online giving to do so by enrolling through GiveCentral and setting up your donation via the First Fruits campaign (weekly Mass offering).

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

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

Stewardship Reflection

*"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."
(John 14:27)*

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

Alphonsus Academy



Ducky Derby 2022

On May 12-13, our parish school had a blast participating in the Ducky Derby. Congrats to all of the winners! A HUGE thank you to the Mother's Club Board who planned the event. Another huge thank you to Rocco Rinaldi and Fritz Heffinger for all of their work on the track!

Teacher Appreciation Week



This past week we celebrated teacher appreciation at AAC. Students were asked what they love most about their teachers/administrative staff and their responses didn't disappoint!

Mrs. Del Toral and Mrs. Walleth -- They have a lot to do each day but still get it done and are organized. They are helpful and kind when you go to the front office. They are so hard-working. They greet you with a smile when you come into school and when you leave. They are so nice, and they care about everybody in the school. When you need to call home, they help you and when you forget your lunch, they make sure your mom brings it. We are lucky that they like to work at AAC.



Lakeview Neighborhood Public Art Project

Ms. Manuel and Ms. Grondy's Art in the Garden pathways class participated in a community mosaic project being led by the [Green Star Movement](#) at the UPS Store on Southport at Cornelia. This was an awesome opportunity for our students to contribute to something in our neighborhood- and learn the craft of making a mosaic.



Mental Health Awareness

May is Mental Health Month. Mental health is as important as physical health. Total wellbeing means that you feel fulfilled in all aspects of your life. Your mental health is a big part of your wellbeing. It is important to be aware of the signs or symptoms of mental stress so you can seek help or recognize when someone you care about may need help.

5 reasons why it is important to pay attention to your mental health and wellbeing

1. Mental illness is more common than you think. Mental illness does not discriminate, it affects people of all ages, genders and ethnicities. One in five U.S. adults experience mental illness, 1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness and 17% of youth aged 6–17 experience a mental health condition. Unfortunately, too many don't seek help.
2. Mental illness affects your physical health. Your brain is part of your body. Mental and physical health are connected. In fact, mental illness can be the root of many physical symptoms. For example, if you are suffering from insomnia, heart palpitations or fatigue, your doctor may want to rule out depression, anxiety or other mental health conditions as a potential cause
3. Diseases or injuries can increase your risk. Just as mental illness can cause physical symptoms in your body, physical diseases, like cancer, multiple sclerosis, diabetes and trauma such as head injuries, can raise your risk of mental illness. It is important that you are honest about your experiences when speaking with your doctor.
4. It runs in families. Mental illnesses tend to run in families due to both genetic factors and family cultural issues. Remember to include things like depression, bipolar disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in your family health history along with information about heart disease, cancer and other conditions.
5. Early detection makes a difference. Like medical conditions, getting diagnosed early generally leads to better outcomes. Getting the help you need can prevent symptoms of mental illness from getting worse and causing negative effects on your life, including strained relationships and difficulty managing work and finances.

Renew My Church Info Session

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What is “Renew My Church” really about?

Why don't I hear more about it at my parish? How can I get involved and stay up to date on what's happening? All these questions will be answered at Archdiocese of Chicago “RMC Info Session” events held online monthly on 4th Thursdays at 7 PM.

Learn more about the vision for renewal in the archdiocese, find out about the impact on your parish and other parishes around you and discover how to cultivate your own discipleship to promote a culture of evangelization in our community. The next session is Thursday May 26. Visit www.renewmychurch.org/renew-my-church-info-sessions

Community News

Lowline Market on Southport

Farmers. Food. Community.



Tuesdays, 3-7pm

Jun 7 - Oct 11 • Southport CTA Station

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Now in its 10th season, Low-Line Market returns on Tuesdays from 3-7 PM from

June 7 - October 11 along the Lakeview Low-Line under the Southport Brown Line CTA station! Get excited to shop the market weekly for high-quality produce, proteins, specialty drinks, ready to eat meals, sweets, flowers, artisanal goods and more from local farms and vendors. The market is proud to accept Illinois LINK cards for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program. For additional information check out LakeviewRoscoeVillage.org/LowLineMarket

Young Adult Ministry

Prove Me Wrong Speaker Series "Is the God of the Old Testament A Moral Monster?"



Join us this Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30 PM in Festival Hall for the next installment of the Prove Me Wrong series featuring Ben Rahimi.

Having studied accounting and worked in consulting, Ben decided to enter the seminary to discern becoming a parish priest. While he eventually determined that he was not called to the priesthood, he left with degrees in philosophy and theology. Ben's passion for this topic came from some of his courses while earning his theology degree in Rome, Italy where he wrote a thesis paper on engaging with the violent passages of Scripture in the Old Testament.

Complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. A \$5 donation is suggested.

Praise and Adoration— Friday May 27 at 7:30 PM



On Friday, May 27th, spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration. 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. **Adoration will be in the Lower Church/Festival Hall this month.** Fellowship will migrate to Trader Todd's on Sheffield!

*Want to sing/play an instrument with us? Come to the church an hour early (6:30PM) to run the songs with the music team! Contact Eric Nyberg on Facebook.

Living the Gospel of Life

Baby Bottle Drive in support of Aid for Women



Support pregnant women in need by giving to Aid for Women's Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Aid for Women helps thousands of women each year in the Chicago metropolitan area who find themselves facing unexpected pregnancies. Each woman is provided with

the emotional, practical and spiritual support that she needs to choose life for her unborn baby and to provide a better future for her and her child. They offer free life-affirming services, such as housing, ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, and the abortion pill reversal. To donate online, visit www.helpaidforwomen.org/babybottle

Echo Retreat 2022

A retreat based on the Theology of the Body

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Join Brian Butler and the Dumb Ox Ministry Team, along with our local Archdiocese of Chicago Team for the ECHO Chicago 2022 Summer Retreat! Brian Butler is the executive director and co-founder of Dumb Ox Ministries, which cultivates chastity and authentic masculinity and femininity with teens, young adults and families via the lens of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Brian has authored several books and programs, including "YOU: Life, Love & Theology of the Body."

ECHO Chicago is a Theology of the Body weekend retreat for young adults. At ECHO, we dive into, unpack and process the themes of prayer, our identity and our mission to love. We are all created to be in personal relationship with God, and each of us are created as a unique, unrepeatable man or woman with a vocation to love like God.

The weekend retreat has limited space so please register early to ensure your spot.

WHEN: June 24-26, 2022, Where: St. Xavier University 3700 West 103rd St., Chicago, 60655

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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9:00 AM– 1:00 PM Tue, Thurs

School Office

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