Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 19, 2024: PENTECOST SUNDAY



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*

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth."

(Jn 16:13)

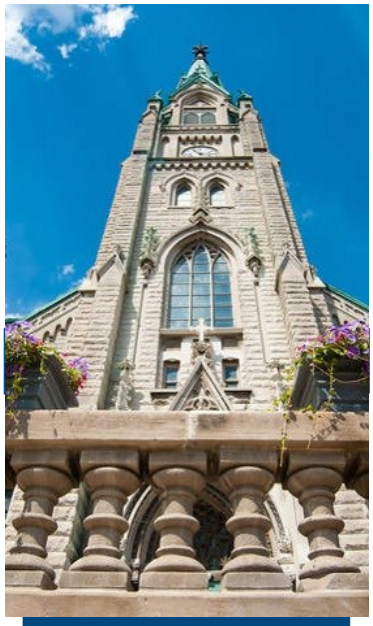
Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

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
Magdalena Gonzalez
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
Gary Masterson



WEDDING BANNS

Ashley Greenberg

and

Jonathan Diores

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $14,890

Offertory for 5/12: $13,089

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

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Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Nora Elizabeth Yu

Bela Flor Macht

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Edgar Zamora

Diana Orvino

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 19
9:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
11:00 AM +Luz Capio
Monica Fernandez (Health)
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, May 20
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, May 21
8:30 AM +John P. Huffman

Wednesday, May 22
6:00 PM +Andrew Lara

Thursday, May 23
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, May 24
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Saturday, May 25
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, May 26
9:00 AM +Diana Orvino
11:00 AM +Richard Meindl
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

News and Events



First Brats of Summer!

Join us on Friday, May 31 for the First Brats of Summer, or in German, "Erstesommerbratfest!"

The Brat Crew from Oktoberfest will be making their famous brats to celebrate the beginning of Summer Days! Brat packages can be ordered for $16 during pre-sale only and can be picked up between 3 PM-4 PM or 5 PM-7 PM. Individual brats will also be available for $5 straight from the grill during these times! Join us for this easy-going, delicious fest!

Quantities are limited, order your packs now at
www.givecentral.org/otp/40446



The faithful are warmly invited to our next breakfast date after Mass on Sunday, June 9! ALL are invited to stay after Mass to enjoy pancakes, eggs, and delicious treats. Meet fellow parishioners and learn how to get involved in our community!

We Need Volunteers!

Help us serve breakfast and get first dibs on the food! Shifts are 2 hours each. Contact Emily Ember, eember@stalphonsuschicago.church

Safe Families for Children

Please join us for our first ever Safe Families "Ministry Meetup" on **Tuesday, May 21 from 6:30-8 PM.** A small group of Safe Families volunteers (prospective & current, various volunteer roles) is meeting to build community and share volunteer tips & tricks. You are invited!!! Contact us at safefamiliesstals@gmail.com to learn more and sign-up!

June 2—Solemnity of Corpus Christi Special Mass & Procession



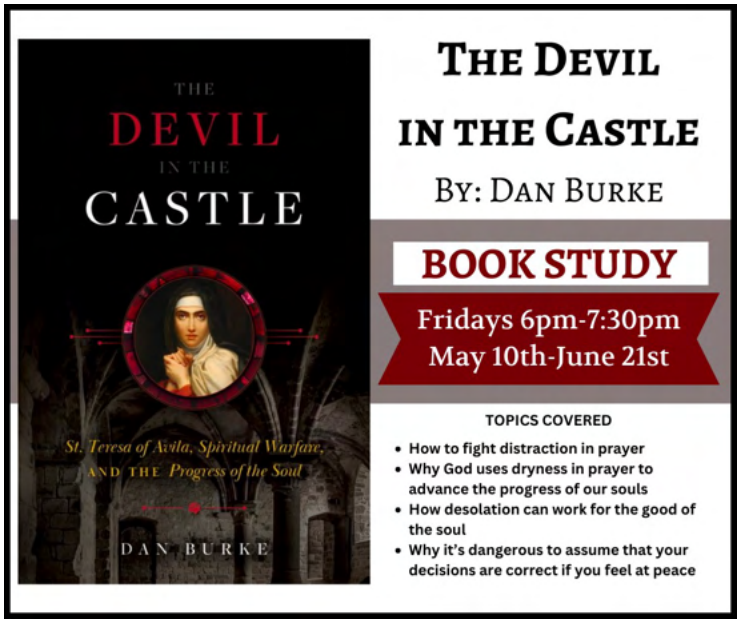
Sunday, June 2 is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Because the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, in order to celebrate this great feast, the Mass at 11 AM will be combined with the Spanish Mass community and celebrated bilingually with an enhanced choir.

Immediately following the Mass we will have a Eucharistic procession around the block of the Alphonsus campus, before returning to the church for a final benediction. There will not be a 12:30 PM Mass that Sunday.

Faith Formation

Book Study: The Devil in the Castle

Fridays, 6 PM—7:30 PM, Now through June 21 in Rectory Common Room



Join us for our Study continuing to dive into the spiritual riches of St. Teresa of Avila's mansions from *"The Interior Castle."*

Using her masterpiece as a guide, bestselling author Dan Burke takes you on an illuminating journey through the seven levels of spiritual progress, explaining what God is accomplishing within your soul at each stage, as well as the finely tailored demonic strategies applied to throw you off your path.

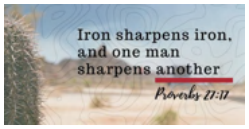
You'll learn how the devil is as active in your prayer life as you are, and how the saints were able to counter Satan as he adapted his schemes to correspond with where they were on their spiritual journeys.

Pick up the book on your own and join us as we work through it! Questions? Contact Emily at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church

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

Congrats and Blessings to Thomas Goble!



Two summers ago, a new face appeared in the pews at St. Alphonsus, a recent graduate of Indiana University and a new arrival to Chicago. Very soon thereafter Thomas got plugged into the Men's Group that meets in the rectory on Thursday evenings and encourage one another in faith and friendship. He would often be an altar server here at the 5 PM Mass. With a faith that was formed by Dominicans at his Catholic student center in college, Thomas' prayer and faith continued to deepen, and he felt the Lord's call inviting him to join the Dominican Order and discern priesthood with them. This spring he received news of his acceptance, and we are excited to congratulate Thomas as he leaves our community to pursue his vocational calling to the priesthood with the Dominicans. We are very proud of him, and delighted to have been a part of his spiritual journey!

On this Pentecost weekend, we pray the Holy Spirit enkindle in your heart and soul all the gifts you need to be faithful and joyful in following Christ in your vocational journey!

We invite the entire community to support Thomas with our prayers, and continue praying for our other seminarians, and for all those the Lord may be calling to consider the priesthood or religious life.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Chicago Young Adult Eucharistic Revival

Friday, June 28, 2024 | 6:30 – 10 p.m.
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
1429 West Wellington Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

Join us as we celebrate the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese of Chicago!

Come experience this historic Eucharistic event for ALL Chicagoland area young adult Catholics, as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage officially makes its way through Chicago on its way to Indianapolis for the Eucharistic Congress. The event will include Mass, a Eucharistic Procession, and a social afterwards.

Questions? Please contact Rebecca Siar at **rsiar@archchicago.org**.

To learn more and register for this event, please visit **EucharisticRevivalChicago.org**.

Saint Alphonsus
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

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

In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements, and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are? ***Living in the Father's Love*** will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all.

This brief but powerful Bible study is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself. Discover just how much God loves us and how the gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love.



St. Alphonsus Rectory
1429 W. Wellington Ave.
(2nd Fl. Common Room)
Tuesdays, June 11 to July 16
Two sessions, 9:30- 11 AM or 6:30- 8 PM

Questions? Contact Susan Combes at smbcombes51@gmail.com

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Young Adult Ministry

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is one of St. Alphonsus' most active parish groups! YAM is led by a volunteer board and is guided by Pastoral Associate, Brooks Robinson. Stated simply, the ministry's mission is to help one another participate in Christ's mission, that we, as young adult Catholics, may be effective disciples, evangelists, and agents of charity in all that we do. YAM provides many social, intellectual, service, and spiritual opportunities for growth. Members range in age from 21-39 years old. Our YAM group is made up of 4 main pillars, Spiritual, Intellectual, Service, and Social. Visit the St. Alphonsus YAM Facebook page, www.facebook.com/AlphonsusYoungAdult or contact the YAM board at stalphonsusyam@gmail.com

BE SOCIAL
BE SPIRITUAL
BE CHARITABLE
BE INTELLECTUAL
BE CATHOLIC

Praise and Adoration— Friday, May 31 at 7:30 PM



On Friday, May 31st, spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration in the church. We'll spend the first 15 minutes in silent adoration, and then our musicians will lead worship in song. Confession will also be available! The hour will conclude with benediction, and our Young Adult Ministry will lead a group for fellowship at Olive Black after!

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

HISPANIC YOUNG ADULT PROFESSIONAL SPEAKER SERIES

presents

What Is the Cost of Religious Liberty?

Join us for an enlightening evening with **Ruben Quezada,** acclaimed author of *For Greater Glory: The Story of the Cristiada*, as he delves into the gripping tale of the Catholic Church's persecution in 20th century Mexico. Gain insights into the challenges faced when religious liberty is threatened, and learn how to stand firm in the face of adversity.



Tuesday, May 28, 2024
6:30 – 8 p.m.

St. Frances Xavier Warde School
(next door to Holy Name Cathedral)
751 N. State St., Chicago
Please enter through the courtyard.
Free parking at 14 W. Superior (enter eastbound on Superior).

Food and drinks will be served. Must be 21+.
Q & A session to follow. **Scan code to register.**
Questions? Contact Al Castillo at 312.534.7880 or **acastillo@archchicago.org**.



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/more info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Eucharistic Prayer Companion

Pentecost: Rekindling the Flame

THE GRACE I SEEK: to be empty of self so that I can be filled with Holy Spirit

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Pause for a few moments, and allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Realize that, at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive his loving gaze. You are his beloved child. Rest in his loving gaze.

Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

ASK FOR THE GRACE: Lord, I ask you for the grace to have a Marian heart, ready to welcome the Holy Spirit so that you can dwell within me and guide me to serve my brothers and sisters without counting the cost.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — *Read slowly, 3–4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.*

> **"When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the house where they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:1–4)**

REFLECTION QUESTION — *Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.*

In the midst of the upper room, Our Lady sat among the disciples and with them experienced the powerful overshadowing of the Holy Spirit. And this was not the first time the Spirit of God descended upon her. She is truly a Temple of the Holy Spirit, and she wants to help us! Ask Mary to help you identify ways that you can allow for more space in your mind and heart for the Holy Spirit to guide you. What expectations, ideas, or false conceptions might you be able to leave behind so that, like the Apostles, you can be set on fire with God's love and proclaim the Gospel in new ways?

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — *Read slowly, 3–4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.*

> **"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord." (John 20:19–20)**

REFLECTION QUESTION — *Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.*

When Jesus appeared to his Apostles after the Resurrection, he offered them peace, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit. How can I allow God's peace to quiet all the fears about the present and future that are in my heart? Ask Our Lady to help you identify some concrete steps you can take to let the Holy Spirit guide your choices. *Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.*

CLOSING PRAYER — O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Pentecost Sunday)

SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer your desire to be a living temple of the Holy Spirit, allowing Jesus' Spirit to guide you in all things.

LOVE IN ACTION — In a moment when you are tempted to follow self-will, ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help lead you to all that is true, good, and beautiful—not only for your sake but also for the sake of authentically loving the people God has placed in your life.

Gospel Reflection

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." John 20:21–23

Reconciled and Filled by the Holy Spirit



Happy Pentecost! Today, throughout the world, our Church celebrates the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' first followers and upon all of us. Why do we need the Holy Spirit in our lives? This is an important question to ponder. Today, as always, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit work as One God. It is the Father Who wills that we be reconciled to Him; it was the Son Who made this reconciliation possible; and it is the Holy Spirit Who now accomplishes the completion of this act in our lives. At the heart of that gift of salvation is the remission of our sins. The passage above clearly reveals to us that Jesus bestowed a unique gift of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, His first bishops, entrusting them with the ability to forgive sins in His name and by His power.

As we celebrate Pentecost, it is a good opportunity to prayerfully consider the action of the Holy Spirit in your life. One of the greatest ways that the Holy Spirit is potentially active in your life is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through that Sacrament, the Holy Spirit draws you to the Father and enables you to see and understand His perfect will, living more fully in union with the Son as a member of His Body.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are some of the other ways that the Holy Spirit helps us in our Christian walk. However, these gifts would be ineffective in our lives if we did not first receive the gift of forgiveness given through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. That is the first and most foundational action of the Holy Spirit and opens the door to every other gift. Perhaps that is why Jesus' first bestowal of the Holy Spirit focused upon the power given to His Apostles to forgive sins in His name.

Once we are reconciled to the Father and begin to live in a state of grace, the Holy Spirit will continue to deepen His relationship with us and bestow His help upon us for our Christian journey. This especially happens through the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts most affecting our intellect are the Gifts of Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge. Wisdom helps us to understand the inner life of the Trinity more clearly. Understanding helps us to make sense of our lives and mission in the light of the Gospel. Knowledge helps us make practical decisions in accord with God's will.

The gifts of Fear of the Lord and Piety assist us in our love of God. Fear of the Lord helps us to see how our actions help or hinder our relationship with God, helping to motivate us to avoid all that harms this relationship and choose all that strengthens it. Piety helps us to see the great dignity and beauty of God and enables us to have a deep reverence for Him and for all of His people.

Counsel and Fortitude are also given by the Holy Spirit and help us to firmly move forward in faith and love. Counsel especially helps us with love of neighbor, and Fortitude adds the strength we need to do all that we are called to do in love with unwavering commitment.

As we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost, reflect, today, upon the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. If you want to be open to the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life and receive the many gifts you need for your journey of faith, then begin with the most fundamental gift. Begin with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Ponder the words Jesus spoke in our Gospel today and know that by entrusting the grace to forgive sins in His name to His first priests, Jesus was also calling you to embrace that gift. The Holy Spirit wants you to be cleansed of all sin. Allow Him to do so and you will be amazed at all the grace that follows.

My glorious Lord, You promised to send the Holy Spirit upon us to lead us into all Truth and to reconcile us to the Father. You were faithful to that promise at Pentecost and now continuously bestow the Holy Spirit upon all who believe. Holy Spirit, please come upon me, especially by forgiving my sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and by filling me with Your sevenfold Gifts. Jesus, I trust in You.

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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*

Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal— Sunday, May 19



This Sunday the Little Sisters of the Poor, who are very grateful for all the support we provide them, will visit our Parish to share their vocation of hospitality to the elderly. St. Mary's Home, 2325 N. Lakewood Ave., is one of 162 Homes for the elderly poor operated by the Little Sisters in 31 countries around the world.

Acute and considerable continues to be their need for financial support. Virtually all of the current Residents of St. Mary's Home qualify for Medicaid, and a few receive meager pensions. But these modest funds cover, at best, about half of the annual expenses. The Little Sisters have ministered to thousands of elders in Chicago for 146 years. Your support will enable them to continue their mission of caring for the neediest seniors of every race and religion in a spirit of reverence and of humble service. God bless you! www.littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org



St. Alphonsus Parish has purchased a subscription to FORMED so that you, yes YOU! can receive FREE access to Bible Studies, Family Programming, Classic Spiritual Books, and more! ¡Hay programas en español también!

TO SIGN UP FREE:
1) Go to formed.org/signup
2) Type in Zip Code 60657
3) Choose St. Alphonsus
4) Fill out your Name and Email
5) YOU'RE IN!

PARA REGISTRARSE GRATIS:
1) Vaya a formed.org/signup
2) Escriba el código postal 60657
3) Elige a St. Alphonsus
4) Escriba su nombre y correo electrónico
5) ¡DISFRUTA!

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Hydrate on trips

Airports charge a lot for a bottle of water. So, bring your own bottle. Security will only let you take it inside if it's empty, so make sure to empty it before entering the airport. Then, fill it after you pass security.

Around the Archdiocese

Prayers for New Archdiocese of Chicago Priests!



Timothy Berryhill
Martin Nyberg
Andrew Panzer, SJC
Juan Vargas

Lord Jesus, you have chosen priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving.

We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising.

Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted.

And may the gift of Mary, your Mother, once given to your disciples, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father, Amen.

SVdP Donation Drive in June

Join us on Sunday, June 9, from 8:30 AM- 2 PM for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Donation Drive! Now is the time to start setting aside items to help us help our neighbors in need. All donated items stock the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift stores located in the Chicago area.

When you donate your gently used clothing and household items to our thrift stores, you are donating to a non-profit that helps those in need no matter where they come from in our communities.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores:

- Provide clothing and basic necessities to the homeless.
- Provide blankets and coats to homeless shelters.
- Provide household items and clothing to victims of fires, floods and other catastrophes.

On Donation Drive Sunday, We Will Gladly Accept:

- Gently used clothing, shoes, household items
- Small appliances
- Household decorations
- Kitchen utensils, dishes, pots, pans
- Jewelry
- Tools
- Sporting goods

Clothing should be packed in plastic bags. Household and other heavy items should be in boxes. Please wrap glassware and other fragile items in paper or bubble wrap.

The donations trailer will be parked in the St. Alphonsus parking lot from 8:30 AM-2 PM on Sunday, June 9 (convenient to mass times). Volunteers will be available to help load your items. We hope to see you there.

PLEASE NO TVS, COMPUTERS, PIANOS, BABY SEATS,

PILLOWS/MATTRESSES! THANK YOU!

PLEASE NOTE: Donations will ONLY be accepted at the donations trailer on Sunday, June 9 between the hours of 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM. Any items left outside of these times or at any other location will not be accepted. PLEASE DO NOT leave items at the church, rectory, or outside of the trailer. Thank you!

THEOLOGY ON TAP 2024

THREE PATHS TO HOLINESS: FINDING THE CENTER, ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR IMPERFECTION, REALIZING LIFE BEYOND SELF.

FOLLOWING THE 5:15PM MASS, YOUNG ADULTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE TOT IN THE HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL COURTYARD (IF WEATHER PERMITS) OR IN THE CLUBROOM WITH DINNER, TALK, AND FELLOWSHIP.

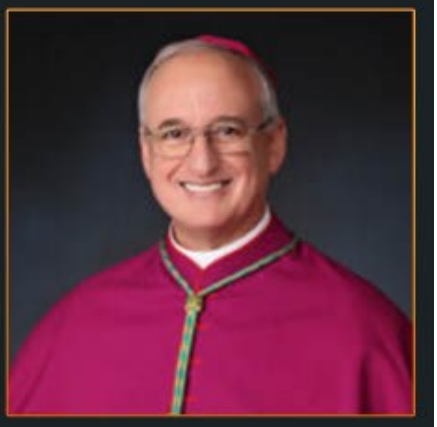
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MAY 5
DR. SCOTT MORINGIELLO



JUNE 2
FR JOSHUA CASWELL



JULY 14
BISHOP LOMBARDO



AUGUST 4
PANEL OF WITNESSES
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SEPTEMBER 8
FR TON NGUYEN & FRIENDS

IN LIGHT OF POPE FRANCIS DEDICATING 2024 TO THE YEAR OF PRAYER LEADING TO THE JUBILEE YEAR IN 2025, TOT 2024 WILL CENTER AROUND THE THEME OF PRAYER. THE OBJECTIVES ARE DRAWN FROM THE INSPIRATION FOUND IN THE BOOK "PRAYER: THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH" BY JEAN DANIELOU. HE SAYS, "PRAYER IS THE ENCOUNTER WITH THE LIVING GOD….THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CONTEMPLATION AND MISSION…. MISSION IS NOTHING OTHER THAN THE SELF-UNFOLDING OF CONTEMPLATION."

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENT, PLEASE EMAIL FR. TON AT TNGUYEN@HOLYNAMECATHEDRAL.ORG

Faith at the Movies

New film 'Jesus Thirsts' shows transformative power of the Eucharist

A new film focusing on the transformative power of the Eucharist will be hitting the big screen this June. *"Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist"* will take viewers on a journey to rediscover and revive the importance of the Eucharist through dialogue with notable Catholic figures by exploring the biblical origins of the Eucharist and sharing personal stories from those whose lives have been impacted by the Blessed Sacrament.

The film will be shown in theaters nationwide June 4, 5, and 6 through Fathom Events. Each date will consist of two showings, a 4 PM and 7 PM showing in each given time zone.

Several well-known Catholics make an appearance in the film including Father Donald Calloway, Scott Hahn, Jim Wahlberg, Curtis Martin, Chris Stefanick, Father Robert Spitzer, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, and Tim Gray, among others.

Deacon Steve Greco is the executive producer of the film. He spoke about the inspiration behind the film and what he hopes viewers will take away from it.

Greco explained that amid the ongoing Eucharistic Revival in the U.S., he felt it was "very critical that we have a movie focusing on the real presence of Jesus with top Catholic theologians and leaders across the country and across the world."

"The movie is going to change people's lives because the most important thing for us right now is to understand how much God loves us," he said. "And what the movie talks about is that Jesus is the personification of love through the Mass and through the Eucharist."

"I believe the Holy Spirit has guided us in making this movie."

He added that the film has a special focus on young adults due so many leaving the Church and their lack of belief.

"Hopefully, and we believe, they will realize that this is real. This isn't just a symbol. This isn't just a tradition. This is real. This is Jesus," Greco emphasized.

Another important demographic highlighted in the movie is the Hispanic population. Greco pointed out the fact that the Catholic Hispanic population is one of the fastest-growing populations in the Church and "is on fire in many places."



Oscar Delgado, a former NBC journalist turned film producer, who is also bilingual, speaks in Spanish in the film about an adoration chapel he helped build in Chicago, which is home to the largest monstrance in the world.

Greco added that they partnered with the Knights of Columbus to add an 13-minute adjunctive film, produced by the Knights of Columbus, titled *"Our Lady of Guadalupe: Woman of the Eucharist."*

The short film will air after *"Jesus Thirsts"* and explores the centrality of the Eucharist in that famous Marian apparition.

Greco shared that he has three hopes for what people will take away from watching this movie: that people know how much they are loved by Jesus, that they go to Mass more frequently, and that more people will feel called to go to adoration and, because of this, that there will be an increase in religious vocations.

"To have Eucharistic adoration changes you," Greco said. "We know for a fact that many vocations come from Eucharistic adoration.

He added: "So we hope there's an uptick, if not a dramatic uptick, in religious vocations that come out of this film. We hope that the attendance at church, the attendance at adoration, the prayer life is transformed and that people, again, are transformed by the love of Jesus."

"We really believe that every priest, every deacon, every bishop, every Catholic needs to see this."

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