



# Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 30, 2023: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



*"I am the gate.*

*Whoever enters through me will be saved,  
and will come in and go out and find pasture." (Jn 10:9)*

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Mass Schedule

**Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri** 8:30 AM  
**Wed** 6:00 PM  
**Sunday** 9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 (Spanish)  
and 5 PM

### Alphonsus Academy & Center For the Arts

**Friday** 8:30 AM or as announced

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday** 6:30–7:30 PM

### Confessions

**Wednesday** 6:30–7:30 PM  
**Saturday** 11:00–12:00 PM

*\*Or call one of the priests for an appointment*

# Worship

## This Week's Readings

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

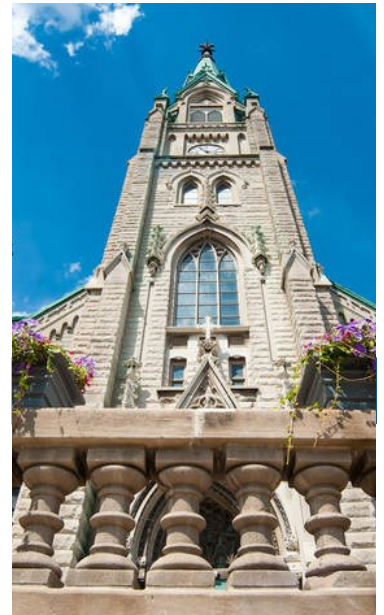
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

### Please Pray for the Sick

Emilia Hurtado	Mary Perisin
Bernard Zapp	Judy Fredrickson
Dorothy Bonds	Tracy Duda
Jamie Wallett	Jacob Duda
Sandra Wilson	Dorothy O'Brien
Monica Alexis Rios	Ryan Meadow
Margaret Nichols	Danny Browder
Maria Eisler	Carol Kania
Tessa Sergent	Juanita Ramirez
Diane Mareci	
Fidel Mercado	
Chavez	

### Welcome to the Parish!

Elizabeth &  
Paul Houillon  
Ava  
  
Nora Marino  
  
Michael Spangler  
  
Monica Mackie  
  
Tatiana Badra  
Bianca  
Eila  
  
Maura McShane &  
Joseph Gildein  
Elliot  
  
David & Manasi  
Cocagne  
Annika  
Ellora  
  
Meghan Cordier  
  
Nathan Blanchette



### WEDDING BANNERS

**Kristin Duewerth  
and  
Mario Avelo**

### Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Gryffin Joseph Godfryt  
  
Diego Perez  
  
Matias Perez  
  
Lucas Mora  
  
Paulina Mora

### Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount:

\$15,218

Offertory for 4/23: \$12,276

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



### At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Beth Murphy

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, April 30

9:00 AM +Ukrainian women, Maria, Iryna, Kateryna,  
Anna, Maria, Stefa, Sophia

11:00 AM +Betty Roberts

12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

5:00 PM +Paul Eck

### Monday, May 1

8:30 AM +David Szekely

### Tuesday, May 2

8:30 AM +Raymond Wagner

### Wednesday, May 3

6:00 PM +Chris Lueke

### Thursday, May 4

8:30 AM +Denise Webber

### Friday, May 5

8:30 AM +Charlotte Macha

### Sunday, May 7

9:00 AM +Richard Meindl

11:00 AM +Natividad Velasco

12:30 PM +Manuel and Maria Naula

5:00 PM +Colette Marie Morris



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# News and Events

## Baptisms



Baptism is a fundamental sacrament for Christians. It is a sacrament of initiation that unites us to Christ's mystical body, incorporates us into the Church, and marks the beginning of the Christian journey. Without baptism we cannot participate in the full sacramental life of the Church.

In the sacraments we concretely and most visibly encounter God's grace—life reunited with life.

If you are interested in having your child baptized at St. Alphonsus, please contact Kaitlin Holyk at

[weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church](mailto:weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church)

For adult baptisms contact Brooks Robinson at [brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church](mailto:brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church)

## Marriage at St. Alphonsus



The love between two people is a gift from God. The commitment you make to be together for the rest of your lives is sealed before the community and

God during the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. If you are recently engaged and planning to get married (either at St. Alphonsus Church or out of town) please review the Marriage page on our website and reach out to Kaitlin Holyk at [weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church](mailto:weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church)

## Serve as a Wedding Coordinator!

Are you looking to get more involved in our parish? St. Alphonsus is currently looking for wedding coordinators to join our team. Being part of the Wedding Ministry is a rewarding opportunity, fun, and all volunteers receive a stipend for their time. For more information contact Kaitlin Holyk

## Friends Through Faith

The newly formed Friends Through Faith Adult Social Group is beginning to foster essential faith-filled

connections and build our St. Alphonsus community through fellowship and fun. Connecting with other parishioners can lead to lasting friendships, fruitful ministries, or even just a friendly wave and smile the next time you attend Mass.

We are creating small groups, charity/service opportunities, outings and friendships out of this community and would love more parishioners joining us. If you'd like more information, please email Amy [amykeefner@gmail.com](mailto:amykeefner@gmail.com)

We meet the last Sunday of every month following the 11 AM mass in the Rectory. To register for the May 28th gathering, please email Amy Keefner.

## 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](mailto: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, [samuellaaronmosley@gmail.com](mailto:samuellaaronmosley@gmail.com) for more info.

## Volunteer at St. Alphonsus!

Our Cleaning Angels Ministry will be serving our parish on Saturday, May 6 from 9–10:30 AM. All parishioners are invited to join us as we help to clean and beautify our Saint Alphonsus Church! It is our duty as good Catholics to be of service to our faith community and our local parish! All cleaning products provided; no online sign-up; simply come to the Church in the morning.

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# Stewardship—First Fruits



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](http://www.givecentral.org/location/39)

# 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 23-28. 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 [vocations.archchicago.org/events/totus-tuus/what-is-totus-tuus](https://vocations.archchicago.org/events/totus-tuus/what-is-totus-tuus)

The price is only \$75 per child for an entire week!

Register on our parish GiveCentral page at

[www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/32872](https://www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/32872)

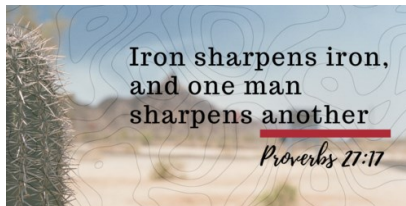
Any parent or parishioner interested in volunteering with Totus Tuus should contact Erica Cook, [ecook@stalphonsuschicago.church](mailto:ecook@stalphonsuschicago.church)

## Walking With Purpose Women's Group



Our women's bible study group hosts our last meeting this **Tuesday May 2 from 9:30—11 AM and 6:30—8 PM**. Walking With Purpose will then be taking a break until October 2023. Contact Susan Combes at [suecombes@hotmail.com](mailto:suecombes@hotmail.com)

## St. Alphonsus Men's Group Thursday Evenings



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

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

We meet every Thursday night at 7 PM in the rectory. Food and drinks provided. All men are welcome, with most men being in their 20s and 30s. Access can be gained at the west facing rectory door in the parking lot. For questions or more information, contact Peter Tighe, [peter.tigue@gmail.com](mailto:peter.tigue@gmail.com)

## Chicago's Got Sisters



Chicago's Got Sisters will be held in-person on Friday, May 19 beginning at 5 PM. through Saturday, May 20 at 7 p.m. This is a discernment opportunity for single Catholic women ages 18-40 interested in exploring religious life. Participants have the chance to visit four convents and spend time

with sisters from several communities, hear their stories and ask questions. There will be prayer, personal reflection, service, shared meals and conversation. Overnight accommodations are provided. To register, visit [bit.ly/3ZyZGdd](https://bit.ly/3ZyZGdd). Questions? Contact Sr. Jess Lambert [jlambert@archchicago.org](mailto:jlambert@archchicago.org)

## Honor the Memory of a Loved One

Even though our Catholic faith can offer us comfort and consolation, losing a loved one is never easy. Memorial bequests – or remembering St. Alphonsus Parish in your will – can be a very spiritually meaningful way to honor the life of a loved one who has gone to be with the Lord. To make a bequest, you may visit our parish's Give Central page at [www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/28307](https://www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/28307) or contact our Parish Operations Director, Daniel Szymanski, via email at [dszymanski@stalphonsuschicago.church](mailto:dszymanski@stalphonsuschicago.church) or by calling 773-525-0709 ext. 2110.





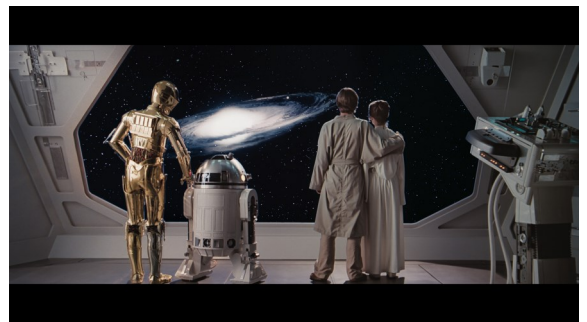
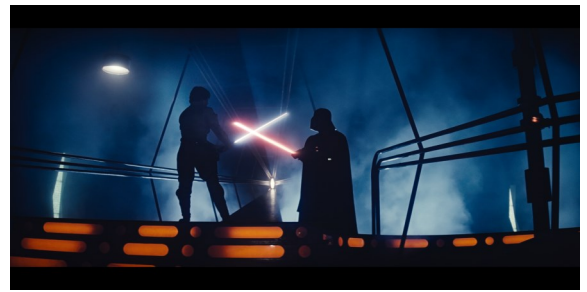
## St. Alphonsus Parish to Celebrate “National Star Wars Day”!

On May The Fourth (invoking every fan’s favorite pun), St. Alphonsus Parish, in collaboration with the Athenaeum Center for Thought & Culture, will host a special screening of *Star Wars, Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back*, in the Athenaeum’s historic main stage at 7 PM. Costumes are definitely encouraged!

Purchase a special access ticket to a Star Wars trivia contest at 6 PM and put your Jedi mind tricks and galactic knowledge to the test

Movie and Trivia tickets are now on sale at [athenaeumcenter.org/events/2023/may-the-fourth-2/](https://athenaeumcenter.org/events/2023/may-the-fourth-2/)

**May the Fourth Be with You!**



Deacon Kevin Gregus, former parishioner of St. Alphonsus and classmate of our Deacon Michael Mehninger, originally wrote this reflection in the June 26, 2022 bulletin of his teaching parish, St. Paul of the Cross. Used by permission.

Movies are full of instances of self-sacrifice. Harry Stamper in *Armageddon*, T-800 in *Terminator 2: Judgement Day*, and Boromir in *The Fellowship of the Ring*, to name a few, all willfully choose to give up their own lives for another. They recognize some cause greater than themselves that they give all to ensure that it comes to completion. None of these come close as a perfect analogy to Jesus Christ, but they can point to the nature of sacrifice. When we see it in our lives, we can set ourselves toward it like Jesus does towards Jerusalem.

Perhaps you’ve been watching the new *Kenobi* show. I think Obi-Wan Kenobi’s sacrifice in *Star Wars* is one of the best examples. After watching over Luke Skywalker on a distant planet and guiding him on his quest towards finding his place in the galaxy, Kenobi finds himself fighting with his former pupil, Darth Vader. He remarks that Vader cannot defeat him, warning him, “If

you strike me down, I shall become more powerful than you can possibly imagine.” Not only is he defending Luke and his friends as they escape, but he will continue as a teacher after he dies. He eventually allows Vader to kill him so that Luke can be free and eventually strengthened.

There is, however, a major difference between Kenobi and Christ, besides the obvious lack of divinity in the former. Obi-Wan, appearing as a Force ghost, tells Luke that the only way he can complete his Jedi training is to strike down and kill the evil that is Darth Vader. He sees Vader as irredeemable, that the man he was before was killed by Vader and the dark side of the Force.

Jesus, on the other hand, spends extended time among the broken and marginalized. He does not seek vengeance, even when full villages reject him. Belief in this redemption is essential. Sacrifice is a beautiful thing, but its true value is seen when we believe that redemption is possible. It’s then that we can participate in sacrifice and salvation, and we point people to the One who offers it.





# Theology of the Body

## Echo Retreat 2023

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THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CAMP

ECHO is a dynamic and immersive Catholic retreat experience of St. John Paul II's landmark teaching called the Theology of the Body. This year, ECHO Chicago is geared towards young adults. ECHO is not just an intellectual exercise, but a journey into the heart where we discover the "distant echo" of God's plan for life and love from the very beginning.

Focused on identity, prayer, vocation, relationships and the Catholic Church's teachings on human sexuality, participants are invited into a new level of freedom to be the gift that God has called them to be. ECHO Chicago will be an overnight

retreat that begins on **Friday evening, June 23 and concludes on Sunday evening, June 25.**

**St. Alphonsus pastor Rev. Steven Bauer will be chaplain of the ECHO retreat.**

**WHEN:** June 23-25, 2023

**Where:** Casa Iskali, Our Lady of Guadalupe Campus, 9430 W. Golf Rd. Des Plaines

For more info and to register, visit

<https://pvm.archchicago.org/human-dignity-solidarity/respect-life-chastity-education/events>



MAY IS  
MENTAL  
HEALTH  
MONTH

### Help Create a Kinder, More Inclusive World!

Recognizing and understanding emotions is essential to help us build awareness of feelings and improve our ability to manage reactions and interactions with others. When you lose control of your emotions, you may do or say something you'll regret later. Emotions can be overwhelming and intense—it's part of being human.

Not all pain is physical. Not all wounds are visible. You never know what people are going through and especially during these times. Be kind to yourself and to others!

## Around the Archdiocese

### St. Vincent de Paul— Bundle Sunday



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Chicago provides services to individuals and families in our communities during tough times

and provide tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis.

On **Sunday May 7 from 9 AM-2 PM**, St. Benedict, 2215 W. Irving Park Rd, will be hosting a clothing drive in support of the St. Vincent de Paul society. Now is the time to start setting aside items to help us help our neighbors in need!

They will gladly be accepting:

- Gently used clothing, shoes, household items
- Furniture
- Small Appliances

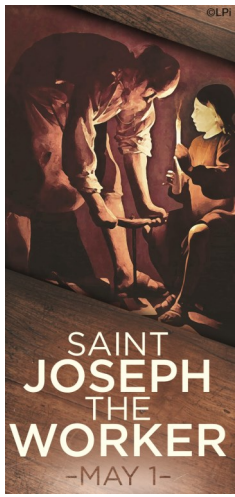
- Household Decorations
- Kitchen Utensils, Dishes, Pots, Pans
- Jewelry
- Tools
- Sporting Goods, including bikes

*Please, no TVs, Computers, Pianos, Baby Seats, or Pillows/Mattresses!*

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

The trailer will be parked in the St. Ben's courtyard throughout the day and convenient to Mass times. Volunteers will be available to help unload your items.

St. Alphonsus will be having a clothing drive in support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Fall season, dates TBD.



# Know Your Saints

## St. Joseph the Worker— Feast Day May 1

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph’s carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: “the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society.”

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, “The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work.”

## Safe Families for Children

### Safe Families Symposium

A panel on Safe Families,  
Foster Care and Adoption

Sunday, May 7 | 5pm

\*Register Online



### Safe Families Panel on Foster Care and Adoption

Another Safe Families partner church in Chicago is having a "Safe Families Symposium" panel discussion on Sunday, May 7th @ 5 PM - and it's only 20 min from St. Alphonsus! This is a great way for prospective volunteers to learn more about Safe Families, meet other volunteers, and see what it looks like to be involved. Register here: <https://parkcommunitychurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1642711>

Sunday, May 7, 2023 | 5 - 6:30 PM  
Park Community Church - Forest Glen  
4920 W. Foster Ave. Chicago, IL 60630

### Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Here is a terrific French recipe for your indulgence.

#### Entrecote au Poivre

- 2 high quality boneless steaks
- 2 T roughly cracked peppercorns
- 2 T unsalted butter
- ½ C heavy cream
- 1 oz. brandy

Pound peppercorns into both sides of steaks. (It is even better if this is done the day before.) Melt butter in a heavy skillet. Add steaks and sauté until steaks are at your level of doneness. (Use tongs to turn the steaks. A fork will polk holes and let the delicious juices run out.) Salt to taste. Pour in brandy and ignite the brandy. Let the alcohol in the brandy burn out. (This is very dramatic.) Remove steaks and keep them warm on a platter in the oven at 200°.

Pour cream into the skillet. Heat while gently scraping bottom of pan with the front edge of a spatula to mix the cream with the gunk from the bottom of the skillet. When cream thickens and darkens from the residue from the skillet, pour sauce over steaks.

# Gospel Reflection

## Hope and Invitation— Good Shepherd Sunday

*“The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.”*

—John 10:3-4

In his message for the 50th World Day of Prayer for Vocations (which is celebrated each year on the 4th Sunday of Easter) Pope Benedict XVI observed, “Hope is the expectation of something positive in the future, yet at the same time it must sustain our present existence, which is often marked by dissatisfaction and failures ... To have hope, therefore, is the equivalent of trusting in God who is faithful, who keeps the promises of the covenant.”

This sense of hope is at the heart of this week’s Gospel which places before us one of the greatest biblical images of God’s faithful care and mercy: the Good Shepherd. The Evangelist John uses the image of the Good Shepherd to illustrate the intimate way Christ knows each of us — the flock entrusted to his care — and how, like a faithful shepherd, he constantly watches over us and lifts us up.

The most important point of this Sunday’s Gospel is that eternal life is the Good Shepherd’s gift. Through Jesus and because he has given his life for “his flock,” we have an abundance of life. While it seems so simple, this fundamental Christian belief is one that we can often take for granted. And that is unfortunate, because this Gospel also includes an unspoken invitation for us: listen to the Shepherd’s voice.

Accepting that gift of “abundant life” means that we listen to and follow the direction of our Shepherd. We can see this lived out in the preaching and witness of Peter and the other Apostles (in this Sunday’s first reading and throughout the Acts of the Apostles) as they remind the people of Jerusalem that God is calling them to do and be more in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit blessed the Church with many new members through the obedient service of the Apostles. We have to have the same obedient spirit if we want to see the Church continue to grow in our own time.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we ask God to bless the Church with an increase in men and women willing to serve the Kingdom as priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters. But the readings also remind us that each of us (and not only our pastors and religious) has a vocation

follow the example of the Shepherd and listen to his commands by building up the Church as we promote what Henri Nouwen has called the “three spiritual qualities of the resurrected life”: unity, intimacy, and integrity. “We are called to break through the boundaries of nationality, race, sexual orientation, age, and mental capacities and create a unity of love that allows the weakest among us to live well” (from *The Road to Daybreak*), [www.henrinouwen.org/read/the-road-to-daybreak/](http://www.henrinouwen.org/read/the-road-to-daybreak/)

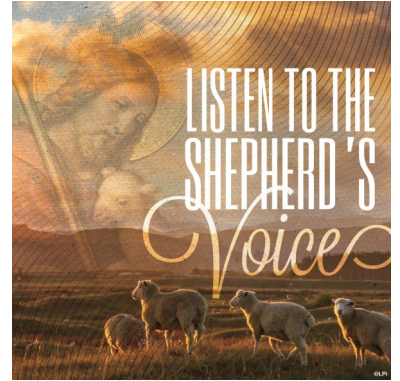
While we can (and should) take comfort in the Shepherd’s provident care and protection — and the gift of abundant life that he offers us — we can only say we truly know this Good Shepherd if we are willing to listen to his voice and follow his commands in our daily lives. As we continue our Easter celebrations, we would do well to remember the words of Saint Cyril of Alexandria, “The mark of Christ’s sheep is their willingness to hear and obey... People who hear God’s voice are known by him.”

— Bro. Silas Henderson, S.D.S.

### PRAYER

*Almighty ever-living God,  
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,  
so that the humble flock may reach  
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

(from *The Roman Missal*)




### Joining St. Alphonsus Parish

*St. Alphonsus welcomes all community members on their faith journey! Just moved in the area? Coming back to practicing our Catholic faith? You will want to learn about all the events going on at our parish. If you are not receiving our weekly parish newsletter in your email, contact Mario Serrano at [mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.church](mailto:mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.church)*

*You can officially register to join the parish at [www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors](http://www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors)*



# May Calendar

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	<b>1</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> AA Daily Reflections Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Faith Group <b>7:00 PM</b> AACA School Board Meeting	<b>2</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Walking With Purpose <b>4:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>6:15 PM</b> Religious Education <b>6:30 PM</b> Walking With Purpose <b>6:30 PM</b> Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Philosophy Forum	<b>3</b> <b>1:45 PM</b> Brownie Scouts—2nd <b>7:00 PM</b> Young Adult Book Club <b>8:00 PM</b> Men's Group Vespers	<b>4</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Women's Faith Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Men's Faith Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Small Faith Group <b>6:00 PM</b> May the Fourth Star Wars Trivia and Movie Event 	<b>5</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Men's Group Adoration	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Cleaning Angels <b>1:00 PM</b> <i>First Communion— RE</i>
<b>7</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> <i>First Communion— AACA</i> <b>6:00 PM</b> YAM Board Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Big Book AA Meeting	<b>8</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> AA Daily Reflections Group <b>3:00 PM</b> Junior Scouts— 4th <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Faith Group <b>7:30 PM</b> Knights of Columbus Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>6:15 PM</b> Religious Education— Last 2022-2023 Session <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Philosophy Forum	<b>10</b> <b>1:45 PM</b> Brownie Scouts—1st <b>7:00 PM</b> Young Adult Book Club <b>8:00 PM</b> Men's Group Vespers	<b>11</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> AACA Ducky Derby— Kids <b>10:45 AM</b> Church Tour <b>2:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts Blue and Gold Ceremony <b>6:00 PM</b> Leonine Forum Chicago Mass <b>6:30 PM</b> Women's Faith Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Men's Faith Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Small Faith Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Marriage Information Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> AACA Ducky Derby— Kids <b>6:30 PM</b> AACA Ducky Derby— Adults	<b>13</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Diaconate Ordination at Mundelein Seminary
<b>14</b> <i>Catholic Charities Special Collection— Mother's Day</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> Big Book AA Meeting	<b>15</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> AA Daily Reflections Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Faith Group	<b>16</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Philosophy Forum	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Young Adult Book Club <b>8:00 PM</b> Men's Group Vespers	<b>18</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts Bridge Ceremony <b>6:30 PM</b> Women's Faith Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Men's Faith Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Small Faith Group	<b>19</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> AACA Mass for Grandparent's Day	<b>20</b> <i>Priesthood Ordination at Holy Name Cathedral 10 AM— Noon</i> <b>5:00 PM</b> Ordination Reception in Festival Hall

## Pope Francis May Intention For Church Movements and Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



# ANNUAL VOCATIONS APPEAL

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday, April 30

We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church. Please pray for an increase in vocations in the Archdiocese of Chicago!

## Mass and Adoration with Cardinal Blase Cupich Friday, May 12, 5:30–7 p.m. Holy Name Cathedral

All are invited to pray for vocations and all those who will be ordained.

If you have questions regarding your vocation, please contact Fr. Tim Monahan at 847.531.0148 or [tmonahan@archchicago.org](mailto:tmonahan@archchicago.org).

## May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>21</b> <i>Father Michael Mehringer's First Mass 9AM</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> Big Book AA Meeting	<b>22</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> AA Daily Reflections Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Faith Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting	<b>23</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Philosophy Forum <b>7:00 PM</b> Finance Council Meeting	<b>24</b> <b>1:45 PM</b> Brownie Scouts—3rd <b>6:30 PM</b> AACA Arts Together Celebration <b>7:00 PM</b> Young Adult Book Club <b>8:00 PM</b> Men's Group Vespers	<b>25</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Safe Families for Children Resource Closet 7th/8th Grade Service <b>6:30 PM</b> Women's Faith Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Men's Faith Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Small Faith Group	<b>26</b> <i>AACA— Professional Development Day; No School</i> <b>7:30 PM</b> Praise and Adoration	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Big Book AA Meeting	<b>29</b> <i>Memorial Day AACA No School Rectory Closed</i>	<b>30</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>5:30 PM</b> AACA Graduation Dinner/ Tailgate <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Philosophy Forum	<b>31</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> AACA Pin Day Mass <b>1:45 PM</b> Brownie Scouts—2nd <b>7:00 PM</b> Young Adult Book Club			



## 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](http://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](mailto:stalphonsusyam@gmail.com)

The **Knights of Columbus** are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. For more information, visit [www.stalphonsusknights.com](http://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](http://www.stalphonsuschicago.org/baptism)

[www.stalphonsuschicago.org/marriage](http://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

### Parish Office

1429 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121  
(P): 773-525-0709 |  
[www.stalphonsuschicago.org](http://www.stalphonsuschicago.org)  
[parish@stalphonsuschicago.church](mailto:parish@stalphonsuschicago.church)

### Parish Office Hours:

**9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri**  
**9:00 AM— 7:30 PM Tue, Thurs**

### School Office

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

### School Office Hours:

**8:00 AM— 3:00 PM**

## Staff

### Parish Staff

**Rev. Steven Bauer**, Pastor  
**Rev. Patrick Gorman**, Associate Pastor  
**Brooks Robinson**, Pastoral Associate  
**Brian Bloye**, Director of Music and Organist  
**Erica Cook**, Coordinator of Religious Education  
**Daniel Szymanski**, Director of Operations  
**Mario Serrano**, Parish Office Manager  
**Kaitlin Holyk**, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator

### School Staff

**Gerit McAllister**, Principal  
**Angela Kladis**, Assistant Principal  
**Mary Bodlak**, Director of Admissions  
**Kim Walleth**, Secretary  
**Connie Del Toral**, Administrative Assistant