



# Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 21, 2024: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## 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

*Jesus said:*

*“I am the good shepherd.*

*A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”*

*(Jn 10:11)*

# Worship

## This Week's Readings

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
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 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

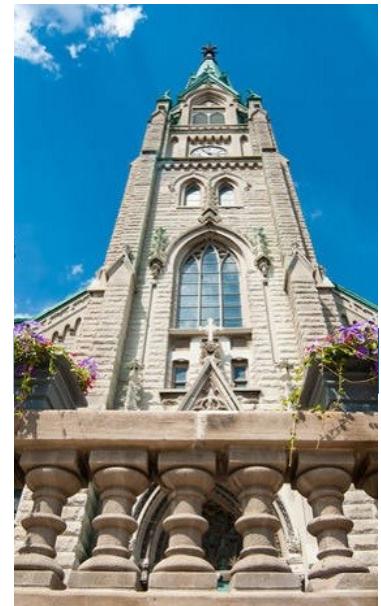
**Please Pray for the Sick**  
Dorothy Bonds  
Jamie Wallett  
Monica Alexis Rios  
Margaret Nichols

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



**WEDDING BANNS**  
Kaitlin Ann Holyk  
and  
Nicholas Dale Knoth

## Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount:  
\$14,890

Offertory for 4/14:  
\$13,500

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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*A very special congratulations to Kaitlin and Nick! Kaitlin was a wonderful employee of St. Alphonsus as rectory secretary and Wedding ministry leader from 2020—2023.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, April 21

9:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus  
11:00 AM +Juan Perilla  
12:30 PM +Josefina Anaya Guerrero  
5:00 PM Kaitlin and Nicholas Knoth

### Monday, April 22

8:30 AM +Mariya, Iryna, Paraska Petryshyn and the relatives

### Tuesday, April 23

8:30 AM Keaton Pellino

### Wednesday, April 24

6:00 PM +Jason Wantland

### Thursday, April 25

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

### Friday, April 26

8:30 AM +Patrick David Saieh

### Saturday, April 27

8:30 AM Edward Frank Marsalek (Birthday Blessings)

### Sunday, April 28

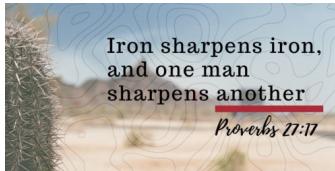
9:00 AM +The Ives Family  
11:00 AM +Martha Victoria Bourquardez  
12:30 PM +Larry Jones and Kathleen Jacobs  
5:00 PM Charlotte Hudson

# News and Events

## 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 and Young People's Big Book. Daily Reflections meets on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM in the rectory Dining room. Contact Lauren Merrill Sammis, [lauren.merrill@live.com](mailto:lauren.merrill@live.com) for more information. Young People's Big Book meets Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the Festival Hall. Please contact Samuel at [samuelaaronmosley@gmail.com](mailto:samuelaaronmosley@gmail.com) for more info.

## 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](mailto:divineofficers@gmail.com)

## Eucharistic Adoration: A Source for Peace:

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



## Wednesday Evening Men's Vespers

Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday at 8:15-9 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door) It's a great way to take your spiritual life a step further as we enrich our knowledge of the faith, encourage each other in life's challenges, and grow in fortitude together. We chant the Liturgy of the Hours, share reflections on the upcoming Sunday gospel reading, followed by a social with refreshments, fellowship, and conversation. All men of the parish are invited. Questions or more info, contact James Morrow, [jemseoul@hotmail.com](mailto:jemseoul@hotmail.com)

*Our St. Alphonsus Men's Group is hosting a Holy Hour of silent adoration on Friday, May 3, from 7:30—8:30 PM in the church. All parishioners are invited to be in the presence of our Lord during this hour, and confessions will also be heard.*

## At the Athenaeum

### Film and Culture Series



With the rise of streaming services and smartphones as entertainment devices, movies have lost their communal and cultural significance, and become just another channel for isolated, click-bait entertainment. In this series, Ross Douthat presents a comprehensive understanding for the causes of decline, why we should care, and what we can do to reclaim the cultural common ground that film has the power to provide. [athenaeumcenter.org/watch/film-and-culture-series-season-01/](http://athenaeumcenter.org/watch/film-and-culture-series-season-01/)

### With This Light— May 10 at 7 PM



During her 70 years as a nun, Sister Maria Rosa Leggol helped over 87,000 Honduran children escape poverty and violence through an ecosystem of social, educational and entrepreneurial projects, inspiring an international network of supporters to expand her work. In the midst of civil wars, economic collapse and natural disasters, she continued her charge to help young people, such as Maria and Rosa, break familial cycles of poverty and

violence to create lives of their own. *With This Light* poetically interweaves the compelling present-day stories of these teenagers with the epic life and noble actions of Sister Maria Rosa. **Join for a screening of the film + a conversation directly after with Executive Producer, Jessica Sarowitz. Tickets are \$10**

[athenaeumcenter.org/events/2024/with-this-light](http://athenaeumcenter.org/events/2024/with-this-light)

# 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).

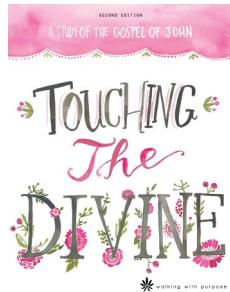
A huge thank you to those that are already giving online. Please consider making St. Alphonsus an extension of your home and family when contributing.

Sign up at [www.givecentral.org/location/39](http://www.givecentral.org/location/39)

## Faith Formation

### Walking with Purpose

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



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

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

Saint John referred to himself as “the disciple whom Jesus loved,” and as we study, John will teach us how much Jesus loves us and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls. Questions? Contact Susan Combes at [smbcombes51@gmail.com](mailto:smbcombes51@gmail.com)

## Know Your Saints

### Saints to Invoke For Specific Intentions

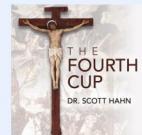
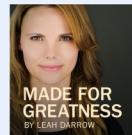
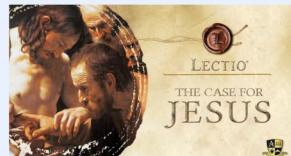
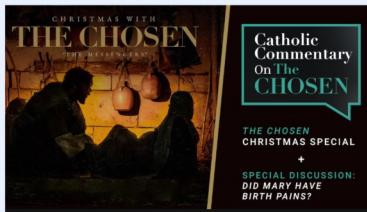
All saints are named as “patrons” for various causes. A saint is way more than their patronage, but sometimes we just need a saint in our lives who can pray for us in a particular way. Here are some examples:

- ◊ For the universal Church and all fathers (dads) --- St. Joseph
- ◊ For those suffering from anxiety, depression, and other forms of mental illness --- St. Dymphna
- ◊ For victims of any form of abuse --- St. Monica
- ◊ For headaches --- St. Teresa of Avila (also a Doctor of the Church)
- ◊ For those too sick to care for themselves --- St. Roch
- ◊ For the poor --- St. Lawrence
- ◊ For protection from fire --- St. Agatha
- ◊ For those struggling with doubt --- St. Thomas the Apostle (“Doubting Thomas”)
- ◊ For “hopeless causes” --- St. Jude (Thaddeus)
- ◊ For athletes --- St. Sebastian
- ◊ For musicians --- St. Cecilia
- ◊ For artists --- St. Catherine of Bologna
- ◊ For students --- St. John Bosco and St. Benedict
- ◊ For speakers and philosophers --- St. Justin Martyr
- ◊ For travelers --- St. Christopher
- ◊ For friendships --- St. John the Evangelist
- ◊ For mothers --- St. Anne (mother of Mary)
- ◊ For adopted children --- St. Thomas More
- ◊ For farmers & rural communities --- St. Isidore the Farmer
- ◊ For bakers --- St. Nicholas
- ◊ For fisherman --- St. Andrew
- ◊ For physicians --- St. Luke





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## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

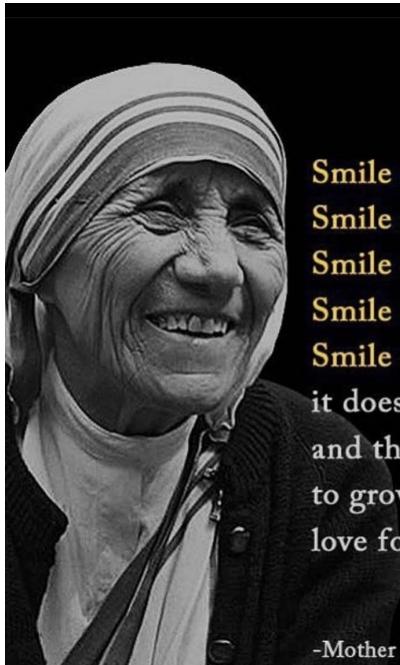
World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
 Sunday, April 21

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  
 Bishop Mark Bartosic  
 Friday, May 10, 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).



Smile at each other  
 Smile at your wife  
 Smile at your husband  
 Smile at your children  
 Smile at each other  
 it doesn't matter who it is  
 and that will help you  
 to grow up in greater  
 love for each other.

-Mother Teresa

## Around the Archdiocese



Join the Archdiocese of Chicago in its ongoing commitment to the ministry of protecting children at the Annual Prayer Service for Child Abuse Prevention. The service will take place on Thursday, April 25 at 11 AM at the Archdiocese of Chicago's Healing Garden (1080 W. Roosevelt Rd, Chicago), and will be presided by Fr. Aaron Bohr, SJ, with Catholic Schools Superintendent Greg Richmond. Participants will be invited to plant a pinwheel (symbol of child abuse prevention efforts) during the service.

Blossoms of Hope Brunch takes place on Sunday, April 28 from 11 AM-2 PM at the Westin Chicago in Lombard. Plan to attend this inspiring, annual gathering of friends and supporters of Catholic Charities LOSS program. The keynote speaker will be award-winning author and investigative reporter, Meg Kissinger. Learn more and get tickets at [one.bidpal.net/2024blossomsofhope/welcome](https://one.bidpal.net/2024blossomsofhope/welcome)

blossoms of hope brunch



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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# Mary Poppins

a musical



*based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney film*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 AT 6PM**  
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Director and Choreographer  
**Maria Welser**

Choreographer  
**Oksana Kuzma**

Music Director  
**Ali Arzeni**

Director  
**Virginia Brunner**

Student Directors  
**Ava Sare**  
**Megan Leonberger**

Set Designer  
**Emily Morrell**

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# Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

## Our Mission

As members of St. Alphonsus Young Adult Ministry, we walk alongside one another in faith. Our community is focused on:

- Meaningful worship, careful discernment, and prayerful reflection
- Curiosity and a thirst for the truth
- Service to one another, our church, and our city
- Lasting friendships and an invitation to fellowship and meaningful participation

## ***Co-Ed Basketball Tournament— Saturday, May 18***



3-on-3 Basketball is back!! Come join St. Alphonsus' Young Adult Ministry (YAM) for its annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament. Grab some friends and join us for one of our most exciting events of the year! The tournament will be a round-robin group play followed by a single elimination tournament for the top 6 teams. Each team is guaranteed 3 games in the group play. There is not a separate tournament for men and women so teams can be co-ed. There will be a limit of 16 teams, so sign-up before all of the spots are full. Teams are limited to 5 players. Entry is \$15. Please read the full details on the GiveCentral sign-up at [www.givecentral.org/location/39/33435](http://www.givecentral.org/location/39/33435)

## **More Young Adult News and Events Around Chicago**

Catholic Sports Leagues have their popular Kickball league on Tuesday nights, starting May 14, at Gil Park, 825 W. Sheridan. Early Bird pricing is just \$30 until April 26. This is a great way to meet new people! Sign up now at [www.catholicsportsleagues.com](http://www.catholicsportsleagues.com)

St. Michael's Church in Old Town, 1633 N. Cleveland, is hosting their "NextGen Mass" on Tuesday, May 7 at 6 PM. Immediately following is "*Finding the Right Balance*" - a chance for discussion & sharing on work/life balance & how that affects your faith life. Food & drinks provided!

Ravenswood Catholic Young Adults are hosting their annual Co-Ed 16" Softball tournament. Games are on Monday evenings, starting May 20, at Winnemac Park, 5100 N. Leavitt St. 60625. Full details and register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/rcya-softball-2024-tickets-706399739637](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/rcya-softball-2024-tickets-706399739637)

# Faith at the Movies

## *“Wildcat”, a new film about Flannery O’Connor shows ‘God can deliver His grace in any way’*

A new film depicting the life of American writer Flannery O’Connor, whose work reflected her Catholic faith and frequently examined questions of faith, morality, and suffering, will be released in theaters in May.

‘Wildcat’ follows O’Connor as she struggles with a lupus diagnosis at age 24, the same disease that took her father’s life, and dives into an exploration of beliefs. Actress Maya Hawke portrays O’Connor, and her father, Ethan Hawke, directed, co-wrote, and produced the film.

The inspiration for the movie came from Maya Hawke, who created a monologue from entries in O’Connor’s prayer journal for an audition into Juilliard, to which she was accepted. After performing her monologue for her family, they were blown away. She said that ever since, she’s had a personal connection with O’Connor and eventually asked her father to help her make the movie.

Executive producer Eric Groth, a Catholic and the CEO of Renovo Media Group and president of ODB Films, in a recent interview, said that he was drawn to the movie because “we [his company] really love to bring beautiful, good, and true stories front and center and that certainly focus on things of a Catholic nature.”

The producer shared that in his eyes, O’Connor “kind of flips grace on its head. We kind of put God in a box and

think if God is going to deliver grace it’s going to come through this really nice channel ... I think Flannery says, ‘Look, God can deliver his grace in any way, any time, any fashion.’”

He continued: “People need to know that God is there, God is present, and we can look and see that God’s grace comes from all different things.”



Groth hopes that viewers will “walk away with a tremendous appreciation” for the 20th-century Gothic-style writer.

“She saw the messiness of the world, and that messiness — God is in the midst of it, that God enters into it and that our lives are messy,” he said. “I want people to walk away seeing somebody who saw that and understood it. I want them to walk away seeing a young woman who suffered terribly from a disease that ultimately took her life, but that she pressed on.”

He added that he hopes the audience will see that “we’re called to seek that relationship with God and it’s going to be difficult at times, but also that we can be victorious and that we can look to see how God’s going to deliver grace to us in all kinds of ways.”

## *“Jesus Thirsts”, shows transformative power of the Eucharist*

“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. 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 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 to studies of many leaving the Church and a 2019 Pew Research study that unveiled a concerning reality: only 1/3 of practicing U.S. Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Learn when/where tickets will be available by signing up at [www.fathomevents.com/events/jesus-thirsts-the-miracle-of-the-eucharist/](http://www.fathomevents.com/events/jesus-thirsts-the-miracle-of-the-eucharist/)

# Gospel Reflection

*Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.” John 10:11–13*

## Instruments of the Good Shepherd

Today, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a day when we reflect upon the tender image of Jesus as the Shepherd of us all. It is also a day set aside to pray for more shepherds within our Church who will shepherd God's flock with the Heart of Christ.

Our Gospel passage comes from John 10 which, in part, is a commentary on the previous chapter that includes the long and detailed story of the healing of the blind man. Recall that Jesus healed this man who was blind from birth. He did this healing “so that the works of God might be made visible through him.” As a result of this man’s healing, the Pharisees cast the blind man out of the synagogue, not believing that Jesus’ healing was from God. After the man was cast out of the synagogue, Jesus spoke with him again and he professed his deep faith in Jesus, the true Shepherd. The healed blind man said, “I do believe, Lord.” Then he worshiped Jesus. Thus, the greater healing of this man was that he became a member of God’s flock, accepting Jesus as his true Shepherd.

Our Gospel today is Jesus’ commentary upon the actions of the Pharisees in contrast to His own. The Pharisees, as religious leaders, were not shepherds. They were “thieves and robbers” who came to “steal and slaughter and destroy.” Jesus, however, came so that those who listened to His voice “might have life and have it more abundantly.”

The Gospel passage quoted above explains why the Pharisees were not true shepherds. It was because they “work for pay” and have “no concern for the sheep.” Think about that statement as it applies to the Pharisees and their treatment of this man who was blind from birth. First of all, the “pay” that these Pharisees worked for was their own self importance—a fleeting and worldly reward. They saw themselves as the true teachers and interpreters of the Law and saw anyone

who did not follow them as a threat. The Pharisees clearly perceived Jesus as such a threat to them. For that reason, they took their envy out on this humble and simple blind man. They were not shepherds to him. They did not encourage him, support him, point him to God or act in any way as an instrument of God’s grace. Instead, they condemned this innocent and holy man out of their pride.



Though God shepherds us today through His sacred pastors, we are all called to participate in this shepherding of the Good Shepherd in our own unique way. We are called to lead those within our families, at work, at school, within our neighborhoods, social circles and in every other societal context. But too often we imitate these Pharisees by allowing our own selfishness and desire for self importance to interfere with our ability to put others first and love them with the Shepherd’s heart.

Reflect, today, upon the calling you have received to lay down your life for others in imitation of the Good Shepherd. In order to imitate this love in the Heart of Christ, we must love without seeking love in return. Laying our lives down is an act of sacrificial love that enables us to look only at the needs of those around us. Pride and selfishness must disappear, and the good of the other must become our only goal. Reflect upon how well you do this, and pray that the Good Shepherd will use you to shepherd those in your life who need it the most.

*Divine Shepherd, You came to lay down Your life for us all so that we might have life and have it to the fullest. Like the blind man You cured, I profess my belief in You and worship You. Help me to receive and imitate Your love so that I will lay my life down for others, leading them to You, their holy Shepherd. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.*

## April is World Autism Month!

autism speaks

### world autism month

following tips to support your neurodiverse neighbors, friends, and colleagues.

#### Avoid sensory overload

Sensory overload can be a significant issue for neurodiverse individuals. This can include bright lights, loud noises and strong smells. Be mindful when engaging with those neurodiverse in your life by offering to collaborate in a quiet workspace and reducing visual clutter.

#### Adapt your communication

To better accommodate neurodiverse individuals, vary your communication style and the channels you use. When working on a project together, provide clear instructions, avoid confusing language, and offer multiple channels for feedback. Consider circulating a meeting agenda in advance, or recording a meeting so those can watch again and present ideas in visual and text formats.

Fostering inclusivity helps people to thrive in a diverse world. One vital aspect of inclusivity that often goes unnoticed is neurodiversity—the recognition and acceptance of neurological differences. By embracing neurodiversity, we can foster inclusive and thriving environments that celebrate unique minds and promote the success of all individuals. Consider the

#### Foster empathy and understanding

Take time to learn about neurodiversity and the unique challenges faced by individuals with conditions such as autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and others. If you have a neurodiverse team member, listen, learn and seek to understand their experiences and perspectives.

#### Be an advocate

Stand up for your neurodiverse colleagues by challenging stereotypes and misconceptions, advocating for their needs and celebrating their unique strengths. If you see or hear something harmful or offensive, address it. Your support will not go unnoticed.

April is Autism Acceptance Month

## Understanding neurodiversity

Neurodiversity refers to the diverse ways in which people experience the world, be it at school, at work or in social settings. Neurodivergence affects 15 – 20% of the population.

Some of the most prevalent conditions among individuals who identify as neurodivergent are:

- Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
- Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- Down syndrome
- Dyscalculia
- Dysgraphia
- Dyslexia
- Dyspraxia
- Intellectual disabilities
- Mental health conditions like bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, etc.
- Prader-Willi syndrome
- Sensory processing disorders
- Social anxiety
- Tourette syndrome
- Williams syndrome

# Contact

## Sacramental Information

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

## How to Offer a Mass Intention

Have you ever noticed that every Mass said here at St. Alphonsus is offered for a special intention? The entire congregation prays for that intention during the petitions (Prayers of the Faithful) when we say,

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)

"For those who have died, and for the intention of this Mass: (named intention)"

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

**The customary offering for a Mass is \$15.**

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

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



## St. Alphonsus Social Media

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



## Directory

### 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-Fri**

### School Office

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

### School Office Hours:

**8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

## Staff

### Parish Staff

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

### School Staff

**Gerit McAllister**, Principal  
**Angela Kladis**, Assistant Principal  
**Madeleine Durkin**, Director of Admissions  
**Kim Wallett**, Secretary  
**Connie Del Toral**, Administrative Assistant