Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 20, 2024: TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



For the Son of Man did not come to be served
but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mk 10:45)

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

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: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52



Please Pray for the Sick

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

WEDDING BANNS

Elise Olsen
and
John McCormack

Rachel Handrich
and
Parmveer Kahlon

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Joseph Dyson Law

Jane Louise Gartner

Wedding Banns

II. Jessica Giannoni and Ivan Dilnyy
II. Morgan Stasell and Nicholas Greenlee
I. Kara Mahoney and Colin McKay

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 20
9:00 AM +Dolores F. Huffman
11:00 AM +Estrella and Karen Sahagun
12:30 PM +Berta Ledesma
5:00 PM +Michael {A.J} Ali Khan

Monday, October 21
8:30 AM +Bryan David Megan

Tuesday, October 22
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, October 23
6:00 PM +Jane Callachan

Thursday, October 24
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

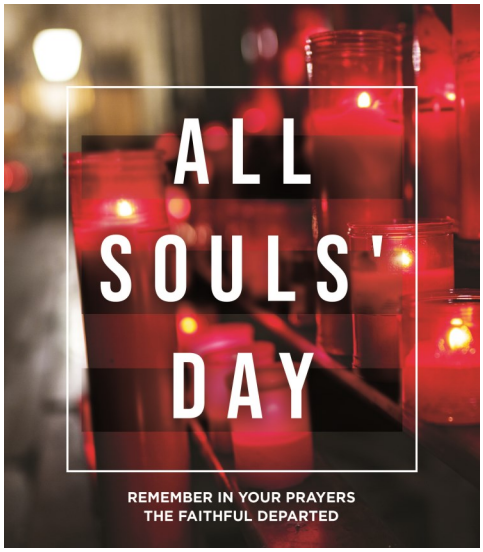
Friday, October 25
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Saturday, October 26
8:30 AM +Dolores & John P. Huffman

Sunday, October 27
9:00 AM +Ed and Mary Gobat
11:00 AM +Jon Krebsbach
12:30 PM +Amalia Flores
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

News and Events

All Souls Day— Saturday, November 2 at 5 PM



November 2nd is a special day in the life of the Church as we take time to pray for our deceased family members and friends who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith. **St. Alphonsus will be holding a special Requiem Mass on Saturday, November 2nd at 5 PM**, to pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died. Through the Sacred Liturgy, the Church invokes the forgiving love and abundant mercy of God, that He may receive all those we remember into His kingdom so they can come to know the fullness of life and peace of Heaven.

If you would like to honor a loved one who has died, go to our parish website and click on the All Souls logo or you can go to: bit.ly/stals2024allsouls All those who complete the form and make a suggested offering of $15 or more for a name will receive their designated unlit candle before Mass begins. After the homily, while the choir sings, the person will come forward in a line with their candle, light it from the Paschal Candle, and place it on the Communion rail. Additionally, our music director is arranging a special program with a men's schola singing chant in Latin and English from the traditional Requiem Mass of the Church. You can also write the names of your loved ones in the Book of the Names of the Dead, which will be available in the Church during November.

All Saints Day— Friday, Nov. 1



The Catholic Church celebrates All Saints Day on November 1. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times at St. Alphonsus will be at 8:30 AM and 7 PM.

Blood Drive

GIVE BLOOD
American Red Cross

Please consider donating life-giving blood in our Festival Hall on Sunday, November 3 from 9 AM— 2 PM! Appointments at redcrossblood.org. All donors will receive a $10 gift card via email!

Family Mass— Oct 27 at 9 AM

On Sunday, October 27, our 9 AM Mass will have our talented Alphonsus Academy student choir singing during the liturgy with friendly hospitality of coffee and donuts in the church narthex after the Mass!

Election Day is Nov. 5!

Our parish Festival Hall will be utilized as a Polling Place from 6 AM to 7 PM on Election Day.

Mass of Remembrance



On **Wednesday, November 13** at the 6:00 PM Mass, , our community will remember all babies and children lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, illness, or injury. Grief over the loss of a child is profound and long-lasting. All who have lost a child of any age, as well as those who wish to support these families, are encouraged to worship. Immediately following Mass, there will also be a special time of Eucharistic Adoration in which families can light a candle, inscribe the name of a child in a book of remembrance, or offer other personal prayers.

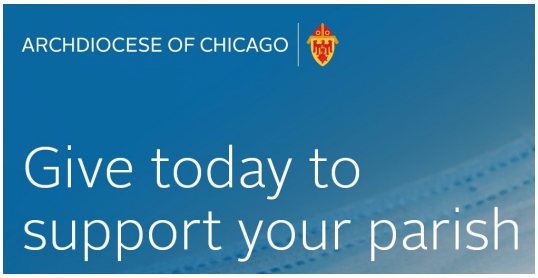
Support Aid for Women!

Aid for Women

This October, our parish is participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting Aid for Women. Aid for Women was founded over 42 years ago on the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church. Aid for Women operates four pregnancy resource centers throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. Services include pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams and confidential counseling. Please take a Baby Bottle home with you this weekend. Fill it with your spare change and return it to church next week. The bottles may be found at the exits as you leave Mass. Thank you for your support!

Stewardship— First Fruits

Stewardship— by Bishop Robert Morneau



What is this way of life,
this putting God first in all things,
this proportionate giving of everything unto the Lord,
this refusal to take more than we need?
Yesterday I met a flock of them, these stewards,
gathered to thank God for his providential love
and tell again and again the joy, the peace of giving.
It wasn't the words that touched me,
rather the quiet assurance that things were ordered,
time, talent, treasure aligned with Transcendence,
all coming from Love, lived in Love, directed toward Love.
What touched me was the rightness of this way of life,
this joyful giving, this sacrificial attitude, this sublime joy.

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.

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Offertory for 10/13: $12,802

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

Left QR code for GiveCentral; Right QR code for Venmo

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



"Go and invite everyone to the banquet." (Mt 22:19)

Today, we celebrate that the Church continues to go out to the ends of the earth with the invitation of Jesus. As we gather on World Mission Sunday, along with Catholics around the globe, our prayers and our contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith foster global missionary cooperation, enabling the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church. This includes building churches, providing healthcare and education and training future priests and religious. Let us remember that our participation and support help invite countless souls to the feast of God's love.

Thank you for going out to everyone, everyone, everyone and extending the invitation to communion with Christ. Learn more and make a donation to this special collection at wearemissionary.org/wms

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

YAM Fall Retreat; What Are You Seeking?



"What are you seeking?" That is the question we'll be pondering on our Fall Retreat! On November 2nd, all young adults (18-39 years old) are invited to join us at St. Alphonsus for a half day retreat. This event will kick off at 12 PM and end at 4:45 PM. We will be joined by Fr. Bob Regan who will offer talks on the four levels of happiness and lead us in small group discussions. Additionally, confession and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be available and we will end the retreat in time to join the 5 PM All Souls Requiem Mass.

The cost to attend this event will be $15/person. Sandwiches will be available in the afternoon with additional snacks available throughout the retreat. We ask that you sign up in advance so we can get an accurate count of attendees.
Sign up at www.givecentral.org/otp/41828

Psalms Series— Starting Monday, November 4!

He said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.'" (Lk 24:44)



Starting November 4, the Young Adult Ministry will be hosting a free 10-part series on the book of Psalms for young adults in their 20s and 30s to learn:

- how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms
- how to meditate on the Psalms using lectio divina
- how the Psalms foretell the life and mission of Jesus
- ...and much more!

On Mondays at 7:00 PM-8:30 PM throughout November – January, we will watch video materials from Ascension Press presented by Jeff Cavins, Tim Gray, and Sarah Christmyer, followed by a group discussion. No preparation or supplies are needed, though there is an accompanying workbook if you would like to go deeper, which can be purchased from Ascension Press.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Brendan at brendanmdaley@gmail.com

More News and Events for Young Adults

Other upcoming YAM events in November: Teaching Mass on Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 PM
Tailgate/Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, November 16

Young Catholic Professionals— St. Joseph the Worker Retreat @ St. Alphonsus on Saturday, December 7. Learn more and register online, ycp.glueup.com/org/ycpchicago/events

Faith Formation

Are You Ready to Become Catholic?

Registration is open for The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA program is the study of the Catholic Faith and the process of introduction into the faith community.

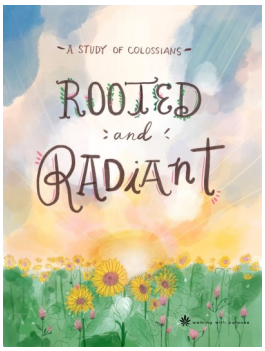
This class is offered for adults in three situations:

1. Un-baptized adults who desire to be baptized in the Catholic Church.
2. Baptized non-Catholic Christians who desire to be formally admitted into communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed and desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Adult baptism (and if applicable, Confirmation and First Holy Communion) takes place at the Easter Vigil (Evening before Easter Sunday). It is one of the highest celebrations in the Catholic Church's liturgical year! If you or someone you know is interested in taking the class, please contact our pastoral associate, Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

One More Catechist Needed!

We are looking for one additional catechist to help prepare students to receive Confirmation this year. Could that catechist be you?? Classes are held Tuesday evenings from 6:15 PM-7:30 PM. Contact our Religious Education coordinator, Emily at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church for more info and please say 1 Hail Mary for all the Religious Education students and catechists!



Rooted and Radiant Women's Bible Study

Walking w/ Purpose is a modern woman's guide to the Bible! Join us this fall as we help you enjoy a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, nurtured through personal Bible study and small group discussions created just for women!

In the ***Rooted and Radiant*** study, we will learn the book of Colossians and seek to understand the challenges that faced them, recognizing that they are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.

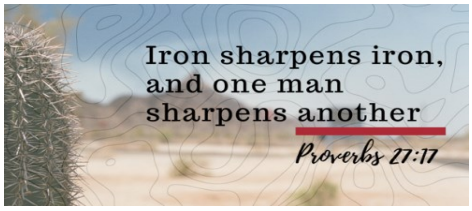
Sessions are on Tuesdays, mornings are 9:30—11 AM and the evening session is 6:30—8 PM. Questions? Please contact Susan Combes, smbcombes51@gmail.com

St. Alphonsus Men's Group

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

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

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



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

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



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Marriage: The Good, the Messy,

This talk is only audio. In a talk based on their book, The Good, the Messy, and the Beautiful, Dr. Edward and Beth Sri talk about the joys and struggles of real married life. Learn more about SEEK and register to attend next year's conference by visiting seek.focus.org.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.

Altar Server Meeting

Calling all altar servers to attend our October meeting on

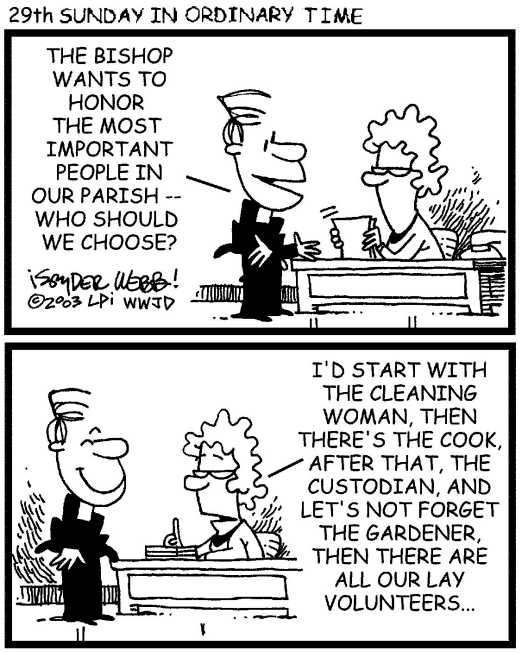
Monday, October 28th at 6:30pm in Church

If you are interested in becoming an altar server, you can attend this meeting. To be an altar server you must be in 4th-12th grade, have received First Holy Communion, and commit to serving at least one Sunday Mass per month.

Light refreshments will served.

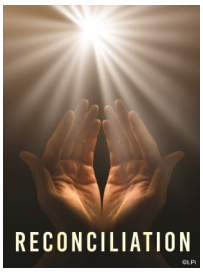
For questions or details contact Fr. Jesus Raya (Fr. Chuy)
jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church





More News and Events

Sacrament Series— Reconciliation— Wednesday, October 30 at 7:30 PM



"I absolve you of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". These powerful words mark the conclusion of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Described as "the second plank of salvation after the shipwreck which is the loss of grace" [CCC 1446], this sacrament offers as a powerful remedy the forgiveness of sins, thereby returning us to a state of grace. As we turn our attention to this gift for October's entry in our Sacraments Series, we are joined by Fr. Steve Bartczyszyn, C.R.

A priest within the Congregation of the Resurrection, Fr. Steve serves as associate pastor of St. Hyacinth Basilica in Avondale and is the current Provincial Superior for the Congregation's United States Province. In addition to his pastoral duties and within the order, Fr. Steve was named a Missionary of Mercy by Pope Francis during the 2016 Year of Mercy. With this nomination, Fr. Steve became one of 800 priests around the world who are given blanket permission to hear confessions regardless of where they are along with the authority to forgive certain sins which normally only the Pope can forgive. Please join us for what is sure to be an informative lecture open to the entire parish community. Doors open at 7 PM with the lecture beginning at 7:30. Confessions will be available after the session.

Mysteries of the Rosary Series

Mondays, Nov. 4th - Dec. 16th 9:30 AM-11 AM, Rectory Common Room



Prepare your hearts for Advent and Christmas by diving into the Joyful Mysteries! Filmed on location in the Holy Land, join us for this video and discussion series as we venture through deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. An authentic encounter with Christ leads to our transformation and sanctification! This is your opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord. Contact Emily, eember@stalphonsuschicago.church for more details.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."

Mark 10:35–37

Jesus' Gentle Truth



What a bold statement from James and John. But notice the gentleness in Jesus' response. The other apostles, however, were not as gentle. We read that when they heard about this request from James and John they "became indignant" about it. In response, Jesus explains to them all that "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."

Our fallen human nature is regularly tempted to desire worldly greatness, prestige, honors and admiration. We want others to think well of us and even to envy us. But this is a sin. Recall that this was one of the temptations that Jesus overcame in the desert. The devil tempted our Lord by promising Him earthly rule over all the nations. Jesus rejected this temptation and, by doing so, provides all the grace we need to do the same.

One thing this passage reveals is that our Lord is patient with us as we work through our sin. He was patient and gentle with James and John while they attempted to gain places of honor next to Him. He was patient with the indignation of the other apostles when they struggled with envy and jealousy. And Jesus will be patient with us as we work through the sins that most tempt us.

In addition to His patience, Jesus also provides us with the tools we need to overcome our own temptations. One tool Jesus provides us with is truth itself. Jesus' truth, found in His many teachings and in the example He set, is often contrary to the wisdom of our age and the tendencies we experience within our fallen human nature. In fact, we can be certain that almost every tendency and desire we will experience in life will be disordered to a certain extent. This is because our human nature itself is disordered on account of original sin. The only way to reorder our desires and tendencies is to turn to the clear and profound truths our Lord has given us.

Regarding the desire for worldly honors and greatness, Jesus provides the truth spoken above: "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." Do you desire to be a servant? And to go even further, do you desire to be the slave of all? Hopefully you do, but most likely you do not.

The reordering of our desires and tendencies begins by gently confronting them with the truth Jesus spoke. It is helpful to see Jesus speak these words to us with all gentleness and love, just as He did to the apostles. Facing the truth within our fallen human nature does not have to be difficult. We only make it difficult when we refuse to admit our disorders. In reality, conversion of our hearts and the reordering of our desires can be a gentle, peaceful and even joyful process if we allow our Lord to speak to us in the way He spoke to the apostles. Of course, when we become obstinate, self-righteous, or remain in denial, our Lord will become more severe and we will experience the pain of our sin. But when we face the truth with openness and with a willingness to let grace change us, we will convert more quickly and will experience the joy and freedom that the embrace of the truth bestows.

Reflect, today, upon the disordered desires of these apostles. Reflect, also, upon Jesus' gentle correction of them. As you do, look into your own soul and seek to discover the disordered desires and tendencies that Jesus wants to reorder within you. Do not be afraid to face the gentle and freeing truths that our Lord wants to speak to you. Listen to Him, be open, and wisely accept what He says to you so that you will be free and will experience the joys that await.

My freeing Lord, You speak all Truth clearly and gently. You desire to enter my life, reveal my sin, and help me to overcome it. Please give me the grace I need to always listen to You and to allow Your words to change my life. Please free me from every disordered desire and tendency in my life, dear Lord, so that I can experience the joy of true freedom. Jesus, I trust in You.

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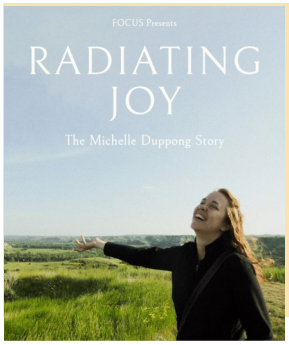
Living Peace and Justice

Voting Our Values



As we prepare to vote this fall, the following are some of the basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Which candidates or party best represents these? Which of these do we consider when we vote?

- Human life is sacred, and the dignity of the human person is the starting point for a moral vision for society.
- Human dignity can only be realized and protected in the context of relationships with the wider society. How we organize our society — in economics and politics, in law and policy — directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community.
- The obligation to "love our neighbor" has an individual dimension, but it also requires a broader social commitment.
- Everyone has a responsibility to contribute to the good of the whole society, to the common good.
- The moral test of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable members. The poor have the most urgent moral claim on the conscience of the nation. We are called to look at public policy decisions in terms of how they affect the poor.
- Every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency – starting with food, shelter and clothing, employment, health care, and education. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities — to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.
- The state has a positive moral function. It is an instrument to promote human dignity, protect human rights, and build the common good. All people have a right and a responsibility to participate in political institutions so that government can achieve its proper goals.
- The economy must serve people, not the other way around. All workers have a right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, and to safe working conditions. They also have a fundamental right to organize and join unions. People have a right to economic initiative and private property, but these rights have limits. No one should amass excessive wealth when others lack the basic necessities of life.
- The goods of the earth are gifts from God, and they are intended by God for the benefit of everyone. There is a "social mortgage" that guides our use of the world's goods, and we have a responsibility to care for these goods as stewards and trustees, not as mere consumers and users. How we treat the environment is a measure of our stewardship, a sign of our respect for the Creator.
- Peace is not just the absence of war. It involves mutual respect and confidence between peoples and nations. It involves collaboration and binding agreements. There is a close relationship in Catholic teaching between peace and justice. Peace is the fruit of justice and is dependent upon right order among human beings.
- All people have a right to participate in the economic, political, and cultural life of society. It is a fundamental demand of justice and a requirement for human dignity that all people be assured a minimum level of participation in the community. It is wrong for a person or a group to be excluded unfairly or to be unable to participate in society.
- We are one human family. Our responsibilities to each other cross national, racial, economic and ideological differences. We are called to work globally for justice.



Faith at the Movies— Tuesday, November 12; one night only!

Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story is the story of Servant of God Michelle Duppong, who bore witness to Christ through heroic suffering and a passion for inviting others to be transformed by His love. The film, directed by Danny Anderson, tells the story of Michelle's beautiful and faith-filled life, especially during her diagnosis, treatment, and death. Get your tickets at www.fathomevents.com/events/radiating-joy-the-michelle-duppong-story/

At the Athenaeum

Shawshank Redemption Film Screening

Q&A w/ noted film critic Richard Roeper after the film
Sunday, October 20 at 2 PM



Join this Sunday for a 30th anniversary screening of *Shawshank Redemption* and pre-screening conversation with cinematographer Roger Deakins and his longtime collaborator and wife, James Deakins.

Perhaps Deakins' most widely known film, Shawshank frequently appears on lists of the best movies ever made. When it opened in 1994, Variety called it "a testament to the human spirit," and "a rough diamond."

Shawshank Redemption tells the story of Andy Dufresne (Tim Robbins), who is wrongly imprisoned. Over the course of his lengthy imprisonment, Dufresne forges allies within the prison, in particular "Red" Redding (Morgan Freeman). His background in accounting as a bank employee leads to his being chosen to assist corrupt Warden Norton (Bob Gunton) and many of the prison guards with their financial needs and earns him privileges that enable him to make plans for a life outside Shawshank's concrete walls. ***Get your tickets for this event and check out more coming to the Athenaeum at athenaeumcenter.org/events/***

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Roasted Garlic

4 large whole bulbs garlic
1 tablespoon olive oil
salt, to taste

Preheat the oven to 400 F.

Peel away the outermost papery layer of the bulbs, then slice off the top of each (just enough to expose all of the cloves within).

Rub the top of each garlic bulb with a little olive oil and salt.

Individually wrap the garlic bulbs in foil and place on a baking sheet.

Bake for 40 minutes, or until the cloves are golden brown and fragrant.

RUN IN THE 2025 BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON
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SUNDAY OCTOBER 12, 2025







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- Training help from Sr. Stephanie (2:53 marathoner, former D1 runner)

For More Info:

Please visit our website at www.missionola.com/marathon.html or contact Sr. Stephanie at olamission@gmail.com, or call 773-486-8431.



Hurry! ENTRIES ARE LIMITED. SIGN UP TODAY!

Contact

Sacramental Information

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

How to Offer a Mass Intention

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Alphonsus Social Media

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

Directory

Parish Office

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(P): 773-525-0709 |
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parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM– 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
9:00 AM– 7:30 PM Tues, Thur

School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
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8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

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Daniel Szymanski, Director of Operations
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager
Kathryn Kibler, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator/Parish Secretary

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Angela Kladis, Assistant Principal
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