Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 16, 2025: THE THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk 21:17-19)

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*

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday	5:45 PM

Worship

This Week's Readings

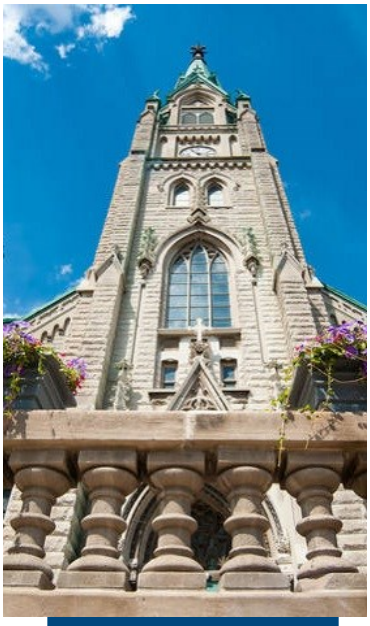
Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Richard Wagner
Frances Buscemi
Michael & 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
Brian Krembs
Margaret Nichols
Leslie Salimi
Jason Jamero
Carol Kania
Eileen Koutnik
Rosemarie Cordero
Michelle Moya
Ernest Nora
Albert Meier
Dan Clark
Kevin Combs
Norma Ehrenberg
Janet Dahm
Mary Ziko
Joan Garber

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Ari Jacob Menninga
John Ford McKune
Mabel Ann McBrayer



WEDDING

Ellen Sullivan and Ryan Witt

Wedding Banns

II. Michele DiNella and Joseph McManus

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, & 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. Contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 16
9:00 AM Sharon Pellino (Birthday Blessings)
11:00 AM +Richard Meindl
12:30 PM +Manuel Naula, Maria Naula y Emilio Naula
5:00 PM Somes Family

Monday, November 17
8:30 AM +Dennis Glascott

Tuesday, November 18
8:30 AM People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, November 19
6:00 PM +Sylvia Ludwig

Thursday, November 20
8:30 AM People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, November 21
8:30 AM +Rick Hurd

Saturday, November 22
8:30 AM +Edmund and Mary Gobat

Sunday, November 23
9:00 AM +Edmund Gobat Sr. & Leona Gobat
11:00 AM +Floro Espinosa
12:30 PM People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM Schenkel Family

News and Events

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony



Our faith community will be kicking off the holiday season in style with the annual lighting of the Lakeview Christmas tree on **Sunday November 23 from 6-7:30 PM after the 5:00 PM Mass**!

Enjoy carols performed by our Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts students, FREE hot chocolate from our wonderful neighbor, S&G Restaurant and more surprises! The festivities will take place directly outside the veranda of the church on the corner of Lincoln/Wellington/Southport.

Please take note that if you are driving to Mass that evening, a small portion of Wellington will be blocked off for the safety of all attendees. This event is hosted by the Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by a SSA 27 grant. More details can be found at www.lakeviewssa27.com/treelighting

St. Alphonsus Giving Tree

Please Take A Tag From the Tree

Celebration of Giving
Unwrap the Spirit



The Giving Tree is now up in the narthex! Catholic Charities' *Celebration of Giving* supports children and families throughout Cook and Lake counties, giving to those who otherwise would not have gifts for Christmas. Through our parish's generosity, many of our less fortunate brothers and sisters receive much needed gifts and Christmas cheer! New, unwrapped gifts should be placed under the tree **by December 7**. If you are unable to drop your gift off after a Sunday Mass, please bring it to the Rectory Office between 9:00 AM—5:00 PM, Monday-Friday
Contact Mario Serrano at *mserranostals@gmail.com* if you have questions.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- *Are these real names?* No, they are pseudonyms.
- *Why mention ethnicity?* It is to help inform your purchase of children's toys and books.
- *Why gift cards for fast food?* Those who are homeless have no place to cook. Also, some agencies use them as incentives.
- *Why do some of these items look like luxuries and not necessities?* Even those who are down on their luck appreciate a few items that are more to 'feed the soul' than to feed the body.

We appreciate the great generosity of the parish!

The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland

Looking for a way to donate to children this Christmas? Join St. Alphonsus as we support The Women's Center this year by collecting Giving Tree Gift Cards for their clients' children. This year, instead of collecting clothing and toys, The Women's Center has opted to collect a "suggested donation" of $25 gift cards for their clients' children. The Women's Center will use the money collected online to purchase $25 gift cards from Walmart, Visa, and Jewel Osco. This will allow their clients to be able to purchase both a Christmas meal and gifts for their children. The gift cards will be given out at The Women's Center Christmas parties on Saturday, December 13th to the children of clients who have been counseled this year and have chosen LIFE for their unborn baby. Approximately 650 people will attend our North and Southside parties. The children will get to meet Santa & Mrs. Claus and receive their gift cards and candy. **These gifts are possibly the only ones they will receive for Christmas this year**! Merry Christmas and may God bless you for supporting the work of The Women's Center.

Are You Ready to Become Catholic?

Registration is open for The Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults (O.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The OCIA 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

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 Men's Group at our email, divineofficers@gmail.com

"Come to me all you are labored and burdened and I will give you rest"

Walking With Purpose

Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays

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!

Come as you are. You are welcome here. Make authentic connections with other women. Learn more about God! Walking w/ Purpose continues a new bible study, Grounded in Hope on Tuesdays from 9:30—11 AM or 6:30—8PM.

In a world where levels of despair, addiction, and suicide are rising, we need more than clichés or positive thinking. Grounded in Hope, based on the book of Hebrews, will help you encounter Jesus in such a powerful, comforting, and stabilizing way that He can become your lifeline. Hebrews contains some of the most beautiful passages you'll find in Scripture. It will comfort you and challenge you. Every word of it has a treasure to mine, and those who are willing to make the effort will be richly rewarded. For questions about WwP, contact Marianne at mariannek36@yahoo.com

November Praise & Adoration Worship

On Friday, November 21 at 7:30 PM, spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration in the Church. We'll spend the first 30 minutes in silent adoration, and then our musicians will lead worship in song. Confession will also be available! The hour will conclude with benediction, and our Young Adult Ministry will gather a group for fellowship and drinks at a local pub afterwards!

Boy Scouts— Troop 889 Wreath Fundraiser

Troop 889 is selling wreaths and other decorations online this season! Online Ordering Open Now for delivery starting week of Thanksgiving. Order for yourself or as gift. Enter a separate address and gift message for individual delivery of every item. Visit www.giftitforward.com to see Mickman Brothers' beautiful collection of wreaths, door decorations, and centerpieces. Enter fundraising code **TR889IL001** to support Troop 889 ($8 per item ordered). Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays!



Alphonsus Academy

Art Contest for Christmas Card



Our Alphonsus Academy students participate in an annual art contest. The winning Liturgy/Christmas themed design will be featured as the front cover of the St. Alphonsus Christmas card that is mailed out to all parishioners. Runner-ups are considered for the cover of the parish Christmas bulletin. More submissions will be posted periodically on our parish Facebook page through the course of the Christmas season. We look forward to some amazing submissions from our talented school students!

More News and Events

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion



To elevate our experience of beautiful liturgies here at St. Alphonsus, we are inviting more people to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. EMHC's should be practicing Catholics in good standing who have received Confirmation. If you would like to volunteer for this important ministry at Mass, please contact us at parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Baptisms at St. Alphonsus



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 go to our website and scroll under the Sacraments tab, click on Baptisms and complete the form online. Our Sacraments ministry coordinator will be in contact to schedule the date.

Weddings 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 Kathryn at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is now at St. Alphonsus! Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who serve the Church and their neighbor on a voluntary basis. The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. Members participate in the life of the parish through volunteering and evangelizing activities sponsored by the parish.

Interested in becoming a Legionary? Meetings in English take place on Fridays at 5 PM in the rectory. Meetings in Spanish are on Mondays at 6 PM. For more info, please contact Fr. Jesus Raya, ***jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church***

Low Gluten Hosts Available



If you are allergic to wheat or have celiac disease, or for any reason can't tolerate gluten, we have hosts available for you. Low gluten hosts are available at every Mass, even daily Masses. To receive a low gluten host at Mass, all you have to do is get in the Communion line for the celebrant, and then just point to the little ciborium that the priest sets on the communion rail. These hosts have 0.01% gluten. We can provide further information about their content upon request.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Charging Port

Some hotel rooms have a terrible shortage of electric plugs, but there is one short-cut to charge your phone overnight. When you get to your hotel, check the television. There should be a USB port available on the TV, usually on the right side. This will act as a handy charging port.

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.

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Offertory for 11/9: $16,637

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

Support Our St. Vincent de Paul Society!

Your consistent support to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Chicago (SVdP Chicago) is deeply appreciated. Your generous assistance enables our members to reach out with kindness, compassion, and love to those in need. Thank you for remembering the poor. This summer, your gifts helped us keep people in their homes, feed the hungry, keep the electricity on, provide a family meal, a warm bed, much needed furniture and so much more for those who have nowhere else to turn without the help of SVdP Chicago. Your gift, no matter the size, helps us continue this vital work. Please consider making a donation this week. Thank you for your kindness. The poor box is located at the back of the church (in the narthex) just left of the main door (as you exit). You can also scan the QR code here to donate via our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society on GiveCentral.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection— November 23



Next Sunday, St. Alphonsus will take up a second collection for the annual CCHD appeal. For more than 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has been supporting low-income communities as they address root causes of poverty and injustice through community organizing, leadership training, and economic development. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by awarding grants, educating about the root causes of poverty, and building bridges of solidarity in Cook and Lake Counties.

Each year this collection takes place the Sunday before Thanksgiving. It is the primary source of funds for grants to support community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education efforts.

Your participation helps further the work of the Gospel of peace and justice. Thank you for your support! To learn more, visit CCHDchicago.org

Young Adult Ministry



Christmas Ball— Saturday, December 13

Celebrate the Christmas season with YAM!!! Dust off your dancing shoes and show off your best cocktail attire for the 3rd annual Christmas Ball! Don't let the cold deter; come out and join other young adults for a night of dinner, dancing, and fun holiday festivities!

As it is also the time of year for giving, especially to those most in need, we will be collecting charitable donations to put together blessing bags at the event as well. Suggested items are toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, socks, wet wipes, tissues, and non-perishables, such as applesauce or fruit cups, raisins, pasta, canned vegetables, etc.). This is just a short list of items, but please feel free to donate anything of your choosing along these lines. We're looking forward to constructing these packages together and donating them all to Catholic Charities!

Please signup to attend this event at www.givecentral.org/otp/42088

The price for this event will be $15 from October 29th to November 16th, $20 from November 17th to December 12th, and $30 at the door on the day of. Dinner and drinks are included in the cost of the event. Any questions, contact stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

More Young Adult Events— YCP St. Joseph Retreat Saturday, Dec. 6

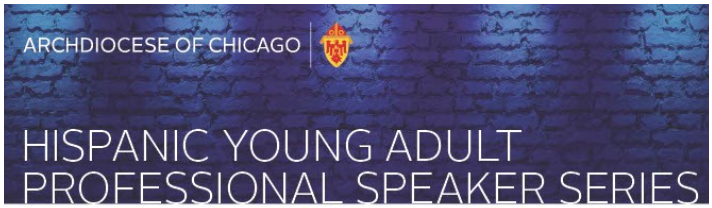
YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS CHICAGO

On Saturday, December 6 from 9 AM—2 PM, St. Benedict, 2215 W. Irving Park Rd., will be hosting Young Catholic Professional's annual St. Joseph retreat. This retreat is a half-day retreat (open to all young adults in their 20s and 30s) where young adults are encouraged to "look upon work with the eyes of faith" and see God's presence in their vocations and professional lives. The retreat will include a talk from Bishop Sullivan, small group discussions, prayer, confession, and adoration. Together, we will reflect on the life of YCP's patron saint, St. Joseph the Worker.

Our theme "Hope at Work, Faith in Action" invites us to follow St. Joseph the Worker's example of faithful labor and trust in God, seeing our daily work as a sharing in His creative plan. Inspired by Pope Benedict XVI's *Spe Salvi*, this theme reminds us that true Christian hope transforms ordinary tasks into acts of love, perseverance, and service. Registration is only $10! Learn more and sign-up at bit.ly/ycp-chi-stjosephretreat-2025

Young Adult Speaker Series

The Hispanic Young Adult Professional Speaker Series presents *Leading with Identity: Ray Suarez on Faith, Media and Professional Success*. Ray Suarez, acclaimed journalist, author and public speaker, will headline the upcoming Hispanic Young Adult Professional Speaker Series. He will share his personal and professional journey, addressing themes of Hispanic identity, representation in media and the role of young professionals in shaping their communities while touching on his faith journey and how it relates to them getting ahead in the world without sacrificing their own values. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6:30 – 8 p.m. at St. Frances Xavier Warde School (next door to Holy Name Cathedral, 751 N. State St., Chicago). Food and drinks will be served. Must be 21 or over. Q&A session to follow. bit.ly/4qUzita



Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025
6:30 – 8 p.m.

St. Frances Xavier Warde School
(next door to Holy Name Cathedral)
751 N. State St., Chicago

Please enter through the courtyard. Free parking at 14 W. Superior (enter eastbound on Superior).
Food and drinks will be served. Must be 21 or over.
Q&A session to follow. **Reserve your seat now!**



Scan code to register.
Questions? Contact Al Castillo at 312.534.7880 or **acastillo@archchicago.org**.

Ways to Observe the World Day of the Poor



In his apostolic letter to close the Year of Mercy in 2016, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel." He designated this day as the "World Day of the Poor." In the liturgical calendar of the Church, it is celebrated on the thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary time (two Sundays before the season of Advent each year.)

"It would be a day to help communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (cf. Lk 16:19-21), there can be no justice or social peace. This Day will also represent a genuine form of new evangelization (cf. Mt 11:5) which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy."



Earlier in June, Pope Leo XIV declared Sunday, November 16, 2025 to be the ninth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "***You are my hope "***. In his message, he wrote that the structural causes of poverty must be addressed and eliminated. *"Helping the poor is a matter of justice before a question of charity"* insists the Holy Father, quoting St. Augustine, who observed: "*You give bread to a hungry person; but it would be better if none were hungry, so that you would have no need to give it away."*

Here are 5 Ways you can observe the World Day of the Poor

- **Pray for the poor**. There are so many people who need our prayers. If you're overwhelmed and not sure where to start, try praying with your newsfeed. As you see headlines about what's happening around the world, pause and pray for the people affected by those stories.
- **Learn about the causes of poverty and work to change them**. There are many reasons why people around the world are trapped in poverty: lack of jobs, war and climate change that affects what farmers can grow are only a few examples. We can raise our voices together to ask our government to support policies that help address these causes of poverty. New cuts are proposed for lifesaving and life-affirming international assistance. Tell Congress that we have a moral duty to alleviate poverty and ease human suffering. Advocate on behalf of people who are hungry and living in poverty by sending a letter to your Representatives and Senators in Congress at www.crs.org/ways-to-help/advocate/end-hunger#section-take-action
- **Support the church's outreach to the poor**. One way to care for the poor around the world is to support the work of Catholic Relief Services, the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries.
- **Make caring for the poor part of your routine**. Do you buy coffee, chocolate or Christmas gifts? One way to support low income workers around the world is by buying things you use on a regular basis from organizations that pay a fair wage. If you drink coffee or tea, look for a fair trade label, which means that the farmers who harvest the coffee or tea are paid fairly and work in safe conditions. As you begin your Christmas shopping, consider buying gifts that are produced and traded ethically.
- **Practice the corporal works of mercy**. The Corporal Works of Mercy are drawn from Jesus' life and teachings. They call us to: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, bury the dead, to care for God's creation, and give alms to the poor. The Corporal Works of Mercy offer a clear model and starting point for how to care for our neighbors in need.

Gospel Reflection

"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." Luke 21:12–15

Courage and Strength

It could be said that these are among the least consoling words that Jesus ever spoke. Imagine what His disciples would have thought upon hearing this. Some of them might have changed their minds about following Jesus and walked away. Why would anyone want to be seized and persecuted, or thrown into prison? Jesus even went on to say that "they will put some of you to death."

Though these words might not, at first, seem all that consoling, they were inspired words and, therefore, must be inspiring. By analogy, imagine an army general in charge of troops defending their families and homeland from hostile invaders. If that general were to say similar words to the troops, acknowledging that some of them would be captured and even killed, it would be a reality check for sure. But it would also inspire a certain courage and drive. In that moment, the soldiers would need courage to face the challenge that awaited them. Therefore, by being honest with them, the general would stir up their courage and strengthen their resolve to enter the battle.

We must hear Jesus' words today as His battle cry, spoken to encourage us. He is warning us that the secular and unchristian world will be hostile. The leader of the kingdom of darkness, the devil, is very active and, with his legion of demons and followers, is seeking to destroy us. For our part, we must decide whether we will retreat and hide, or enter the battle for the salvation of souls.

Though most of us will not endure physical martyrdom for our faith, it will happen to some. But for most of us, the persecution we will endure will be on a different level. We may be mocked or even hated for our refusal to accept immorality within the culture. We may be called hateful when we stand up for the dignity of the unborn child in danger of abortion. We may be deemed superstitious or old fashioned by remaining faithful to Sunday worship and daily prayer. And we may be thought of as out-of-touch or behind the times for refusing to embrace the latest popular fads and secular values. Sometimes this happens even within the family.



Instead of shying away from the various forms of persecution we may experience, we need to allow our Lord to stir up a courage within us that is fueled by love. We must deeply desire the salvation of every soul and remain certain that the only way to salvation is through fidelity to Christ.

When you are challenged by others or by the world, you must trust in Jesus' words. "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." When we resist and refute the errors of our age, some people will become hostile. But if we remain faithful to our Lord and speak by His inspiration, then those who are hostile will be affected for the good. Because Jesus said that people will not be able to "resist or refute" the words He inspires us to say, we must know that our words can make a difference in the battle for souls. We must engage the battle with courage and love and rely upon our Lord to lead.

Reflect, today, upon the fact that we are all in a battle for the salvation of souls, beginning with our own. We cannot be passive bystanders. We must move forward with much courage and strength. We must trust in the guidance given to us by our Lord. We must be open to the words He will inspire us to speak when needed. Resolve to follow our Lord into this holy battle, and He will equip you with all you need to be victorious.

My courageous Lord, You endured much suffering in life and embraced it with pure love. Please give me the grace I need to follow You wherever You lead and to be an instrument of Your voice to a world in need. Jesus, I trust in You.

USCCB News



At their November General Assembly, the U.S. bishops approved the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart in June 2026, as part of the Church's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States.

The initiative will include prayer resources, a novena leading up to the solemnity, and opportunities for dioceses and parishes to engage the faithful through adoration and works of mercy.

Through this act of consecration, the bishops seek to renew devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to recognize the kingship of Christ, perfecting the temporal order with the spirit of the Gospel.

Congratulations to Archbishop Paul Coakley of Oklahoma City, who was elected to serve as the next president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. (USCCB)



At the Athenaeum



It's a Wonderful Night—Fundraising Gala

Celebrate the season with us at the Athenaeum Center's annual gala, It's a Wonderful Night, on **Tuesday, December 2**. This year's celebration is especially meaningful as we mark our **five-year anniversary**—a milestone made possible through your generosity and support.

Enjoy an elegant evening of cocktails, dinner, and live entertainment as we celebrate this season of joy and gratitude together. The evening will feature special guest Kelsey Grammer, performances from upcoming productions including *Bernadette, The Musical* and *Call Me from the Grave*, and a celebration of the flourishing of Catholic arts and culture in Chicago. We can't wait to celebrate this joyful milestone with you. Learn more and get tickets at athenaeumcenter.org/its-a-wonderful-night





We are Hiring!

We're looking for a connector: someone who loves people, the arts, and building community. Join us as our Community & Group Sales Representative and help bring schools, parishes, and organizations together through meaningful cultural experiences here at the Athenaeum Center.

Apply now and help us make the arts a shared encounter with beauty.

athenaeumcenter.org/careers/

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

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parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM– 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
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Dr. Steven Torres, Coordinator of Religious Education
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