



# Saint Alphonsus

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 6, 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Mass Schedule

<b>Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri</b>	8:30 AM
<b>Wed</b>	6:00 PM
<b>Sun</b>	9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 (Spanish) and 5:00 PM
<b>Alphonsus Academy &amp; Center For the Arts</b> <b>Friday</b>	8:30 AM or as announced

### Eucharistic Adoration

<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30–7:30 PM
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### Confessions

<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30–7:30 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	11:00 AM–12:00 PM

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

### Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

<b>Wednesday</b>	5:50 PM
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# Worship

## This Week's Readings

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/  
Lk 5:1-11

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

## Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds  
Joanna Ravelingean  
Jamie Wallett  
Sandra Wilson  
Monica Alexis Rios  
Margaret Nichols  
Maria Eisler  
Rita Gerich  
Tessa Sergent  
Carolina Goldie

Diane Mareci  
William Ahearn  
Emilia Hurtado  
Bernard Zapp  
Rachel Schopp  
Mike Madigan  
David Birks  
Lorik Oppland  
Celeste Soult  
Carol Reckwerdt  
Doug Tally  
Jeff De La Cruz

Stacy Strickland  
Tim Dooling  
Spencer Lyles  
Magdalena Gonzalez  
Christopher Bibat  
Michael Aldape  
Fidel Mercado Chavez  
J.J. Keils  
Janet Horvat

## Giving Update

Weekly Budget  
Amount: \$15,218

Offertory for  
1/30/2022:  
\$13,494

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

## Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Zara Elizabeth Obushenko  
Evangeline Rose Obushenko

For more info about having  
your child baptized at St.  
Alphonsus, please contact  
Kaitlin Holyk at  
[stalsweddings@gmail.com](mailto:stalsweddings@gmail.com)

## Welcome to the Parish!

Erica, Daniel & Dash  
Schachte

Bryce Brown & Molly Beggs  
Holly & Vivek Kohli,  
Alana and Alexander

Benjamin and Allyson Dietz,  
Finnegan, Riley & Tate

Dan Biga & Sally Tashjian  
Katherine Heinlen

Paul, Melissa & Mila Barash  
Jenna Nizamoff  
and Ryan Wilkinson

**Find Peace in the Middle of the Week:** 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. That 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

All men in the parish are invited to pray with us every Wednesday evening from 8:00 to 9 PM in the sanctuary.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, February 6

9:00 AM +Bart Lipowski  
11:00 AM Jonathan Gilana (Birthday Blessing)  
12:30 PM Anita Lopez  
5:00 PM The People of Saint Alphonsus

### Monday, February 7

8:30 AM +Helen Gorman

### Tuesday, February 8

8:30 AM +Nancy McCormack

### Wednesday, February 9

6:00 PM +Suzanne B. Grimm

### Thursday, February 10

8:30 AM +Rick Scholz

### Friday, February 11

8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus

### Sunday, February 13

9:00 AM +Veronica Frohnauer  
11:00 AM +Roger Keefauver  
12:30 PM Maria de Jesus Bucio  
+Jesus y Aurora Hernandez  
Roberto Rivas  
5:00 PM Baltazar Endriga

# Parish News and Events

## Parish Co-Ed Volleyball League

 Sign up for this year's St. Al's Co-Ed Volleyball League! Games will be played in the St. Alphonsus gym on Thursdays starting at 7:30 PM on February 17th and will go through April 28th. Teams will play a total of 8 games each over the course of 11 weeks. You can sign up individually or with up to 2 other people. Sign-ups are online at [www.catholicsportsleagues.com](http://www.catholicsportsleagues.com).

## Children's Altar Server Training

Become an altar server! We are offering another training for students who would like to become altar servers. The training will be this Tuesday, February 8 from 6:15-7:30 PM in the church. Children who are trained to become altar servers will be able to serve on Sundays and school Masses. Experienced servers can also serve at weddings and funerals (which includes a

\$10 stipend). If this training time isn't convenient, please feel free to reach out to Associate pastor, Rev. Patrick Gorman at [pgorman@stalphonsuschicago.com](mailto:pgorman@stalphonsuschicago.com) to discuss other options. Thanks for considering it!

## Kids Play Time!

### Saturday Morning Fellowship, Faith and Fun



Families are invited to bring their toddlers and young kids to Festival Hall (below the church) to play and spend time with other St Al's families. Please bring any toys your kids would like to play with and enter through the West door closest to the parking lot (by the Mary Altar). Saturday mornings 8:30 AM-10:30 AM. For questions, please contact Monica Cloghessy at [monica.mccormack15@gmail.com](mailto:monica.mccormack15@gmail.com).

## Sacraments at St. Alphonsus

### Baptisms

Baptism is a fundamental sacrament for Christians. It is a sacrament of initiation that unites us to Christ's mystical body, incorporates us into the Church, and marks the beginning of the Christian journey. Without baptism we cannot participate in the full sacramental life of the Church. In the sacraments we concretely and most visibly encounter God's grace—life reunited with life. If you are interested in having your child baptized at St. Alphonsus, please contact Kaitlin Holyk at [weddings@stalphonsuschicago.com](mailto:weddings@stalphonsuschicago.com). For adult baptisms contact Brooks Robinson at [brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.com](mailto:brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.com)



### Marriage at St. Alphonsus

The love between two people is a gift from God. The commitment you make to be together for the rest of your lives is sealed before the community and God during the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. If you are recently engaged and planning to get married (either at St. Alphonsus Church or out of town) please review the Marriage page on our website and reach out to Kaitlin Holyk at [weddings@stalphonsuschicago.com](mailto:weddings@stalphonsuschicago.com).



## Ash Wednesday is March 2!

### Ash Wednesday Schedule

- 7:00 AM Service, with distribution of ashes (English)
- 8:30 AM Mass w/ AACA
- 12:00 PM Service, with distribution of ashes (English)
- 6:00 PM Service with distribution of ashes (Spanish)
- 7:00 PM Mass



There are traditional practices for Lent which help us to engage in the penitential nature of the season.

**Fasting** All adults from the age of 18 until their 59th birthday are asked to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means eating only one full meal that day. One can eat at two other times, but the total food should not equal a full meal. This does not apply to those who are ill, pregnant or nursing.

# Faith Formation

## Men's Evening of Reflection— Friday March 4 at St. Alphonsus



On Friday, March 4 the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a night of reflection for all the men of St. Alphonsus parish from 7:00-8:30 PM. The evening will begin with Stations of the Cross in church and then be followed by a reflection and a social afterwards. All men of the parish are invited to come kick off Lent with this time of prayer and fellowship. Sign up at [www.bit.ly/stalsreflection22](http://www.bit.ly/stalsreflection22)

## Women's Bible Study Meetings— Tuesdays at St. Alphonsus



Are you looking for a way to refuel and be refreshed, make authentic connections with other women, and learn more about God? It's time to come back to community! Our mission at Walking With Purpose is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies.

Women of the Old and New Testaments were as flawed and broken as we can be, yet the power of God worked in their lives. Learn from their experiences in *Discovering Our Dignity*, a 22 lesson Bible Study.

Through their stories recorded in Scripture, women of the Bible reach out to touch our “present” in a tender, honest and loving way— woman to woman— with ancient wisdom, sage advice, and insights from sorrowful failures and emotional wounds.

Walking With Purpose meet on Tuesdays at the St. Alphonsus Common Room in the rectory.

Meetings are from 9:30 AM to 11 AM or 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. For more info, contact [suecombes@hotmail.com](mailto:suecombes@hotmail.com)

## Free Catechist Workshops Friday Feb 11 and Saturday Feb 12

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Catechetical leaders, catechists, principals and teachers in the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to these in-person workshops. Presenters from Sophia Institute for Teachers will blend scholar presentations with interactive pedagogical sessions, giving you a chance to explore content with a respected college professor, as well as explore and simulate practical teaching strategies with ready-to-use classroom materials.

During each of these FREE workshops, you'll have the opportunity to share best practices with your fellow catechists, enjoy catered breakfast and lunch, and engage in both formal and informal discussions. We invite you to register for one or both!

Friday, February 11 (8:30 AM - 2:30 PM)

### ***Made in His Image: Exploring the Theology of the Body***

Participants will enjoy a one-day program on helping students see the beauty of what it means to be made in the Image and Likeness of God through the lens of St. Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

For more information and to register, <https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/workshops/details/made-in-his-image-exploring-the-theology-of-the-body-archdiocese-of-chicago>

Saturday, February 12, (8:30 AM - 2:30 PM)

### ***Source and Summit: The Most Holy Eucharist***

Participants will enjoy a one-day program that reflects on the beauty and gift of the Eucharist, and engages in ways to help your students see the power and reality of this great sacrament.

For more information and to register, <https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/workshops/details/source-and-summit-the-most-holy-eucharist-archdiocese-of-chicago>

The Carmelite Spiritual Center is located at 8419 Bailey Road in Darien, Illinois.

Please Note: The Carmelite Spiritual Center is following all local COVID-19 guidelines and taking extra cleaning and sanitizing measures at this time. All participants are required to wear masks indoors, and distance between seats will be increased as space allows.

# Stewardship—First Fruits



**FIRST  
FRUITS**  
time talent treasure



We want to invite all parishioners who want to participate in online giving to do so by enrolling through GiveCentral and setting up your donation via the First Fruits campaign (weekly Mass offering).

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

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

## Stewardship Reflection

*“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” (Isaiah 6:8)*

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say “Here I am, Lord.”

# Young Adult Ministry



**BE SOCIAL  
BE SPIRITUAL  
BE CHARITABLE  
BE INTELLECTUAL  
BE CATHOLIC**

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](http://www.facebook.com/AlphonsusYoungAdult) or contact the YAM board at [stalphonsusyam@gmail.com](mailto:stalphonsusyam@gmail.com)

## Prove Me Wrong Speaker Series *Is the Church Old-Fashioned About Sex? Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 PM*



Join us for the next event in the Prove Me Wrong series, "Is the Church Old-Fashioned About Sex?" The conversation will be with Dr. Melanie Barrett, professor of moral theology at University of St. Mary of the Lake. Dr. Barrett will respond to questions about the Church's traditional teachings on sexual ethics, specifically their relevance for young adults today.

What is this series, you ask? In the age of 'gotcha' arguments on social media, in which the only goal is to score points, we need to be extra

intentional about pursuing truth. Prove Me Wrong endeavors to outline both sides to any given (controversial) topic to equip us in discerning the truth which ultimately aids in strengthening our faith.

Wear your best networking attire and join us on **Tuesday, February 15th in the St. Al's Festival Hall** (church basement). A \$5 suggested donation is encouraged.

# Made For More



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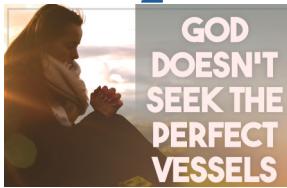
with **CHRISTOPHER WEST** MUSIC BY MIKE MANGIONE

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022  
7:00 - 9:30PM  
ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH  
DOWNTOWNCHICAGO.EVENTBRITE.COM

**Save the Date! April 5**  
**An evening of live music, visual beauty, and reflection**

Where do we come from and where are we going? These questions are DECISIVE for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfillment. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie clips, YouTube videos, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instill in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive... For more info, contact Dawn Fitzpatrick, [dfitzpatrick@archchicago.org](mailto:dfitzpatrick@archchicago.org) or (312) 534-5355 **Ticket sales are now live.**

## Gospel Meditation



*“Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man,”* these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God’s

Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It’s easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn’t require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God’s providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God’s presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn’t seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with

pretension, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own “god” and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.

### Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

#### Old Toothbrush

Do not throw away your old toothbrush. It is great for cleaning cracks and crevices. Use it to clean the refrigerator seals. Use the toothbrush and baking soda. Clean the edge of your faucets with vinegar and the toothbrush. It is great for the seam between your counter top and the backsplash. Use them to clean grout in the bathroom or kitchen. They are also handy for cleaning jewelry, and much, much more.

# Youth Free Throw Competition

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level for the 6th annual Free Throw Championship sponsored by the St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus. The local competition will be held on **Sunday, February 27, 2022 in the St. Alphonsus parish gym starting at 1:00 PM**. Space is limited so reserve your spot today at [www.stalphonsusknights.com/freethrow](http://www.stalphonsusknights.com/freethrow)

## **COMPETITION FORMAT:**

Each contestant receives three warm-up tosses followed by 15 consecutive Free Throw attempts from the appropriate age-designated foul line. To break a tie, contestants take a second round of five free throws. No warm-up tosses are permitted for the tie-breaker rounds. Successive rounds of five free throws each continue until a winner emerges.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.9 million members in 17,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated over 70 million volunteer hours and \$170 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, culture of life, families and youth.



## **RULES:**

- All children must be pre-registered in order to compete.
- ONLY GYM SHOES are allowed in the gym, no marking shoes are permitted.
- VIRTUS trained adults will be on staff to run the event
- No food or drink allowed on basketball court.

# Youth Evangelization

## **Be A Volunteer Missionary With Young Life**

Young Life is looking for Catholic volunteer missionaries to help represent and serve Catholic students in Chicago. Young Life is an ecumenical evangelization organization sharing the gospel with teens in Chicago. Young Life focuses on outreach and accompaniment for teens through authentic friendship between youths and mentors. Mentors become actively involved in the lives of students by meeting them "where they are at" through coffee hangouts, "club", small groups, and camps. Young Life "missionaries" typically work full-time jobs and volunteer with students outside of work. Want to learn more? Scan the barcode!



Contact [ylchicagonorthside@gmail.com](mailto:ylchicagonorthside@gmail.com) to learn more/get involved.



# Health Awareness

## Being Social Media Savvy



By now, most people understand the benefits and risks of social media use. While staying connected and informed is quite convenient today, staying safe remains very important.

- Set your social media profiles to private to limit who can view your information.
- Before posting information or photos online, think twice about whether you'd be comfortable with anyone seeing that content—even if you believe the content will be protected by security settings.
- If someone harasses or threatens you online, remove them from your friends list, block them and report them to the site administrator.
- Don't post any personal data online, as this could enable others to use that information to steal your identity, access your data or commit other crimes such as stalking. Also, never reveal where you're vacationing, shopping or traveling.
- When accepting friends online, choose people who you already know and trust.
- Recognize that taking breaks from social media can be healthy.

## February is National Cancer Prevention Awareness Month



The stress that comes with a cancer diagnosis can be overwhelming. One in three people with cancer experience mental or emotional distress. Learn more about the role of mental health in helping cancer patients and caregivers.

- Access social and emotional support by joining a cancer support community.
- Manage stress by practicing relaxation exercises such as muscle relaxation and controlled breathing.
- Let your feelings out. Talk, laugh, cry, and express anger when you need to.
- Practice gratitude. Gratitude is linked to your sense of well-being, and it can boost the inner strength that helps you bounce back.

## Staying Heart Healthy and Avoiding Heart Disease



- Adopt a heart-healthy diet including foods low in added sugars and salt. Also, while some fats in our diet are good, avoid foods containing trans-fat (partially hydrogenated oil), which clogs arteries and raises bad (LDL) cholesterol.
- Other heart-healthy steps to take include getting enough sleep, practicing good dental hygiene (including flossing daily), maintaining a healthy weight, moving more throughout the day, not smoking and managing stress.

# Around the Archdiocese

## 2022 Mardi Gras Fundraiser

**"We're on a mission from God."**



The Sheil Catholic Center at Northwestern University, 2110 Sheridan Rd in Evanston will host their annual Mardi Gras fundraiser on Sat. Feb 26. The livestream experience includes musical performances by Fr. Bradley Zamora and special guests, the raffle and golden ticket drawings, and much more. The silent auction will be online so that all may participate. This year will be a hybrid event with both in-person and online options.

For more info, visit [www.sheilcatholiccenter.org/give/mardi-gras-annual-fundraising-evening/](http://www.sheilcatholiccenter.org/give/mardi-gras-annual-fundraising-evening/) or contact Teresa Corcoran, [t-corcoran@u.northwestern.edu](mailto:t-corcoran@u.northwestern.edu).

## St. Edward Chili Cook-Off & Brew Fest



On Saturday, Feb. 26 from 6:30— 10 PM, St. Edward Parish, 4350 W. Sunnyside Ave will be hosting a fun chili cook-off event. There are two categories for adult chefs (18+) and youth chefs (17 & under). Please register by Feb. 21. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth ages 12 & under. For more info, visit [www.stedparish.org/chili-cook-off](http://www.stedparish.org/chili-cook-off)

# Annual Catholic Appeal

## **Making all things new... God's promise and our responsibility**



Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call **“Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility.”**

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here at St. Alphonsus. For example, Appeal funds help support various expenses such as Facilities and Maintenance, Administrative, and Legal and Canonical support.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal. You can also make your gift online at [www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/15207](http://www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/15207)



**Who:** Post college-aged men (early 20s to mid-40s)  
**Why:** Help men gain clarity in their vocation by discussing discernment and the call of discipleship and priesthood  
**Where:** Bishop Quarter House  
750 North Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60611  
**When:** 20 Tuesday evenings, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
October 2021 through April 2022

To learn more about meeting times and dates or to register for upcoming meetings, please contact Sharon Porter at [shporter@archchicago.org](mailto:shporter@archchicago.org).

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## ST. JOHN VIANNEY SEMINARY VISITS

February 17–19, 2022

High school sophomore, junior and senior men are invited on this all-inclusive, no cost, two-day road trip to tour the campus and shadow seminarians at St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, MN. [semsssp.org/vianney](http://semsssp.org/vianney)

Learn more and register at [vocations.archchicago.org/events/vianney-visits](http://vocations.archchicago.org/events/vianney-visits)

# Contact

## Sacramental Information

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

## How to Offer a Mass Intention

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

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 here is \$15.** However, any amount that you would like to offer is completely acceptable. You can request Masses by visiting the Parish Office during office hours or calling the Parish Office at (773) 525-0709.

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

Our parish has received permission to once again host important sacraments. Please be patient as the pandemic created a scheduling backlog regarding Baptisms and Weddings. You can find more info at: [www.stalphonsuschicago.org/baptism](http://www.stalphonsuschicago.org/baptism) [www.stalphonsuschicago.org/marriage](http://www.stalphonsuschicago.org/marriage)



## St. Alphonsus Social Media

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



## Directory

### Parish Office

1429 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121  
(P): 773-525-0709 | (F): 773-525-3238  
[www.stalphonsuschicago.org](http://www.stalphonsuschicago.org)

### Parish Office Hours:

**9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri**  
**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tue, Thurs**

### School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121  
(P): 773-892-1397 | (F): 773-348-4829  
[www.alphonsusacademy.org](http://www.alphonsusacademy.org)

### School Office Hours:

**8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

## Staff

### Parish Staff

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

### School Staff

**Gerit McAllister**, Principal  
**Matt Gunsaulus**, Assistant Principal  
**Mary Bodlak**, Director of Admissions  
**Caroline Jordan**, Advancement Director  
**Kim Wallett**, Secretary  
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