Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 25, 2024: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



But the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven...
"Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger... "I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son."

The cover image is the right-side mosaic on the high altar in the church.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

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

Alphonsus Academy & Center For the Arts

Friday	8:30 AM or as announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM

Confessions

Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM
Saturday	11:00—12:00 PM

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

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22 -25/Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny*: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Please Pray for the Sick

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

Giving Update

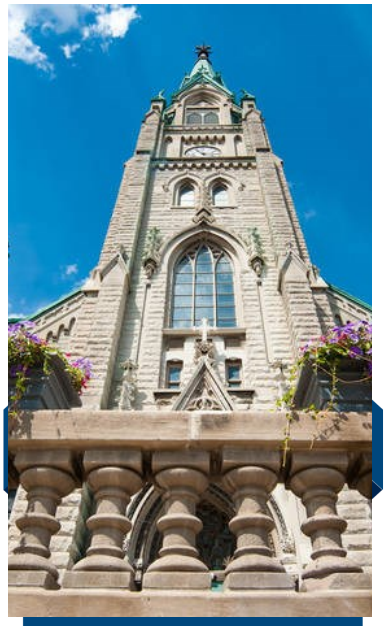
Weekly Budget Amount: $14,890

Offertory for 2/18: $14,624

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

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WEDDING BANNS

Blythe Gilio
and
Charles Green

Allison Carr
and
Quan Tran

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Collins Eleni Grip

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 25
9:00 AM +Matthew Richko
11:00 AM +Phil Piazza
12:30 PM +Manuel and Maria Naula
5:00 PM Janis Vaughn (Birthday Blessings)

Monday, February 26
8:30 AM Nick Marsalek (Birthday Blessings)

Tuesday, February 27
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, February 28
6:00 PM +John Foster

Thursday, February 29
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, March 1
8:30 AM Ella Schmidt

Saturday, March 2
8:30 AM NET Missionary Donors

Sunday, March 3
9:00 AM +Eliseo Castaneda
11:00 AM +Genoveva Gilana and Marcia Vinzons
12:30 PM +Graciela Giraldo
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

A Message From Our Pastor

The Creator of the Human Race and the Author of its Renewal



The season of Lent begins with our foreheads being marked with ashes, which serves both a sign of the call to conversion and a reminder of our mortality. The latter is made clear when the minister says, "Remember, you are dust and unto dust you shall return" (one of two options we may as we are marked). But the shape of the ashes – a cross – is also a reminder that, having been created in the image and likeness of God, our destiny is not to end in death. God created us to share in the glory of the Resurrection, which of course, we celebrate after these 40 days are completed. Lent, therefore, is a process of renewal.

For a certain group of people, their renewal will culminate in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Each year starting in the fall the parish offers classes – called RCIA – for those who discern that spiritual journey is leading them to seek entrance into the Catholic Church either through Baptism (if they've never been baptized), or through Confirmation if they were baptized in another Christian tradition. For them it is a journey and a season of learning, growth and spiritual renewal. Last weekend at the 5 p.m. Mass, they were affirmed by our community and sent with our blessing to Holy Name Cathedral, where they were formally presented to the Bishop as Elect and Candidates, that is, as those who have been chosen by grace for a personal and spiritual renewal. For the rest of the church, it serves as a very visible reminder that Lent is a time of spiritual renewal. And that renewal has an Author.

After His Resurrection, Christ is revealed in the Scriptures as the Author of Life. But even now, during Lent, He is affirmed as the Author of Renewal by the Church.

The RCIA candidates and elect receive this affirmation with joy, even though their journey to renewal might not always be easy. Analogously, sometimes our own journey through Lent might not always be easy. (Indeed, during the next three weeks of Lent at the 5 p.m. Mass they will undergo the Scrutinies, a series of examinations and prayers to heighten their renewal and preparation for the Easter Sacraments.) The lesson for all of us is to recognize Divine Providence: that God created us, chooses us, forms us and renews us – all guided by the Light of the Resurrection and the culmination of our Lenten season.

Today's gospel of the Transfiguration gives us a glimpse into what that Light looks like, and the effect it has upon us. Peter, James and John proclaimed, "it is good that we are here," and they wanted to remain in that moment. It was a moment of renewal, one that would strengthen the apostles for the challenges that would come as Jesus journeyed closer to His passion and cross. Two thousand years later, we perceive the Cross as the source of renewal, its Author as the Light of grace, and His Resurrection as our election into heavenly life. It is the new covenant of love. And so we are proud to have had our foreheads marked with a cross to remind us of our destiny.



Last week, as the RCIA candidates and elect were presented at the cathedral, Bishop Robert Casey prayed over them, saying: "Lord God, you created the human race and are the Author of its renewal. Bless all your adopted children and add these chosen ones to the harvest of your new covenant. As true children of the promise, they rejoice in eternal life, one, not by the power of nature, but through the mystery of your grace. Through Christ our Lord."



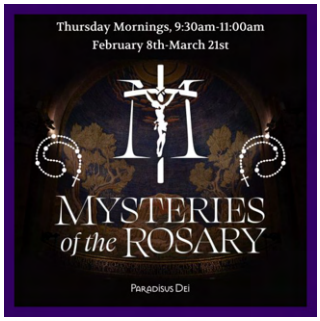
And by extension, my prayer for our parish is this:
May the Creator of the human race inspire us to see not only the light of the Cross, but also the Author of our renewal, that we may understand our destiny as children of the promise. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In this Lenten season, if the Author of Renewal is gently tugging at your heart (or someone you know) to consider the RCIA program to be baptized or convert and to the Catholic faith, you can always send an inquiry to Brooks, our RCIA coordinator, at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Faith Formation

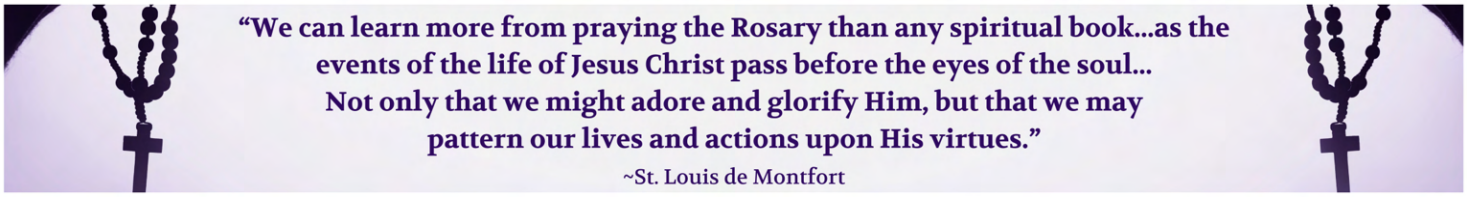
Mysteries of the Rosary— The Sorrowful Mysteries Lenten Study
The Crowning With Thorns

Thursday Mornings, NOW through Mar. 21, 9:30 AM-11:00 AM, in the Rectory



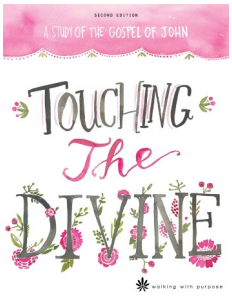
We begin to walk the streets of Jerusalem to enter into the Prison of Christ. We will see where He was chained before he began the Via Dolorosa. The Crowning with Thorns draws a definitive line in the sand, the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of the world are at odds. The soldiers fell to their knees and knelt before Him not to praise Him, not to worship Him but to humiliate Him. As they persisted to mock Him, He persisted to pray for them. Jesus is not fighting against them, He is fighting for them! Join us this week as we pray for the spiritual fruits of humility and moral courage.

Questions? Email Emily at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church for more info.



Walking with Purpose

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

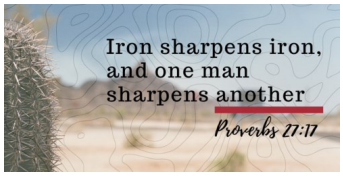


Come as you are. You are welcome here. Make authentic connections with other women! Refuel and Refresh! Learn more about God!

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

Saint John referred to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved," and as we study, John will teach is how much Jesus loves us and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls. Questions? Contact Susan Combes at 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

Men's Group Holy Hour— Friday, March 1 at 7:30 PM

News and Events

St. Alphonsus Parish Lenten Food Drive— Saturday, March 2



Benefiting Mission of Our Lady of the Angels

Saturday, March 2nd - 10 AM to 1 PM

Drop off at the Church parking lot. Collection bins also available in Church entrances the week prior.

Want to help the homeless, the poor of Chicago, the migrants? They all visit Mission OLA.

All non-perishable, unexpired food items are appreciated. Thank you from St. Alphonsus Parish!

Like to donate, but need your food donation picked up? Contact Paul Gillespie at pgillespie15158@gmail.com

Happy Hour Social—Feb. 25



Our Young Adult Ministry board hosts monthly socials celebrating joyous faithful community! All young adults are invited after the 5:00 PM Mass this Sunday, February 25. A group will meet in the narthex of the church after the Mass before walking over to Olive Black, down the street on Lincoln Ave.

Collection for Church in Central and Eastern Europe



This week our special collection helps restores the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule, and now the war in Ukraine. Funds support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection this week. You can find more information at www.usccb.org/ccee

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 PM. This can be a great way to re-center yourself in God and experience the peace that only Christ can give.

Wednesday Evening Men's Vespers
Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday from 8:15 PM-9:00 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

Holy Week & Easter Schedule



Palm Sunday, March 24
Mass times: 9:00, 11:00 AM,
12:30 PM (Spanish) and 5:00 PM

Holy Thursday, March 28
8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 29
8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours
3:00 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, March 30
12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM,
1:00 PM (en Español)
No 5:00 PM Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7
3:00 PM Holy Hour & Confessions



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Eucharistic Prayer Companion

Second Sunday of Lent: Listening for the Voice of God

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Pause for a few moments, and allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Realize that, at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive his loving gaze. You are his beloved child. Rest in his loving gaze.

Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

ASK FOR THE GRACE: Jesus, help me to trust you are speaking to me and to recognize your voice.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — *Read slowly, 3–4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.*

> **"I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore." (Genesis 22:16–17)**

REFLECTION QUESTION — *Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.*

The Lord often asks difficult things of us, especially if our hearts have wandered away from him. However, he always blesses us more than we could have ever imagined when we follow his promptings. What is one concrete blessing in your life Jesus has given you after you chose to listen to and follow him?

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — *Read slowly, 3–4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.*

> **"Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, 'This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.' Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them." (Mark 9:7–8)**

REFLECTION QUESTION — *Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.*

Gazing upon the Eucharist, recognize that Jesus is with you. The Father tells us in this Gospel reading that Jesus is his beloved Son. Is there an area of your heart that still struggles to believe that this is really God's beloved Son, present in a most special way in the Eucharist? Ask Jesus to help you see his face and hear his voice in the Blessed Sacrament.

Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER — O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Second Sunday of Lent)

SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer your desire to recognize Jesus and to hear his voice more clearly in the Eucharist, trusting that he will bless you abundantly as you follow him more closely.

LOVE IN ACTION — Most of us have family, friends, or coworkers that do not understand our belief that Jesus is truly present and communicates himself to us in the Blessed Sacrament. This can be a deep source of suffering, but bearing this patiently and praying for their conversion can be an occasion of grace and peace for both them and you! This week, consider choosing one person in your life who does not believe in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and pray daily for them to encounter Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Lent 2024

Lenten Fish Fry— Friday, March 8 at 6:30 PM!

Truly a highlight and staple of Lent, St. Alphonsus will be hosting one grand Lenten Fish Fry this year. This event is sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council to benefit charitable projects of the parish.

Date and Time: Friday, March 8th, 6:30 PM—9:00 PM
Where: 1429 W. Wellington, Chicago in Festival Hall, beneath the church
Featuring the Trinity Irish Dance Troupe around 7 PM.

Cost: $20 for adults. $10 for kids 5-12. Free for 4 and under.
Adult tickets purchased at www.givecentral.org/otp/39718
Buy Kids tickets at the door

Menu: Fried Beer Battered Cod, Macaroni and Cheese, Coleslaw
For Sale separately: Mini-cupcakes, Brownies and other treats
BYOB Alcohol only. Water and other non-alcoholic drinks will be for sale
For the kids: Multiple kids games and prizes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Sign-up to volunteer at our KoC Fish Fry website page, www.stalphonsusknights.com/fishfry/

Contact Ray San Agustin, raysanagustin15158@gmail.com for sponsorships and questions!

Catholic Relief Services— Rice Bowl



Like prayer and virtue, charity is not just for Lent. However, the time of Lent has always been set aside to help us show more concern for the poor and to make that concern part of our daily habits.

Make a resolution to do something positive for others. Just as we resolve to 'give up', add a resolution to do something for the peace and welfare of the world. It can take many forms - from walking instead of driving for short errands, to making the time to spend with someone who is lonely or elderly.

Contribute to CRS Rice Bowl. Rice Bowl is a program sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. You can collect the money in a small bowl placed on your table to remind yourself. Add to it any money you save from fasting as well as your spare change. At the end of Lent, bring your savings back to the parish in the form of a check or cash. Learn more at www.crsricebowl.org

Coming to Confession During Lent



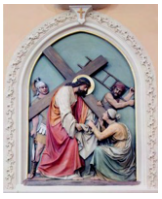
Lent is a traditional time to 'take stock' and discover the ways in which we can turn more fully toward the Lord and away from the sin that weighs us down. It is a great season in which to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

The sacrament is Reconciliation is regularly offered twice each week: Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 PM; Saturday from 11:00 to 11:30 AM. You may also contact the rectory office and schedule an appointment with a priest.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 6:30 PM on Fridays before Stations. If you need a refresher on how to pray the chaplet, you can go to www.catholic-link.org/how-to-pray-the-divine-mercy-chaplet-your-step-by-step-visual-guide/

Stations of the Cross



Each Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6 PM (en Espanol) and 7 PM (in English). This prayer allows us to meditate on Christ's Passion and death while walking the "Way of the Cross." It is a wonderful way to grow in one's knowledge of being a disciple of the Lord.

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Stewardship—First Fruits

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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*
You can also text *Sunday* to (773) 570-7600

Stewardship Reflection

"'Here I am!' he answered."- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, *"Here I am, Lord,"* when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say *"Here I am, Lord,"* when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.



Be a Substitute for Religious Education!

Like children? Want to share your faith and learn it better too?

Sometimes our catechists get sick or have work events, and when that happens we need YOU! You are reliable, and even if you're not always available on Tuesday evenings, you're the first person we'll call.

Jesus said what you do to the least of these you do to me.
Let the little children come to Jesus!

Contact Emily at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church for more info.

Gospel Reflection

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. — Mk 9:2-3

Glory Overshadowing the Cross

Just six days prior to this glorious event of the Transfiguration, Jesus spoke for the first time to His disciples about His pending crucifixion and death. He taught them that "the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days" (Mark 8:31). Recall that Peter had a difficult time accepting this teaching. Jesus went on to rebuke Peter for his refusal to accept this prophetic teaching and further explained that "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34). These disciples then had six days to ponder this prophecy of our Lord before witnessing the Transfiguration.

In your life, is there something that God is trying to say to you that you have difficulty accepting? If so, it will most likely be related to God's call to you to take up your cross and follow Him. The Cross of Christ comes in many forms throughout life. It might be experienced when we allow the passion of anger to die so that pure mercy can be offered to one who has hurt us. Or it might be that God is calling you to step out in faith to embrace some endeavor that requires courage and trust. Or it might be that God is calling you to accept some hardship in life that is difficult to accept, such as the loss of a loved one, an illness, the loss of a job or any other difficulty that you struggle to accept with love and trust. Bitterness, resentment, anger, fear and the like are often the most difficult crosses we are called to embrace and let die.

If this resonates with you, then this story of the Transfiguration is for you. After giving these disciples six days to ponder the difficult news of His coming Cross, Jesus gives them hope and inspiration through this sacred encounter. Though it lasted for only a short time, this manifestation of Jesus' glory was all that these disciples needed to begin to accept Jesus' prediction of His passion. On one hand, they feared what Jesus said was going to happen. But on the other hand, they saw His glory and majesty. By combining these two experiences, these disciples were given a new hope and strength to trust that whatever was to happen in the future, God was in control.

We also need the consoling revelation of our Lord's glory to help us navigate the difficulties we will endure. For some, life is good, very good, and they walk with joy and ease with our Lord. But for others, life has taken a difficult turn and confusion has set in. If life is good for you right now, then rejoice that you are currently sharing a taste of the glory of the Transfiguration. Give thanks to God and tell Him with Saint Peter, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!" Give thanks to him for the joy and consolation you currently experience. But if life is difficult for you right now, ponder those six days during which the disciples struggled with the prediction of the Lord's passion. Think about their confusion, doubts and fear. As you do, turn your eyes up the mountain. Know that the glory of God awaits you and that He wants to free you from all fear and anxiety. The mountain is climbed by a firm faith that is grounded in prayer. Make that journey with our Lord through prayer.

Reflect, today, upon this holy mountain to which you are called. Know that as you climb it with perseverance and determination, hope and joy will be given to you. Pray for the ability to trust in the God Who not only died a cruel death but also is radiant in glory for all eternity. Trust Him, turn to Him and commit to the journey ahead.

My Transfigured Lord, You revealed Your glory to these disciples as a way of helping them accept Your Cross. Help me to also embrace Your Cross in my life and to see clearly the glory that results from its embrace. I trust in You, dear Lord; help me to trust You more. Jesus, I trust in You.

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At the Athenaeum



Scythian— Sunday, March 10 at 6:30 PM

Scythian, the crazy, fun, Irish-Ukrainian band with their unique style of folk/bluegrass music, will return to the historic main stage of the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture on March 10.

There will be fiddles. Dancing. Guinness. And fun. A true Irish party.

So don't wait, buy tickets for you and the family today!

athenaeumcenter.org/events/2024/scythian-2/

Around the Archdiocese

Adult Confirmation Program— Starting in March

The Archdiocese of Chicago, through the Office of Lifelong Formation, encourages adults who are called to strengthen their faith and become confirmed to complete this vocation. The Archdiocese offers Adult Confirmation preparation classes in the spring and fall. Please note, you must be 18 years of age or older and have completed the sacraments of Baptism and Communion. The program is offered in English and Spanish.

This program is ideal for people who are baptized in the Catholic Church, received First Communion, have a baseline knowledge of the faith, and want to deepen their commitment to Jesus and the Church through this Sacrament, as well as potential Godparents, or new parents who are not confirmed, engaged persons, or recently married Catholics who weren't confirmed earlier in life. (This class is not a substitute for RCIA or for people converting to become Catholic, but is intended for adult Catholics who missed Confirmation earlier in life so they may now complete their Sacraments of Initiation.) Learn more and get started at pvm.archchicago.org/es/lifelong-formation/sacramental-formation/adult-confirmation

Adult Confirmation Calendar SPRING 2024

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Confirmation Mass and Rehearsal Misa de Confirmación y Ensayo	Presentation Site(s) & Presenter Lugar y Presentador(a)	Preparation Class Dates Fechas de las Sesiones	Registration Link Enlace para Inscribirse
Misa de Confirmacion y Ensayo **Mayo 20, 2024** Inscripción: 5 p.m. Ensayo: 5:30 p.m. Misa: 7 p.m. **Queen of All Saints Basilica** 6280 North Sauganash Avenue Chicago, IL 60646	**Plataforma Virtual Zoom** (Español) El enlace se proporcionará más cerca de la fecha.	**Miércoles:** Marzo 27; Abril 3, 10, 17, 24; Mayo 1, 8, 15, 22; 7 – 9 p.m.	**Inscríbase en español** **forms.office.com/r/g8r5PKPYaW** El registro abre el 15 de enero del 2024 y cierra el 22 de marzo del 2023 a las 5 p.m.
Adult Confirmation Mass and Rehearsal **May 20, 2024** Check-in: 5 p.m. Rehearsal: 5:30 p.m. Mass: 7 p.m. **Queen of All Saints Basilica** 6280 North Sauganash Avenue Chicago, IL 60646	**Virtual Zoom Platform** (English) Link will be provided closer to the start date.	**Tuesdays:** March 26; April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Mayo 7, 14, 21; 7 – 9 p.m.	**Register in English** **forms.office.com/r/PRJNYT6qfi** Registration opens January 15, 2024 and closes March 22, 2024 at 5 p.m.

Required In-Person Confirmation Retreat | Retiro de confirmación en persona requerido (English/Español)

April 6, 2024 | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Our Lady of the Angels Mission
824 North Hamlin Avenue, Chicago, IL 60651
For questions, please contact us at **adultconfirmation@archchicago.org** or call **312.534.3344**.

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

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

Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon- Fri

School Office

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

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

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

School Staff

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