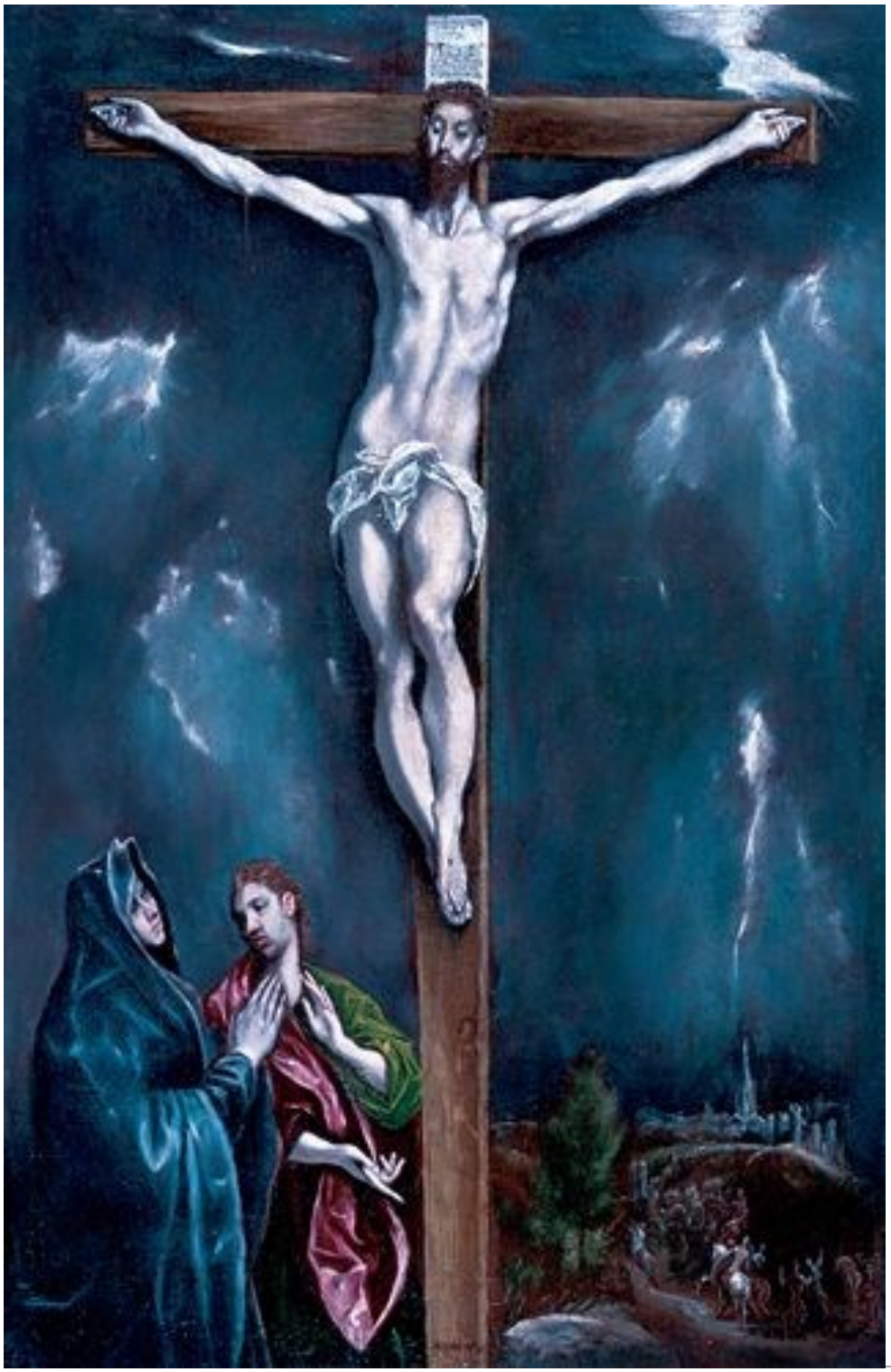
Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 10, 2022: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 8:30 AM
Wed 6:00 PM
Sun 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 (Spanish) and 5:00 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 AM—12:00 PM
**Or call one of the priests for an appointment*

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesday 5:50 PM

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
"Father, into your hands
I commend my spirit";
and when he had said this he
breathed his last. (Lk 23:46)

Cover Art: El Greco, *Crucifixion,* 1580

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/
Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: *Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or
Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/
Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/
Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b
-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Joanna Ravelingeen
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
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
Janet Horvat
Lauren Macias
Sara O'Connor
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 4/3/2022: $16,314

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

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.

Welcome to the Parish!

Eileen, Jonathan & Timothy Porter

Dan Rubel & Natalie Terchek

Kimberly Kenny

John Sheridan

Kristina Holz & Ryan Esselborn

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 10
9:00 AM +Carl M. Hasegawa
11:00 AM Madelyn Nelson
12:30 PM +Victorino Ramos, +Victorino Ramos Jr.
5:00 PM +Ronglan Lu

Monday, April 11
8:30 AM +Jane Falasz

Tuesday, April 12
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, April 13
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, April 14 (Holy Thursday)
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 15 (Good Friday)
7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 16 (Holy Saturday)
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 17 (Easter Sunday)
7:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
9:00 AM +Ervin Frohnauer
11:00 AM +Ricardo Azores
+Alberto Pizarros
12:30 PM +Dante Pagalunan, +Rosita Pagalunan
+Bartolome Pagalunan Jr.
+Bartolome Pagalunan Sr.

Holy Week and Easter at St. Alphonsus

Each Holy Week we have the privilege of living through the events of the Passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord in 'real time.' Each Eucharist draws us in the mystery of the Lord's death and Resurrection.

During the week, the liturgies are each a little different. We wave palms, have our feet washed, wait in the garden, venerate the cross, contemplate the world without the light of Christ and then see the power of the Risen Lord light up the night. Sharing these events together, with the church throughout the world, helps us to know in a deeper way their reality. The experience of Holy Week ties us more and more faithfully to the God who saves us.



Holy Thursday, April 14

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 15

8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross

These intergenerational Stations are a good alternative for families with children.

7:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 16

8:00 PM Solemn Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 17

7:30 AM Mass in English

9:00 AM Mass in English and German

11:00 AM Mass in English

12:30 PM Mass in Spanish

Please pray for the Elect and Candidates as they prepare to receive the sacraments at Easter.

Being baptized, confirmed and receiving the Eucharist:

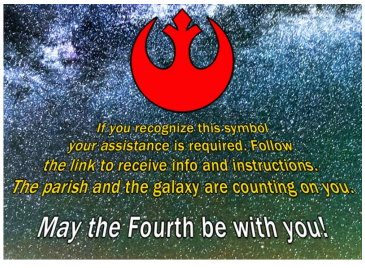
Jennifer Heck ♦ Samantha Scissom ♦ Laura Zhang

Being received into the church, confirmed and receiving the Eucharist:

Caleb Edward Fuller ♦ Graham Harper ♦ Tiffany Harper ♦ Roger Leonard Stell ♦ Mary Elizabeth Lawrence Woodard

Catholics receiving confirmation and the Eucharist:

Rohini Hilaire Mendonca ♦ Madelyn Grace Nelson ♦ Amanda Nguyen ♦ Caleb Smith ♦ David Burke Smith ♦ Christopher Joseph Villanueva



May the Fourth Be With You... A New Parish Fundraiser!

You may have noticed the cryptic teaser in last week's bulletin/E-Newsletter. Father Bauer, being an unapologetic Star Wars fan, is championing a fun little project in collaboration with the Athenaeum Center. The original Star Wars movie (1977), will be screened at ACTC. More details to come!! Interested in helping out? Contact Fr. Bauer, sbauer@stalphonsuschicago.com

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022

Each year, the Sunday following Easter marks Divine Mercy Sunday. As we begin our Journey through the Easter Season, the Church draws our attention to a special devotion which began after Jesus' appearances to St. Faustina Kowalska early in the 20th century. So, what is Divine Mercy anyways?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "the Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners." This is what Divine Mercy is all about. Lent calls us to take a look at our spiritual lives and see where pruning is needed, see where watering is needed. Then we celebrate Easter, and we are filled with the joy of the Risen Christ. Divine Mercy Sunday encompasses this whole drama, the whole drama of the Gospels. While Jesus is risen, we are still here on Earth, full of suffering, poverty, brokenness and sin. As such, we are constantly in need of God's mercy and love. Jesus told St. Faustina, *"I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it."*

Divine Mercy means saying to Jesus, "I trust in you." Indeed, all images of Jesus's Divine Mercy bear these words. On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sanctuary is adorned with this image as a reminder for each of us to utter this simple but beautiful prayer, "Jesus, I trust in you." Besides an important devotion for ourselves as sinners, Divine Mercy Sunday also offers us a great time for those all around the world who are in need of God's Love and Mercy. We pray for all the ills that plague our society, from addiction to mental illness, to war and greed, to hatred and envy. And of course, we continue to pray for the legal protection of the unborn and for healing love and mercy for all those whose lives have been touched by this evil. Along with the typical Mass schedule, we will have an hour of Eucharistic Adoration accompanied with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM in the Church. What a great way to come to the Lord in thanksgiving for all He has done and has in store for us!





Confessions will also be heard from 3-4 PM. We must be signs of God's mercy in the world. We must not hold back this mercy, for we ourselves have been forgiven. Some reflection questions to consider:

What are some times in my life when I have received God's mercy?

Who do I need to show mercy to right now?

How can mercy bring healing to the wounds of our world?

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*

Stewardship Reflection

"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

News and Events

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.
For adult baptisms contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.com

Marriage at St. Alphonsus



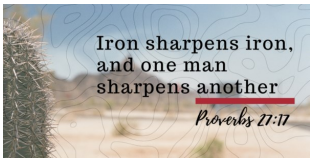
The love between two people is a gift from God. The commitment you make to be together for the rest of your lives is sealed before the community and God during the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. If you are recently engaged and planning to get married (either at St. Alphonsus Church or out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

Volunteer As An Usher!

Help out your parish! We are looking for volunteer ushers for Holy Week/Easter services. Ushers serve as greeters and help take up the collection. There is a sign-up on the table in the narthex. For more info, you can also contact John Meindl at jmeindl66@gmail.com

St. Alphonsus 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 Matt Duff at mduff527@gmail.com.

"Open Gym"

Saturday Morning Kids Play Time



Looking for a chance to get out of the house and for your kids to run around? Please join us Saturday mornings in Festival Hall (below the church) for a chance to spend time with other St. Als families and for the kids to play together. Please bring your own coffee, snacks, and any toys your kids would like to play with. Enter through the West door closest to the parking lot (by the Mary Altar). Saturdays 8:30 AM-10:30 AM. For questions, please contact Monica Cloghessy at (630) 347-3028 or monica.mccormack15@gmail.com

TOTS Program

2 Years Old With Adult

The AACA Tots Program is designed to provide two-year-old children with an introduction to a structured learning environment that allows them to begin the transition from home to school. During the program, children are both cognitively and socially stimulated so that they begin to understand some of the basic components of school-based learning, such as transitioning smoothly from one activity to another or taking directions from an adult, other than his or her parent. Our program also provides an opportunity for children to begin to understand the dynamics of structured play while interacting with a number of other children.

Tuition for School Year: 1 day/week = $1,600 2 days per week = $3,000

Now Accepting Applications For 2022-23 School Year

Offering
Tues, Wed, Thurs
8:00 to 10:00 am
Parent/Child Selects
1 or 2 days per week
Sept - June

AACA Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts

Contact Mary Bodlak
mbodlak@aaca.school
or 773-819-7655

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Faith Formation

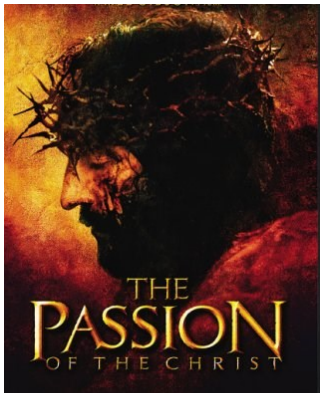
Women's Bible Study Meetings– Tuesdays at St. Alphonsus



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.

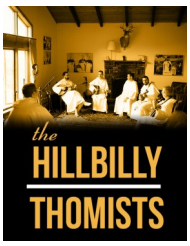
Walking With Purpose meet on Tuesdays at the St. Alphonsus Common Room in the rectory. Meetings are from 9:30 AM to 11 AM or 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. For more info, contact suecombes@hotmail.com

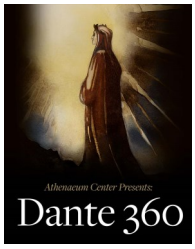
Athenaeum Center



The Passion of the Christ movie screening on Good Friday at 4 PM

On Good Friday, April 15, after Stations of the Cross at St. Alphonsus at 3 PM, the faithful are invited to walk over to the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, where they will be showing Mel Gibson's *Passion of the Christ* at 4 PM. There will not be admission charged, but please donate a free-will offering! Reserve your ticket on their website. You can also check out upcoming shows, including bluegrass favorites Hillbilly Thomists and the return of Dante 360 in November! Visit www.athenaeumcenter.org/events/





Gospel Meditation



Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

Our Mission

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

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



Young Adult Speed Dating
Saturday April 30 6—10 PM

Young adult (21-39 yrs old) speed dating will take place on Saturday, April 30th with registration check-ins beginning at 6:00 PM.

Cost per individual ticket is $50. You must pre-register for the event. Final day to register is Wednesday, April 27. At the door sign ups are not allowed, to ensure everyone is able to meet their matches for each round.
There is a 2 step registration process. First, please register online on the parish GiveCentral event page:
Women: www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/33522
Men: www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/33521

Once registering, please be sure to create a Profile link. Participants create a profile and select a preferred dating range. They will then be matched with people that select similar ranges (*your age must fall within the range).
*Once you create your profile, be sure to save your login to make matches, after the event.
Link: www.stalphonsuschicago.org/yam-speed-dating-form
Save your login for making matches after the event

Join us for a tremendously fun evening of quality conversations with great dates, food and drinks included! Don't wait to register! Seats go super fast. All ticket sales are final, limited number available for each men and women's group so buy yours now before they sell out.

Follow-up questions can be sent to stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

Young Catholic Professionals— April Speaker Series

Join YCP Chicago on Tuesday, April 12th from 7-9 PM at the Thiele Center, 1510 N. Claremont Ave. for an Executive Speaker Series event w/ Tom Rosenak, President and Founder of Diamond Mind Enterprises, LLC.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s from ALL industries are invited to this free event, where you will learn insights about the integration of faith and work and network with other young Catholic professionals from the Chicagoland area over complimentary beer, wine, and appetizers. Register at bit.ly/ycpapril22

Around the Archdiocese

Out of Many, One: The Music & Significance of Renaissance Voice

Saturday, April 23 at 7:00 PM
St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1010 W. Webster Ave.
Presented by the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Faith Studies Group, Out of Many, One: The Music and Significance of Renaissance Voice, is a 90-minute interactive program, featuring lecture, multi-media slides and a group of six choral singers in live performance, followed by a reception with the program's lecturers and singers.
$10 suggested donation; $30 for priority seating. All are welcome. For tickets visit www.stvdep.org



Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

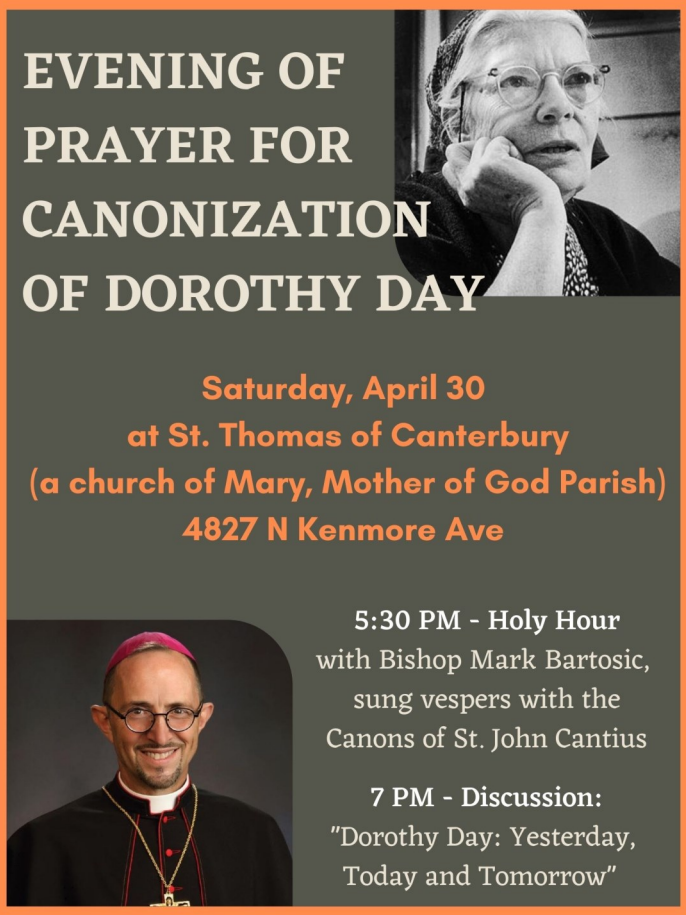
Easter Egg Dyeing

Here are the recipes to dye your Easter eggs without the commercial dyes.

Add one tablespoon white vinegar to every cup of strained dye liquid.
Per cup of water use the following:
1 cup chopped purple cabbage = blue on white eggs, green on brown eggs
1 cup red onion skins = lavender on red eggs
1 cup yellow onion skins = orange on white eggs, rusty red on brown eggs
1 cup shredded beets = pink on white eggs, maroon on brown eggs
2 tablespoons ground turmeric = yellow eggs
1 bag Red Zinger tea = lavender eggs
For every dozen eggs, plan on using at least four cups of dye liquid.

Renew My Church





The Way of the Cross Downtown Chicago



Friday, April 15th, Gather at Daley Plaza at 8:30AM, Dearborn & Washington
Each year we follow the passion of Christ in the heart of our city, where thousands of people carry their cross every day. Through choral music, Gospel passages, reflections, and our silent procession, we hope to enter more deeply into the events of Good Friday and their meaning for us today. We ask to experience the exceptional Presence of Christ among us as a real answer to the needs of our hearts.
The total length of the walk is approximately two miles.
http://wayofthecrosschicago.org/

Holy Hour for Canonization

April 30 at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, 4827 N. Kenmore Ave.; begins with 5:30 PM holy hour led by Bishop Mark Bartosic, followed by soup in the soup kitchen downstairs founded by Catholic Worker member who had been with Dorothy Day in New York and 7 PM facilitated discussion of "Dorothy Day in the 21st Century" with panelists Jim Eder, a Catholic Worker in the 1970s who spent two summers with Dorothy Day at Tivoli in New York; Daniel Dela Pava, a Catholic Worker living in the St. Francis Catholic Worker House in Uptown; and Sean Domencic, founder of Holy Family Catholic Worker House, Lancaster, PA

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, "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.

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*

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

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

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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

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

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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

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