



Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 9, 2024: TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*And if Satan has risen up against himself
and is divided, he cannot stand;
that is the end of him. (Mk 3:26)*

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 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13-5:1/Mk 3:20-35
Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Please Pray for the Sick

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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount:
\$14,890

Offertory for 6/2:
\$14,588

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



WEDDING BANNS

Agatha Lewandowska
and
Anthony Giannese

Emily Yarina
and
Brendan McNaughton

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

John Francis Hilson
Declan George Milbourn
Mia Kelley Gearhart

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 9

9:00 AM +Otto William Olwig
11:00 AM St. Alphonsus Graduating Class of 1956
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM +Agnes O'Brien

Monday, June 10

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, June 11

8:30 AM +Steven Wagner

Wednesday, June 12

6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, June 13

8:30 AM +Raymond Wagner

Friday, June 14

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Saturday, June 15

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, June 16

9:00 AM +Irene Graham
Colleen and Justin Pellino (wedding anniversary)
11:00 AM +Richard Meindl
12:30 PM +Maria y Manuel Naula
5:00 PM +Edward Marsalek

Message From Our Pastor

School is OUT for Summer!

The exuberant cheers, always cacophonous at first, diminish somewhat quickly, not because joy diminishes, but because of how quickly the students scatter in every direction. It's an annual event, and fun to watch – as long as you're not standing in the path of kids stampeding to the park or baseball diamond. We love our school community very much, and are proud of all our students have accomplished, and how they've grown intellectually and spiritually. And none of that would be possible without our amazing teachers, faculty and admins. Their dedication, commitment to the students, and love for the community is second-to-none, and is deeply rooted in our Catholic identity -- which connects us back to Christ the Divine Teacher.

Homework is IN for Summer!

One of the lessons Jesus teaches us throughout the Gospels is the commandment of love. Through parables spoken to crowds, in debates with Pharisees, and in conversations with His disciples, Jesus reveals the primacy of following the commandments and loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Doing so enables us to do the will of God, which is what defines us as members of His family. That is the precisely the lesson at the conclusion of the Gospel. And if that's the lesson from the Divine Teacher, it also comes with homework assignments: continuing to pray daily, attending Sunday Mass, and loving our neighbor as ourself. These things, our "home-work" orients our hearts and souls towards Heaven, our ultimate home. That's what St. Paul teaches us in the second reading: we look to what is unseen, to what is eternal, to a dwelling place made for us in Heaven, an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, so that our thanksgiving may overflow for the glory of God. This, indeed, is our summertime spiritual homework. But if it feels more like "work," let us pray that the writing of St. Paul inspire us to orient us toward our true "home."

The Warm Embrace of God's Love

In talking about our heavenly home, St. Paul uses the metaphor of a building not made by hands. We are blessed beyond understanding that our beloved church

building, which was made by hands, embraces us with beauty. I always tell visitors captivated by the art and architecture that "they don't make 'em like this anymore!" I point out a few features, that it was built in 1889, and then with tongue in cheek, I explain the stained glass windows are original, the chandeliers are original, the confessionals are original... and... the air conditioning is also original!"

The joke gets less funny as the summer goes on. But there actually might be a pathway to air conditioning the church, and it relates of course to stewardship and tithing – principles we learn in the Sacred Scriptures. If every parishioner contributed the equivalent of one hour's wage to the collection, the parish could balance its budget (sadly, we are over budget, despite being frugal). If every parishioner contributed the equivalent of two hours of their wages, we would never have to ask for money again. That would be about 5% of a person's salary, which is half of the biblical standard for tithing. But if every parishioner offered the gift of their tithe according to the biblical standard, four hours worth of their wage, we'd soon raise enough revenue to air condition the church!

I've used that example of stewardship before, because anyone who has been here on a hot day gets the joke. More importantly, hopefully it's an invitation for us to reflect on the spiritual obligation we have to participate in the stewardship and life of our community. We have some parishioners who are very generous, and many who contribute faithfully each week – and each one of us is a direct beneficiary of their love and generosity. Our hearts swell with gratitude for all the gifts we've received, from God and from parishioners. And we pray that God's love embrace their hearts and lives with everything they need to prosper spiritually. The gift of our beautiful church, campus buildings, and community is a direct result of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure of 142 years worth of people before us. Keeping vibrant the beauty of our parish and ministries with the gift of our own time, talent, and treasure – part of our spiritual homework – reveals the love that our current parish family has for all her new and future members.

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.

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

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage This Summer!



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the month of June is dedicated to devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. And it is during this month that we also celebrate Corpus Christ – the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is a special feast celebrating the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. As you will recall, we are in the midst of a spiritual revival in our Archdiocese and a National Eucharistic Revival. We are just weeks away from this grace-filled moment. Pray about how you will participate and be a part of this wonderful movement of the Holy Spirit as our Lord works through us to spiritually renew His Church.

- Join us here at St. Alphonsus for an evening of Mass, worship, and fellowship on Friday, June 28. This event is geared towards all young adults in the Archdiocese, but EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED to attend!!

Below is the current planned schedule:

6:30 PM - Intro Welcome by Fr. Bauer + 10min Pilgrim Testimony

6:45 PM - Mass (Fr. Bauer as Main Celebrant, Fr. Tim Anastos as Homilist, with polyphonic choir)

8:15 PM - Candlelit Procession (around the church - stopping at altars)

8:45 PM - Solemn Benediction

9:00 PM - Social (Athenaeum - Paradiso Hall)

10:00 PM - Event Ends

You are also welcome to bring your family to the event at Mundelein Seminary on Wednesday, June 26 from 4-7 PM. This gathering will be especially focused on our youth (teens) with the celebration of Mass followed by testimonies from young adult pilgrims, Adoration and Eucharistic Procession.

Attend a multilingual event at the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, June 27 ... and/or ...

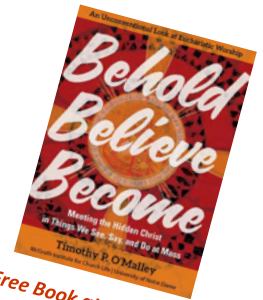
- On Saturday, June 29, our Morning of Adoration and Service, there will be many opportunities at parishes across the Archdiocese, as well as the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, followed by special evening Masses, witness talks and adoration at six locations around Cook and Lake Counties. (The diaconate community is encouraged to invite parishioners to join them at their respective Vicariate Masses).
- Or attend the Sunday Mass and Eucharistic Procession with Cardinal Cupich at Holy Name Cathedral on Sunday, June 30.

There are so many ways to be a part of the Pilgrimage across those four and a half days.

Now, if you ARE going to be on vacation during that time and not here to participate in any of these events, I encourage you to: find time to participate in Mass in a local Catholic Church, wherever you are, and if possible spend time in either a Eucharistic Adoration chapel or in front of the tabernacle and simply pray.

Join yourself spiritually to Catholics here at our parish, in the Archdiocese, across the country, across the span of history, with the angels and saints in heaven in joyful praise and thanksgiving for Christ's presence in the Eucharist.

Outside the church or chapel, take a selfie with your family and tag our parish social media during those days of June – it's not boasting, it's giving witness as part of our parish family that no matter where we are, we are united through the Eucharist!



Free Book at Revival Event!

*Meeting the Hidden Christ
in Things We See, Say, and
Do at Mass by Dr. Timothy
O'Malley. McGrath Institute
of Church Life, University of
Notre Dame*

Joining St. Alphonsus Parish

St. Alphonsus welcomes all community members on their faith journey! Just moved in the area? Coming back to practicing our Catholic faith? You will want to learn about all the events going on at our parish. If you are not receiving our weekly parish newsletter in your email, contact Mario Serrano at mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.church

You can officially register to join the parish at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors

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NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

Chicago Young Adult Eucharistic Revival



Friday, June 28, 2024 | 6:30 – 10 p.m.

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church

1429 West Wellington Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

**Join us as we celebrate the National Eucharistic
Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese of Chicago!**

Come experience this historic Eucharistic event for ALL Chicagoland area young adult Catholics, as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage officially makes its way through Chicago on its way to Indianapolis for the Eucharistic Congress. The event will include Mass, a Eucharistic Procession, and a social afterwards.

Questions? Please contact Rebecca Siar at
rsiar@archchicago.org.

To learn more and register for this event,
please visit **EucharisticRevivalChicago.org**.



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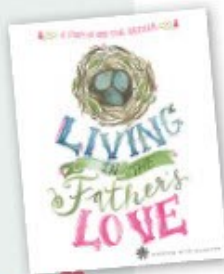
Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women
Refuel and refresh | Learn more about God

In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements, and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are? ***Living in the Father's Love*** will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all.

This brief but powerful Bible study is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself. Discover just how much God loves us and how the gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love.



St. Alphonsus Rectory
1429 W. Wellington Ave.
(2nd Fl. Common Room)
Tuesdays, June 11 to July 16
Two sessions, 9:30- 11 AM or 6:30- 8 PM

Questions? Contact Susan Combes at
smbcombes51@gmail.com



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News and Events

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 contact Kathryn Kibler at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church

For adult baptisms, contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Priest Convocation— NO Mass June 18-20

Due to all Archdiocese of Chicago priests attending the convocation meeting in Lake Geneva, WI, St. Alphonsus will not have a priest to celebrate daily Mass on Tuesday, June 18, Wednesday, June 19, and Thursday, June 20. However, the Liturgy of the Word will still be prayed with communion service, and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on June 19. Our parish Pastoral Associate Brooks or a religious order member will lead the Liturgy of the Word prayer service on June 18 and 20.

Volunteer with Cleaning Angels!



All parishioners are invited to join us on Saturday, June 22 from 9 AM to 10:30 AM as we help to clean and beautify our Saint Alphonsus campus! It is our duty as good Catholics to be of service to our faith community and our local parish! No online sign-up; simply come to the church in the morning with charitable hearts! Contact coordinator Kelly Lovewell at kjlovewell@gmail.com for questions.

First Brats of Summer— Thank You!

A warm thank you to all who came out and supported our inaugural Brats of Summer event on May 31! All pre-sale packages sold and it was a great time. Borrowing from baseball parlance, it was like Spring Training for our dedicated team of Oktoberfest brat makers, as they joyfully put in hours honing their craft of bringing delicious Wurst for all to enjoy! The next time these delicatessens will be available is at our annual Oktoberfest parish fundraiser on the weekend of September 27-29.

Are You Ready To Become Catholic?

Registration is open for The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.). Each year we are blessed with individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA program is the study of the Catholic Faith and the process of introduction into the faith community. Contact Brooks Robinson MDiv, MTS at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church for more information and to register.

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



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.

Wednesday Evening Men's Vespers

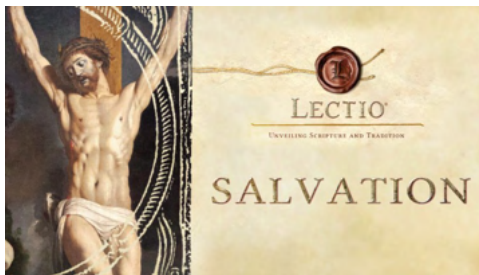
Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday at 8-9 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door). It's a great way to take your spiritual life a step further as we enrich our knowledge of the faith, encourage each other in life's challenges, and grow in fortitude together. We chant the Liturgy of the Hours, 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/more info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com



Serve as a Wedding Coordinator!

Are you someone who would consider themselves organized and a hopeless romantic, looking to get more involved in our parish? St. Alphonsus is currently looking for wedding coordinators to join our team. Weddings are joyful and jam-packed events filled with lots of details—it's an all-hands-on-deck ordeal! Being part of the Wedding Ministry is a rewarding opportunity as we help couples enjoy their special and Sacramental day. All volunteers receive a stipend for their time. **For more information, contact Priyanka Golwala weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church**

Faith Formation



New Lectio Series in June— Salvation

Every Sunday we confess that Jesus "for our Salvation came down from Heaven." But have you ever wondered what this means?

Beginning Monday, June 24th at 7 PM, we will set out to explore these and related questions using the FORMED Lectio series on Salvation.

To sign up, costs, location, or for other questions contact Brooks Robinson, brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

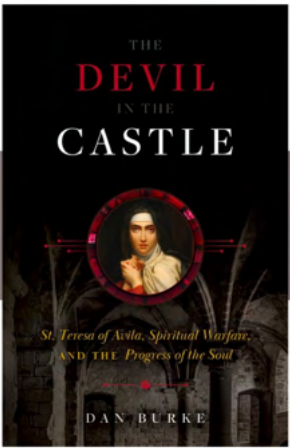
Book Study

Fridays, 6 PM—7:30 PM, NOW through June 21st in Rectory Common Room

How do you fight distraction in prayer? What role does the devil play in your prayer life, and what does God want to accomplish in your soul?

Join us for a Study reading, *The Devil in the Castle*! Fridays, 6 PM-7:30 PM, Now through June 21 in the Rectory. **PLEASE arrive by 6:15 PM, otherwise the front door will be locked and we may not hear the bell.**

Each week we will discuss a chapter and watch a video from the author as he dives deeper into the spiritual riches of St. Teresa of Avila. Pick up the book on your own and join us as we work through it! Questions? Contact Emily at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church



**THE DEVIL
IN THE CASTLE**

BY: DAN BURKE

BOOK STUDY

Fridays 6pm-7:30pm
May 10th-June 21st

TOPICS COVERED

- How to fight distraction in prayer
- Why God uses dryness in prayer to advance the progress of our souls
- How desolation can work for the good of the soul
- Why it's dangerous to assume that your decisions are correct if you feel at peace

St. Alphonsus Men's Group

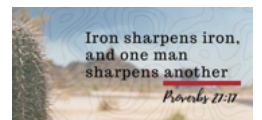
St. Alphonsus Men's Group meets Thursday nights to pray the liturgy of the hours, have fellowship, and to propose challenging topics to discuss.

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



Young Adult Ministry

Sacrament Series— The Eucharist on Wednesday, June 26 at 7:30 PM

"Take this all of you and eat of it, this is my Body given up for you". These words, the apex of the Liturgy, are intrinsically tied to the Eucharist which is the focus of the next entry in our monthly Sacraments Series. The Catholic Church teaches that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the Eucharist, and yet a staggering number of American Catholics do not believe in this core tenet of Catholicism which has led to the current episcopal efforts to reverse this trend through the ongoing Eucharistic Revival.



As we explore the Sacrament which is the "source and summit of the Christian Life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1324-1327) we are joined by Fr. Jaroslaw Mikuczewski, SJ as our guest lecturer. Alongside a Master's of Divinity, Fr. Mikuczewski is a visiting lecturer on bioethics at Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine with a PhD in healthcare ethics as well as a Master's of Science in biotechnology with a focus on protein engineering and genetics. This event will be held in the second floor common room of the rectory. Doors will open at 7 PM and the talk will begin at 7:30.



Theology on Tap— Wednesday evenings this summer!

Look ahead to warmer days when we can sit out on the front veranda and listen to a great speaker series come July! We have four amazing speakers lined up for Theology on Tap, which will take place every Wednesday evening in July on the St. Alphonsus veranda. Fellowship and light refreshments at 7 PM; with the speaker's talk at 7:30 PM. Keep an eye out for more information on each speaker's topic as we get closer to the event!

7/10 – Bishop Lombardo

7/24 – Anne McGowan, Associate Professor of Liturgy @ Catholic Theological Union

7/31 – Fr. Tim Anastos

8/7 – Alessandro DiSanto, Co-Founder of Hallow app

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- 2) Escriba el código postal 60657
- 3) Elige a St. Alphonsus
- 4) Escriba su nombre y correo electrónico
- 5) ¡DISFRUTA!

Gospel Reflection

“Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin.” For they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Mark 3:28–30

Sincere Repentance

Jesus spoke these words to the crowds who had gathered around His home in Capernaum because two groups of people had just spoken very critically of Him in a public way. First, some of His extended family arrived and said to everyone, “He is out of his mind.” And then some of the scribes from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul.” Thus, Jesus states clearly that their blasphemy is a sin against the Holy Spirit and will have everlasting consequences.

Why is it that certain sins will never be forgiven? What exactly is a sin against the Holy Spirit? Traditionally, our Church has identified this sin in a couple of ways. First, it is a sin of final impenitence, that is, the sin of obstinately persisting in grave sin. Obstinacy, or the refusal to repent, is a sin that cannot be forgiven, simply because the person committing it never seeks forgiveness. They become so entrenched in their sin that they refuse to change. Thus, the mercy of God is incapable of entering into them. Second, it has also been identified as presumption, meaning a person sins while expecting God to forgive. Presumption is more subtle; however, it also has the effect of keeping a person from the sincere repentance that is needed for forgiveness. The presumptuous person never fully repents and amends their life as long as they remain in their sin.

Of all the many sins you struggle with or might struggle with in the future, pay special attention to the sins



against the Holy Spirit. Though we should never think we have a right to God’s forgiveness, we must always believe that God’s mercy is so great that the moment we humbly acknowledge our sin and sincerely repent of it, God will forgive. But the key is “sincerity.” In order to be forgiven, the repentance within us must be sincere, authentic, real and complete. We cannot fool God. We can certainly fool ourselves, but not God.

One of the best ways to regularly be certain that you are not guilty of any sin against the Holy Spirit is by going to the Sacrament of Confession and confessing your sins with openness, thoroughness and humility. Own your sin. Acknowledge it. Experience sorrow for it. Resolve to change. Then confess it and trust in God’s mercy.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you lack sincerity and thoroughness in your repentance from sin. Are you honest with yourself about the sins you have committed? Have you taken ownership of those sins? If so, have you also confessed them to God and firmly resolved never to commit them again? Take repentance seriously so that you never even begin to fall down the slippery slope that leads to any sin against the Holy Spirit.

Most merciful Lord, You offer forgiveness to all who come to You with humility and sincere sorrow. Please fill me with these virtues and give me the resolve to change as I open myself to Your unfathomable mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Pope Francis’ June 2024 Intention

For those fleeing their own countries

Pope Francis asks the faithful to pray in June for “migrants fleeing from war or hunger” and that they “may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.”

St. Alphonsus Church FY2022 and FY2023
(for Parish Annual Report)

	FY2022	FY2023	NOTES
INCOME			
Sunday/Holy Day Collections	\$745,354	\$757,685	2
Christmas Collection	\$59,794	\$72,385	
Easter Collection	\$35,733	\$31,328	
Other Collections	\$8,961	\$7,790	
Tuition - Net (Rel. Ed.)	\$18,645	\$21,332	
Fees	\$5,470	\$4,144	
Lease/Rental Income	\$131,782	\$142,370	
Fundraising - Net	\$112,879	\$143,872	3
Interest/Investment Income	\$1,568	\$15,148	4
Auxiliary Groups	(\$556)	\$0	
Miscellaneous	\$171,183	\$139,430	3
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,290,812	\$1,335,483	1
EXPENSE			
Salaries	\$540,603	\$525,677	6
Employee Benefits	\$150,670	\$146,769	6
Books/Supplies Non-Liturg.	\$10,709	\$16,964	
Administrative	\$57,185	\$61,441	
Transportation	\$112	\$0	
Food Service & Meals	\$17,445	\$24,274	
Utilities	\$99,134	\$80,587	
Maintenance & Bldg. Serv.	\$111,861	\$134,195	7
Altar & Liturgical Supplies	\$24,181	\$32,288	
Furnishings & Equipment	\$324	\$490	
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$139,062	\$113,124	8
PRMAA Assessment	\$44,272	\$35,436	8
Property & Casualty Ins.	\$107,308	\$104,319	
Auto Ins. - Priest Vehicles	\$2,690	\$2,986	
Miscellaneous	\$22,780	\$25,017	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1,328,337	\$1,303,566	5
NET ORDINARY INCOME	(\$37,524)	\$31,916	

NOTES:

- 1 Total Income increased 3.5%, but fell far short of the rate of inflation.
- 2 Christmas Collection increased 21% --back to level of some pre-pandemic years.
- 3 Fundraising and Miscellaneous Income totals vary appreciably in FY2023 versus FY2022, because accounting change moved Major Donor donations from Miscellaneous to Fundraising.
- 4 Unusual higher short-term CD rate used to significantly increase Interest Income.
- 5 Total expenses declined about 2% primarily because of reduced Personnel costs.
- 6 Personnel costs declined about 3% due to more part-time work versus full-time.
- 7 Maintenance increased due to higher snow removal service cost and one-time Rectory window repairs.
- 8 Archdiocesan and PRMAA Assessments were lower, because the Archdiocese bases these on income from 2 years previous (FY2021) when pandemic year revenue declined sharply.

St. Alphonsus School FY2022 and FY2023
(for Parish Annual Report)

	FY2022	FY2023	Notes
INCOME			
Tuition - Net	\$4,884,924	\$4,763,872	2
Fees	\$366,959	\$301,775	2
Outside Funding Sources	\$46,975	\$55,625	
Fundraising - Net	\$550,216	\$553,990	3
Interest/Investment Income	\$25	\$2,644	
Auxiliary Groups	-\$2,360	\$16,445	
Miscellaneous	\$22,141	\$35,904	
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,868,879	\$5,730,256	1
EXPENSE			
Salaries	\$3,036,839	\$3,189,857	5
Employee Benefits	\$896,279	\$994,366	
Instructional Materials	\$198,083	\$67,510	6
Administrative	\$212,041	\$225,603	
Transportation	\$550	\$0	
Food Service & Meals	\$4,047	\$3,878	
Utilities	\$118,374	\$102,194	
Maintenance & Bldg. Serv.	\$573,442	\$834,036	7
Furnishings & Equipment	\$6,438	\$1,815	
OCS Assessment	\$24,984	\$25,268	
Property & Casualty Ins.	\$109,039	\$109,944	
Miscellaneous	\$40,458	\$62,576	8
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$5,220,574	\$5,617,046	4
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$648,305	\$113,210	

NOTES:

- 1 Total Income decreased about \$139,000 or 2%, as enrollment decreased from 525 to 514.
- 2 Tuition and Fees Income decreased, because enrollment decreased.
- 3 Overall Fundraising held steady well above Budget as \$60,000 grant offset some event revenue decrease.
- 4 Overall Expenses increased 8% (about \$396,000) primarily due to increased Building Maintenance investments and higher Personnel Expenses.
- 5 The 6% Personnel Expense increase was due primarily to Archdiocese-mandated 5% Salary increases.
- 6 Large Instructional Materials decrease was due to two factors: 1) Very large catch-up investment in FY2022, and 2) FY2023 benefit from large direct-payment-to-vendors government pandemic-related subsidies.
- 7 Maintenance expenditures increased 45% (about \$261,000) due to funds being available for significant building improvement and deferred maintenance projects.
- 8 The 55% (about \$22,000) increase in Miscellaneous Expense was due to increased Marketing expenditures.

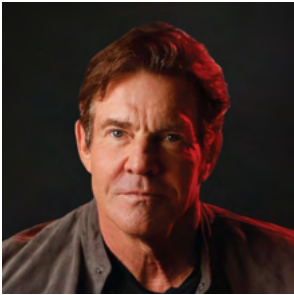
Low Gluten Hosts Available



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.

At the Athenaeum

An Evening With Dennis Quaid Friday, July 18 at 7:30 PM



Dennis Quaid is an American icon and treasure. Alongside his globally beloved acting career, Quaid is a respected singer-songwriter with hundreds of thousands of miles under his belt as a recording and touring musician who's been playing music since his grandfather bought him his first guitar.

A riveting performer, Quaid captivates audiences with engaging stories about his illustrious film career and stories behind the highly personal songs that populate his multi-week No. 1 inspirational album, *Fallen: A Gospel Record for Sinners*, released in 2023, via Gaither Music Group.

Combining soul-stirring renditions of original songs and covers from his movies that defined cinema, Quaid delivers an honest, inspiring performance. *Fallen* follows Quaid's 2018 album, *Out of the Box*, described by Quaid as a junkyard of American music. Though he loves writing, recording and making movies, music holds a special place in the Texas native's heart, and for the last four decades, he has toured extensively, displaying equal ease on the piano and acoustic guitar.



Get your tickets for this concert and check out more events coming to the Athenaeum at athenaeumcenter.org/events/

Around the Archdiocese

Fore the Kids Golf Outing— June 24



Fore the Kids is the annual golf outing benefitting the Archdiocese of Chicago's Catholic schools. Proceeds from Fore the Kids benefit emergency tuition assistance and academic innovation. These two vital areas provide scholarships to students in need and allow us to engage in the diagnostic tools and academic coaching to better serve our students. When you support Catholic schools, you invest in future generations who will carry forward the values of faith, service, and integrity in an increasingly complex world. It strengthens communities, nurtures future leaders, and upholds the mission of creating a more just and compassionate society. Please join us for a fun day of golf and more importantly to support and celebrate our incredible Catholic schools. Register at giving.archchicago.org/ways-to-give/fore-the-kids

Catholic Charities Golf Classic

Monday, July 15, Knollwood Club, Lake Forest and Shoreacres, Lake Bluff

Join us for a fabulous day of golf benefiting Catholic Charities programs. Included will be friendly competition, lunch, beautiful surroundings, and a wonderful dinner. Learn more and purchase tickets at www.catholiccharities.net/events/catholic-charities-golf-classic-2024/

JUNETEENTH WEEKEND

Summer of Peace Rally & March
June 14 @ 7PM

SPECIAL GUEST
COMMON

Juneteenth Celebration
June 16 @ 10AM

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson

The Faith Community of Saint Sabina
1210 West 78th Place
773-483-4300
www.saintsabina.org

Cardinal Cupich Letter



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
Next weekend, as we celebrate Fathers' Day, we pause to reflect on the gift fathers are to our families. We thank God for how they enrich our lives by their example, their support, their love and their wisdom.

It is also an occasion to honor those who father our parish communities, our priests who minister to us and tend to our needs as pastors. They come to mind as we recall the priest who performed our family marriages, who was at the bedside of a parent, spouse or child close to death, who baptized our children, who heard our confession and whose homilies gave us hope to carry on.

Today, we are given an opportunity to stand by them, as they have stood by us, by giving generously to this weekend's second collection in support of their health and retirement needs. The Priests' Health and Retirement collection is for the benefit of our 411 active and 253 retired priests. We all know how health care costs continue to rise. This year the expenses for health care, nursing and priests' retirement will total \$13 million. This is the only collection for our archdiocesan priests' health and retirement, those ordained to serve in our archdiocesan parishes. It is distinct from the annual collection for religious order priests, sisters and brothers, which was taken up earlier this year.

While our priests begin retirement only at age 70, many choose to stay active. And, many of those who do retire at seventy continue to let us know we can count on them by helping out on weekends in our parishes. Please join me in letting the sons of this archdiocese, who have stepped forward to give their lives in service to us, know that they can count on us. Join me in making a generous contribution to this weekend's second collection. Also, I ask you to consider naming the Priests' Health and Retirement as one of the beneficiaries in your will, something I personally have done.

Each day they stand by us, so let's stand by them now. We can do a lot if we all do our part. As we give thanks to God for our fathers on Fathers' Day, let's say a prayer for our priests, those who father our parishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

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PRIESTS' HEALTH
& RETIREMENT



Our Promise to Our Priests

Please support the health and well-being of our priests by making a generous gift to the Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA collection for the benefit of their healthcare and retirement needs.

Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA
1400 South Wolf Road
Building 3, Floor 2
Hillside, IL 60162
prmaa.org

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Butter wrappers

Don't throw out used butter wrappers, fold them in half (the buttery side in of course) and put them in your fridge. Next time you need to grease a pan, just grab your pre-buttered wrapper and coat the pan.

Congrats to Connie Del Toral!



Our beloved Connie Del Toral is retiring after seven years at Alphonsus Academy as administrative assistant! She is actively involved in our parish's St. Vincent de Paul chapter and she and her husband Abel are staples at the 9 AM Mass so give her congrats if you see her! We wish her the very best!

More AACA News

Applications for some grade levels are still being accepted for the 2024-25 school year. Please reach out to

Madeleine Durkin at mdurkin@alphonsusacademy.org for more details about openings.



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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.



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parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

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School Office Hours:

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Daniel Szymanski, Director of Operations
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager
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