Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 15, 2023: THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Go out, therefore, into the main roads
and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9)

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: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
William Ahearn
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 10/8: $16,434

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

Prayer for Generosity

Jacques Sevin SJ (1887-1951)

Lord, teach me to be generous:
To serve you as you deserve;
To give and not count the cost;
To fight and not to heed the wounds;
To toil and not to seek to rest;
To labor and to ask for no reward;
Save that of knowing I do your will.
Amen

The top QR code goes to our GiveCentral

The bottom is for our parish Venmo.





WEDDING BANNS

Sophia Kim
and
Christopher Naranjo

Samantha Scissom
and
Michael Reilly

Annie Campbell
and
Alex Cussen

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Michael Bucher

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 15
9:00 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus
11:00 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus
12:30 PM +Emilia Flores Meza
5:00 PM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, October 16
8:30 AM Margaret M. Fox
+Florentina Cervantes

Tuesday, October 17
8:30 AM +Dolores Huffman

Wednesday, October 18
6:00 PM Kathleen Holyk (Birthday Blessings)

Thursday, October 19
8:30 AM Aurora Hague

Friday, October 20
8:30 AM +Sheila Whiteman

Saturday, October 21
8:30 AM +Trinidad Zamora

Sunday, October 22
9:00 AM +Phil Piazza
11:00 AM +Estrella and Karen Sahagun
12:30 PM +Irene and Carmen Rodriguez
5:00 PM +Olga Lucilla Alvarado

Message From Our Pastor



Last Saturday in Israel shortly after the morning sun came up in Israel, terrorism rained down in a surprise attack. The terrorist organization of Hamas fired a barrage of missiles into towns along the border with the Gaza Strip, coordinated with armed soldiers using powergliders flying into a music festival, firing indiscriminately into the crowd. The news this past week has been filled with stories of the violence and victims. Our hearts break and our souls cry as we lift up our prayers to the Lord.

Reaching far back into the Old Testament, we read of the histories of conflicts and wars in Israel. An important lesson we learn from the Sacred Scriptures is that God is with His people. The Lord is called Emmanuel, a name which means "God is with us." Our prayers now are for God to manifest presence to all involved, bring a swift end to this war, and restore peace. Although our human brains cannot easily how this is achievable, our faith tells us that with God all things are possible. The difficulty, though, is that the more the hearts of men are corrupted, the more evil actions appear justifiable. Politics aside, what Hamas has done is evil and to be condemned.

From a human lens, it is of course obvious that Israel defend itself against the well-organized terrorist group that launched this attack. No one knows how this war will unfold, but we try not to let our imaginations or politics or anger or fear influence our hearts and minds. And so from a spiritual point of view, we double down on our prayers. We pray that the military response not be disproportionate, that innocent lives be spared, that hostages are released, that wounded are healed, that violent extremism not spread, and that the Spirit of God flood the minds, hearts, and souls of all people involved.

The Latin Catholic patriarch of Jerusalem has called for a day of prayer and fasting on Tuesday, Oct. 17, for peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land. "In this time of sorrow and dismay, we do not want to remain helpless. We cannot let death and its sting (1 Cor 15:55) be the only word we hear," he said in a statement issued Oct. 11."That is why we feel the need to pray, to turn our hearts to God the Father. Only in this way we can draw the strength and serenity needed to endure these hard times, by turning to him, in prayer and intercession, to implore and cry out to God amidst this anguish." Catholics from around the world have also pledged on social media to join in the fast for peace in the Holy Land in solidarity, which falls on the feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch, the first-century bishop and martyr from Syria.

Statement of U.S Bishops' International Justice & Peace Chairman Amidst Violence in the Holy Land

In response to the continued tensions and violence that erupted into warfare between Gaza and Israel on October 7, Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on International Justice and Peace, calls for prayers for peace in the Holy Land:
"On October 7, the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, the world watched the operation launched from Gaza and the rapid call to arms from Israel that ensued. Almost 50 years to the day of the launch of the 1973 Arab–Israeli War, once again war is spilling out in the Holy Land. With it brings the mounting casualties and hostilities unfolding on all sides, and increased threats to the Status Quo of the Holy Places among Jews, Muslims, and Christians further dimming any hope for peace.

"The world is once again shocked and horrified by the outbreak of ferocious violence in the Holy Land. Reports have surfaced indicating large numbers of wounded and dead, including many civilians.

"I join with Pope Francis in his call for peace and his condemnation of this widespread outbreak of violence. As he stated in his Sunday audience, 'May the attacks and weaponry cease. Please! And let it be understood that terrorism and war do not lead to any resolutions, but only to the death and suffering of so many innocent people.'

"May all who love the Holy Land seek to bring about among all the parties engaged in the fighting a cessation of violence, respect for civilian populations and the release of hostages.

"As we pray urgently for peace, we recall especially all the families and individuals suffering from these events. We call on the faithful, and all people of good will to not grow weary and to continue to pray for peace in the land Our Lord, the Prince of Peace, called home."

Faith Formation

Register Your Child(ren) for Religious Education!

Each year, St. Alphonsus joyfully educates the children of our parish in their Catholic faith. If you would like to spend more time with children, strengthen the faith bonds in our families or enjoy serving in our parish—please consider volunteering as a catechist for our religious education program! We'd love to talk to you and no experience is necessary :) There are training opportunities and support as you get started and throughout your time of service.

Contact our RE Coordinator Oksana Kuzma, okuzma@alphonsusacademy.org for more info.

Our Religious Education program is currently underway for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in registering your child, please visit www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education for more information.



Are You Ready To Become Catholic?

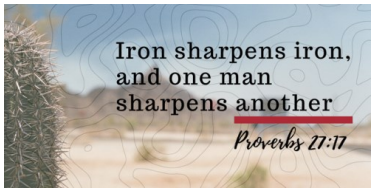
Registration is open for The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA program is the study of the Catholic Faith and the process of introduction into the faith community.

This class is offered for adults in three situations:
1. Un-baptized adults who desire to be baptized in the Catholic Church.
2. Baptized non-Catholic Christians who desire to be formally admitted into communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed and desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Adult baptism (and if applicable, Confirmation and First Holy Communion) takes place at the Easter Vigil (Evening before Easter Sunday). It is one of the highest celebrations in the Catholic Church's liturgical year!

If you or someone you know is interested in taking the class, please contact our pastoral associate, Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

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.

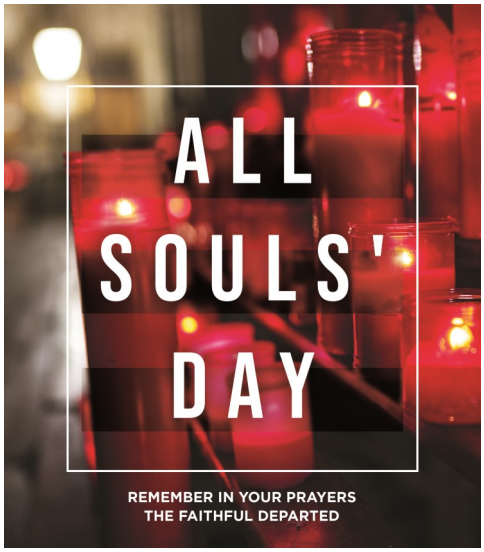
We meet every Thursday night at 7 PM in the rectory. Food and drinks provided. All men are welcome, with most men being in their 20s and 30s. Access can be gained at the west facing rectory door in the parking lot. For questions or more information, contact Men's Group at our new email, divineofficers@gmail.com

"Come to me all you are labored and burdened and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28

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 8:15-9 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 or more info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com

All Souls Day— Thursday November 2 at 7 PM



November 2nd is a special day in the life of the Church as we take time to pray for our deceased family members and friends who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith. **St. Alphonsus will be holding a special Requiem Mass on Thursday, November 2nd at 7 PM**, to pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died. Through the Sacred Liturgy, the Church invokes the forgiving love and abundant mercy of God, that He may receive all those we remember into His kingdom so they can come to know the fullness of life and peace of Heaven.

If you would like to honor a loved one who has died, go to: bit.ly/stals2023allsouls All those who complete the form and make a suggested offering of $15 or more for a name will receive their designated unlit candle before Mass begins. After the homily, while the choir sings, the person will come forward in a line with their candle, light it from the Paschal Candle, and place it on the Communion rail. Additionally, our music director is arranging a special program with a men's schola singing chant in Latin and English from the traditional Requiem Mass of the Church. You can also write the names of your loved ones in the Book of the Names of the Dead, which will be available in the Church during November.

Pumpkin Carving Event!



Pumpkin decorating and carving, **Sunday October 22 after the 11 AM and 12:30 PM Masses,** outside in the Oakdale parking lot. All are invited!! Pumpkins, supplies and treats will be provided. The event will relocate to Festival Hall in the case of bad weather. Hosted by our parish's Knights of Columbus council.

AACA– Blessings in a Backpack



Did you know our parish school partners with two local elementary schools to feed those less fortunate? A grade level pack each month, often partnering with students of a younger grade. Before packing, the students fill out inspirational note cards and learn more about food insecurity. A parent volunteer manages monthly food ordering, and multiple parents deliver the packed bags to partner schools. The students raise funds through a "do it yourself" 5K with the necessary tools provided by Blessings. Learn more about the November 5K at runsignup.com/Race/IL/Chicago/DIY5K

Donate Shoes for Refugees

Our St. Vincent DePaul chapter is accepting shoe donations for all the refugees currently staying at the Chicago Police District on Addison near Halsted. You will find bins marked for the shoe collections at the back of the church and at the rectory. There is a particular need for children's shoes at this time. Shoes dropped off at the rectory should be done during regular business hours. Thank you for your kind generosity!

Serve Your Parish as an EMHC!

We are looking for parishioners who are interested in serving our ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The requirements to serve as an EMHC: persons must have received Confirmation, be attending Mass weekly, have an active prayer life, be a Catholic in good standing in the Church, and above all, have an understanding of and a sense reverence for our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Contact Fr. Steven Bauer.

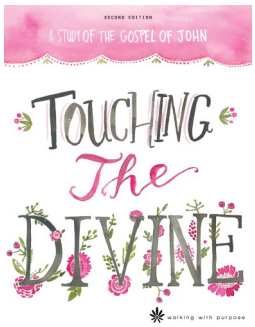
Holy Land Artifacts Sale This Sunday



This Sunday October 15, Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land will be displaying handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles. Due to the political conflict and Covid19 resulting in the reduction of tourism, the Catholic Community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles abroad to survive. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect faith and love for the Lord. Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you. The handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles will be available for purchase after all Masses.

Walking With Purpose

Women's Group at St. Alphonsus— 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

CALLING ALTAR SERVERS

INVITING ALL 3RD–12TH GRADERS
(who have received their First Holy Communion)



TWO AVAILABLE TRAINING SESSIONS

For current altar servers and those interested in joining!

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 2:00pm
Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 6:30pm

Training will take place inside the church

Light refreshments will be available

For questions or details contact Fr. Jesus Raya (Fr. Chuy)
jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many already support St. Alphonsus with your time, talent and treasure.

Thank you again for your continued support of our church! Your spirited generosity ensures our parish continues our mission and good works throughout our community and beyond for years to come!

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

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

Stewardship Reflection

"My God will fully supply whatever you need…" - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

Young Adult Ministry

Trivia Night— Saturday Oct 21



Are you the friend whose schtick is sharing random factoids? Or maybe the one with the most fun party conversations? Well, calling all you trivia fans and friends alike to come join us in St. Alphonsus' Festival Hall (basement), on Saturday, October 21st from 5 PM-8 PM because St. Al's YAM Trivia is back!

Sign up at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/38222

The cost of tickets is $25 per person (it is a fundraiser!). Teams of 5-6 people can register individually or together. For anyone registering as a team, simply list the names of everyone in the "Comments" section of the GiveCentral link during your purchase. Light refreshments, beer, and wine are included in the event cost. We will have prizes for 3rd, 2nd, and 1st place winning teams.

Don't know anyone or don't have 6 people on your team? Fear not! You may also register individually or in a smaller group (2-4 people). We will assign you to a team. All are welcome!

***Please note: pre-registration with payment through the GiveCentral link is required to attend. No walk-ups will be allowed since we have teams.

If trivia isn't your thing, but still want to join us, consider volunteering as well!

A Google Doc form can be found at linktr.ee/stalphonsusyam

For bonus points to your team's final score, bring 2 unopened, unexpired, non-perishable food items! All items will be donated to Nourishing Hope- the Lakeview food pantry! They especially need pastas, jams and jellies, canned beans, rice, and canned goods with pop-tops!

For any questions or concerns, please reach out to the YAM social team, stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

Praise and Adoration— Friday Oct 20



The month of October in the Catholic Church is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. In light of this, we want to join with the wider Church in venerating the Blessed Mother which is why our next Holy Hour, on Friday, October 20th, will have a Marian theme to it. While our Lord will still be present in the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar and the sacrament of Confession be available, our music will be focused towards Mary and the evening will conclude with praying the Litany of Loreto and benediction.

As usual, we'll spend the first 15 minutes in silent adoration, and then our musicians will lead worship in song. We will gather for fellowship at Olive Black after!

"Stress, God & Us" w/ Sister Lekan, OP— Tuesday Oct. 31

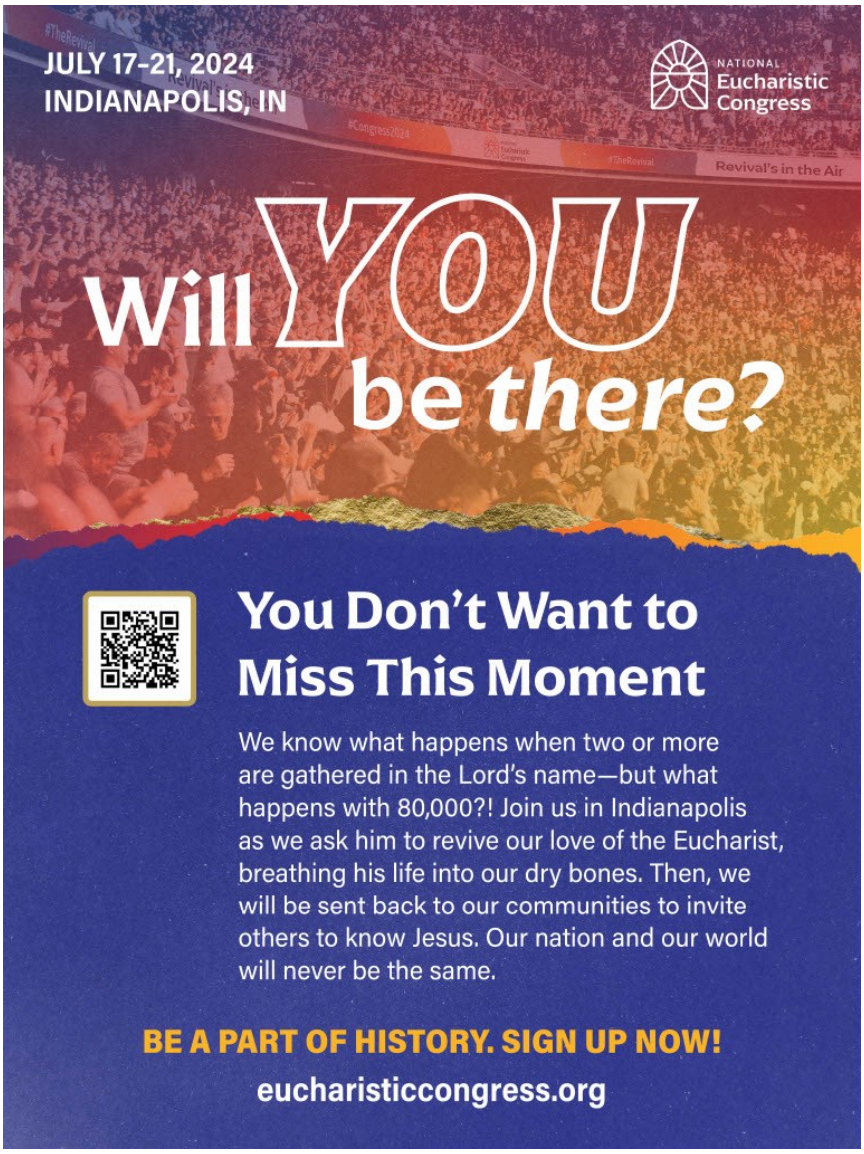


We're excited to introduce a brand new speaker! On Tuesday, October 31 at 6:30 PM, we will be joined by Sr. Margaret Lekan, OP for a talk on the various stresses in our lives and God's working through them. Sister Margaret comes to us with a tremendous wealth of experience having organized numerous retreats and workshops for the laity, clergy, and religious on various aspects of human psychology, mental health, and God's connection to them in the workings of our daily lives.

Afterwards, you're invited to participate in pumpkin carving organized by our Social Committee! Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be provided. While we will provide carving tools, we ask that anyone interested in participating please bring your own pumpkin. This is a great way to get to know some new people in our community while getting into the fall spirit! Hope to see you all there!

Around the Archdiocese

Revival, Renewal & the Archdiocese



As we in the Archdiocese of Chicago continue on our journey of spiritual renewal, the Eucharistic Revival process is an opportunity to reflect upon and draw closer to the Eucharistic celebration as the source and summit of our lives and the missionary discipleship to which we are called. Throughout the Year of Parish Revival and the Year of Missionary Sending, the Archdiocese of Chicago will share resources and host opportunities for all the faithful to encounter the Risen Lord together in the celebration of the Eucharist and deepen our response to that encounter through prayer, fellowship and faith formation grounded in witness, reflection and dialogue.

Remain in Me: A Parish Resource for Eucharistic Revival

Coming this fall, the archdiocesan Office of Lifelong Formation and Office of Divine Worship will offer a five-part series of interactive reflections on the call to encounter and respond to Christ's abiding presence in the Eucharist. Based on Cardinal Cupich's Take, Bless, Break, Share: A Strategy for Eucharistic Revival, this will be a great resource for parish-wide and small group sharing. Each session of the Remain in Me five -part series will be shared as they become available over the coming weeks. Updates and resources will also be added to the National Eucharistic Revival page of the archdiocesan website at pvm.archchicago.org/en_US/events/national-eucharistic-revival

Volunteer Opportunities

Safe Families for Children

We know that God calls us to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and clothe the naked; supporting families in crisis in our community (AND supporting the volunteer Host Families that temporarily take in the children) is a wonderful way to do that.
General Resource Closet needs:

- Diapers, sizes 1,2,3,5,6 (<- we're low on diapers!!!)
- Pull-ups, sizes 3T-6T
- Baby 3-in-1 body wash
- Baby/toddler/kid clothes sizes: 18mo, 2T, 3T, 4T

If you can help provide any of these items (or equivalent gift card), please either leave the items in the narthex/parish office Safe Families donation bins, or reach out to safefamiliesstals@gmail.com to coordinate a drop-off time. Thank you for your generosity!

Volunteer with Cleaning Angels!



All parishioners are invited to join us on **Saturday October 28 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! The focus area will be on the rectory instead of the church this month. Contact Coordinator Kelly Lovewell at kjlovewell@gmail.com for questions.

ATHENAEUM CENTER *PRESENTS*



DANTE 360

November 10–19, 2023

Returning in a new and expanded production, *Dante 360* is a meditation on humanity's journey from this beautiful but ever-challenging world to the joy of Paradise.

The show is a unique blend of visual art, dramatization, and exquisite music—all drawn from a masterpiece of poetic composition, *The Divine Comedy*. True to Dante's goal, *Dante 360* aims to enrich our understanding of the meaning of life as well as our experience of the journey through it in a compelling narrative of hope and beauty.

Featuring **Liz Lev** *and* **Schola Antiqua.**
Produced by **Lawrence Daufenbach.**
Directed by **Peggy Garvey.**

TICKETS: www.athenaeumcenter.org *OR*
CALL: (312)820-6250
LOCATION: 2936 N Southport Ave

Use promo code ALPHONSUS at checkout to receive 10% off, and 10% will be donated to your parish.

Living the Gospel of Life

Support Aid for Women!

Aid for Women®

This October, our parish is participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting Aid for Women. Aid for Women was founded over 42 years ago on the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church. Aid for Women operates four pregnancy resource centers throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. Services include pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams and confidential counseling. Aid for Women's residential programs, Heather's House and Monica's House, help women whose decision to choose life is further complicated by lack of adequate housing.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you this weekend. Fill it with your spare change and return it to church in October. The bottles may be found at the exits as you leave Mass. Thank you for your support!

Health and Wellness

No More FOMO (Fear of Missing Out)



Take control of your social media and improve your mental health! Recent studies show 72% of Americans use social media and more than 1/2 of teens say it would be difficult to give up. The impact of social media has some positive benefits, but it can also lead to mental health problems such as anxiety, depression and loneliness.

Social Networking: Risks vs. Rewards

Social networking, including the quantity and quality of our social relationships, affects our mental health, physical health and behavior. Social media activates the brain's reward center by releasing dopamine, a "feel-good chemical" linked to pleasurable activities. We enjoy seeing what family and friends are doing. We post content and hope for positive feedback.

The negative impacts of social media include people comparing themselves to others, FOMO because they don't want to miss experiences, and checking platforms to see likes and comments. Social media platforms are addictive and designed to keep people coming back. Unfortunately, the risks can outweigh the rewards. With so many people using social media for hours at a time or multiple times a day, a large proportion of the population is at an increased risk of feeling anxious, depressed or ill over their social media use.

Distract Yourself From the Distraction

Social media can help you feel connected, but it can also be overwhelming. Here are some tips to improve your social media experience.

- **Know your goal**. Are you using it to keep us with family members or catch up on the news? Plan to check in only once daily and log off once you achieve your goal.
- **Thing about how your feeds make you feel**. Rate your emotions on a scale of 1-10 before and after you use social media. If you notice one makes you less happy, consider changing how you use it.
- **Do not compare your everyday life with the lives people post online**. People post the shiny parts of their lives. Do not be fooled, people are imperfect, and life has ups and downs.
- **Use tools to take control of your feeds**. Turn off news alerts. Unfollow or hide feeds that stress you out. Track your time on social media and decide if that is what you want to be doing.
- **Follow the feel-good stuff**. Do not let the media determine what you see. Search out things that make you happy and add them to your feeds.
- **Step away from your screens**. Stop the overload and take time to unplug. Read a book, talk to a friend, get outside or do something you find supportive and worth your time.

Catholic Charities



House of the Good Shepherd Glow of Hope Brunch— Sunday November 5

Sunday, November 5 at Noon- Four Seasons Hotel Chicago
120 E. Delaware Place

This special event, hosted by the Women's Board of the House of the Good Shepherd, raises awareness and critical funding for the family violence recovery program at this transitional housing residence. Purchase your tickets at www.catholiccharities.net/events/an-afternoon-in-paris For more information, please contact Cristin Clifford, cclifford@catholiccharities.net

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 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 Twitter by going to the parish website and clicking the icons at the footer of the page.

Directory

Parish Office

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parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon- Fri

School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
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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
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