Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 9, 2022: TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Ten were cleansed, were they not?
Where are the other nine?
Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"
(Lk 17:17-18)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 8:30 AM
Wed 6:00 PM
Sun 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (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

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Please Pray for the Sick

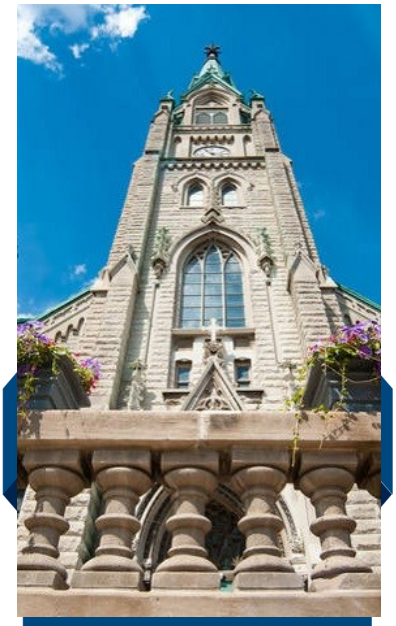
Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
Tessa Sergent
Carolina Goldie
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
Rachel Schopp
Mike Madigan
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Mary Perisin
Rita Longnecker
Cheryl Nester-Detweiler
Marla Alicea
Leon Wink
Judy Fredrickson

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 10/2: $14,719

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



WEDDING BANNS

Anna Korneszczuk
and
William Davis

Elaina Hoffman
and
Jake Brodette

Stephanie Hartnett
and
James Bick

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

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Cullen John Clarke, Charlotte Ann Clarke

Ethan Gomez, Eleanor Ana Maslowski, Giuseppe Alessandrini

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 9
9:00 AM +Kathleen Riggs
11:00 AM +Rev. Erasmo Ramirez
12:30 PM Genaro Corral, Esteban Corral, Genaro Corral Castillas
5:00 PM Joe Peroni

Monday, October 10
8:30 AM +Kevin Clancy

Tuesday, October 11
8:30 AM +Steven Wagner

Wednesday, October 12
6:00 PM Diana Charnota

Thursday, October 13
8:30 AM Margaret M. Fox

Friday, October 14
8:30 AM +Maria Petryshyn
+Iryna Pidhurski

Sunday, October 16
9:00 AM +Jimmy Killeen
11:00 AM +Paul Gdowski
+Bedford Lydon Jr.
12:30 PM Marcelina and Felipe Rodriguez
5:00 PM +Edward Marsalek Sr.

News and Events

Support "The Baby Bottle Project"
Pick Up Your Bottle This Sunday



This October, our parish will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing and monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the center's three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. Please take a Baby Bottle home with you next weekend. Fill it with your spare change and return it to church by Sunday, October 16. The bottles may be found at the exits as you leave Mass. Thank you for your support!

Communio: A Men's Prayer Group

Men of the parish are invited to attend the Communio prayer group each Wednesday at 8 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door at the southwest corner of the building at 7:55). 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. For questions or more info, contact Fr. Bauer.

Register as a Member of St. Alphonsus!

St. Alphonsus is blessed to welcome many visitors each year. If you worship at our church, you are invited to formally join our faith community! Register at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors If you have moved and would like to update your address, contact Mario Serrano at mserranostals@gmail.com

Recovery Programs at St. Alphonsus

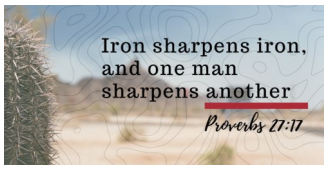
If you or loved ones you know have a problem with alcohol/substance abuse, please seek help! Our parish hosts two AA programs. Daily Reflections meet on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM in the rectory Common Room. Contact Lauren Merrill Sammis, lauren.merrill@live.com for more information. There is also a Young People's Big Book AA group that meet Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the Festival Hall. You can contact one of the coordinators, Samuel, samuelaaronmosley@gmail.com for more info.

Pumpkin Carving Event



Pumpkin decorating and carving, **Sunday October 23 after the 11 AM Mass,** outside of Festival Hall (near the St. Alphonsus parking lot). All are invited!! Pumpkins, supplies and treats will be provided. To help with the pumpkin count, please RSVP: bit.ly/2022stalspumpkin The pumpkins are being harvested from Michigan. The event will relocate to Festival Hall in the case of bad weather. Hosted by our parish Knights of Columbus.

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.

Natural Family Planning

Interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning (NFP) and the different method options? Looking to be connected with instructors? Stephanie Sullivan can help you navigate these questions! She knows from personal experience that it can be overwhelming to choose a method and figure out the best option for you as a couple. She is available to help couples discern this process and connect you with instructors and other NFP resources. NFP can help couples achieve or avoid pregnancy in addition to helping identify and treat health concerns. Contact Stephanie Sullivan at stephanie.lazar523@gmail.com.

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 Erica Cook, ecook@stalphonsuschicago.church for more information.

Our Religious Education program is currently underway for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact Erica or visit our Religious Ed page, 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

Ministry Enrichment Gathering— Saturday Nov. 5

Liturgical ministers, catechists, parish leaders, and volunteers are invited to a Ministry Enrichment Gathering on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 AM-2:30 PM. Held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Hyde Park and sponsored by Liturgy Training Publications, we will explore the theme: **Anointed for Mission: Exercising Your Baptismal Call**. By reclaiming the power of our baptismal identities (priest, prophet, and king), we will work to build up our parish communities. The cost is $25 per person.
Visit http://www.ltp.org/anointed-chicago for more information.

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!

As we look at Old Testament people and events, we'll encounter problems that only Christ will solve, needs that only He will satisfy, and promises that only He can deliver.

Beholding His Glory, a nine-lesson Bible study, reminds us how all Scripture points us to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We will learn to recognize and appreciate God's plan for our own lives, His awe-inspiring majesty, and His desire for personal intimacy with each one of us.
Questions? Contact Susan Combes at suecombes@hotmail.com

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

Trivia Night!



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

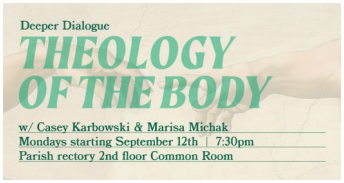
The cost of tickets is $25 per person (it is a fundraiser!) 😉 Teams of 5-6 people can register individually or together. For anyone registering as a team, simply list the names of everyone in the "Comments" section of the GiveCentral link, during your purchase. Light refreshments, beer and wine are included 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. For any questions or concerns, please reach out to the YAM social team at stalsyamsocial@gmail.com!

Deeper Dialogue—Theology of the Body

Monday evenings at 7:30 PM



Immerse yourself in a deeper form of conversation surrounding JPII's Theology of the Body. Led by Casey Karbowski and Marisa Michak, the group will examine excerpts from the book as well as other related materials to break up the content into more digestible and easily understandable elements for discussion. No need to have a hard copy of any Theology of the Body books as all materials and discussion points will be provided on a weekly basis.

County Line Orchard



Hay there, St. Al's YAM community! We will be going to County Line Orchard on Saturday, October 15th. The orchard has apple picking, pumpkin patch, farm, corn maze and train. So pumpkin spice up your life and come along with us to this appletastic event.

Find out more about the orchard, pumpkin patch, corn maze, barn activities, food and fun things to do at their website, www.countylineorchard.com Contact us at stalsyamsocial@gmail.com with any questions!

Know Your Saints

Saint John XXIII, Pope Oct. 11



Saint John XIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli on November 25, 1881, in a small village in Italy. He was ordained in 1904 and later earned a doctorate in canon law. During World War I he served as a stretcher-bearer and chaplain for the Italian army. Beginning in 1925 he served as a Vatican diplomat, first in Bulgaria, then in Greece and Turkey. From 1935 through the Second World War he helped save thousands of Jewish people. In 1944 he was named papal nuncio to France. He was named cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953. A quiet pastoral life passing into retirement, however, was not in God's plan for the saint.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was elected Pope in 1958 and took the name John. His papacy was short, but full of action. He transformed the Vatican, calling for openness, a spirit of ecumenism, and the setting aside of politics. He called the Second Vatican Council in the fall of 1962, the first meeting of its kind in almost a century, setting the agenda to work for the spiritual regeneration of the Church. His efforts changed the face of the Catholic Church. At the same time worked diligently and publicly to ease tensions during the Cuban missile crisis, pleading with leaders for the end of the Cold War.

Saint John XXIII's kindness, sense of pastoral care, and works of reconciliation and peacemaking made him beloved not only to Catholics but to people around the world. He died on June 3, 1963. He was beatified in 2000 by St. John Paul II, and canonized by Pope Francis in 2014.

Saint Teresa of Ávila Oct. 15



St. Teresa of Ávila, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Patron Saint of those who suffer from headaches and migraines, those who are ill, people ridiculed for their piety, and Spain

Saint Teresa of Avila was baptized as Teresa Sánchez de Cepeda y Ahumada was born on March 28, 1515 in what is now Spain. She was well educated at home by her parents, where she developed her love for the Holy Mother Mary and the saints. At 17 her father resisted her entry into religious life, so she left without informing anyone and entered a Carmelite house. After taking her vows she became ill there and spent many years in prayer.

Teresa dreamed of establishing convents where young women could pursue deep lives of deep prayer and devotion. She once wrote, *"Whoever has not begun the practice of prayer, I beg for the love of the Lord not to go without so great a good. There is nothing here to fear but only something to desire."* Teresa spent days on end traveling the countryside establishing reformed (or "Discalced," meaning "unshod," that is, more simple) Carmelite convents.

Saint Teresa is best known for her extensive writings on the Counter Reformation and prayer life. Her books '*Interior Castle*' and '*Way of Perfection*' have helped many believers since their publication. The symbols related to her are a book, a heart and an arrow.

Teresa spent her last twenty years founding new convents as she traveled throughout Spain, all the while living in the most primitive conditions. By middle age she had earned a reputation for holiness, for legitimate mysticism, for affability, and for total obedience to the Church. She lived what she demanded of others. She led by example. And she did it all with a cheerful disposition and a rich personality that overcame deep-seated opposition. The Discalced Carmelites were given their own Spanish province in 1580 and were recognized as a distinct Order in 1594, twelve years after Teresa's death.

St. Teresa of Ávila was the first of only four women to have been named doctor of the church. Her ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered masterpieces.

Gospel Meditation



Ten lepers were cured. Only one returned to give thanks. When we fall victim to entitlement, we diminish our capacity to love. Never satisfied, we walk around with outstretched arms, eagerly searching for the next thing we want so that we can acquire it ourselves. Very rarely do entitled hands hold anything to freely give away to others. Entitled hands also find it challenging to reach toward heaven in a gesture of gratitude and praise. We are often more obsessed with celebrating our victories, securing our assets, safeguarding our futures, and stacking the deck of life in our favor rather than relishing and absorbing the gift of the moment and blessings received.

Entitled people find it difficult to pray properly. When the subject of our prayer is mostly about our needs and wants, we are falling into the trap of deception. We foolishly try to convince God that our tiny worlds are of greater importance than His. In ancient times, people would offer sacrifices to "the gods" to secure protection and favors. Our God desires mercy, not sacrifice, because He is about love and justice, not simply meeting our agendas. Every breath is a gift. Prayer, which is a celebration of that gift, acknowledges the Giver. Prayer strengthens the bond between Giver and receiver, creating a deepening awareness that nothing I am or anything I have can exist apart from His Divine Will. It also reminds us that we have done nothing to merit the unconditional love and mercy God showers upon us. Prayer is not just about getting what I need but celebrating who I am.

For St. Therese of Lisieux prayer is "a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." When our hearts "surge" toward God, we rush to the Source of our restoration and wholeness, knowing our longing for God's Divine embrace. Prayer is a response to God's graciousness with an act of gratitude returned by us. In prayer, we gaze upon each other in that sacred space where I give myself to God as He is, and God gives Himself to me as I am. We cannot take another step without saying thank you.

Safe Families For Children

Ministering God's Love to Families in Need

Compassionate Families Needed! Safe Families for Children is a Christian nonprofit organization that creates extended family-like support for local families facing a crisis by facilitating temporary placements of children with compassionate, background-checked local families.

- Average placement is between 3 days - 3 months
- Average child age is 0-6 years old
- Material, emotional, and spiritual support from our ministry throughout the placement

Want to learn more? Reach out to us at safefamiliesstals@gmail.com

Volunteer Babysitters Needed!

Love working with kids? Want to support parenting moms and host families in our community?

Reach out to safefamiliesstals@gmail.com!

Safe Families for Children

Safe Families "Family Friend" application, training, background check, and fingerprinting are required.

Stewardship— First Fruits

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/event/527*

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

STEWARDSHIP

The Bible Calls Us to Cultivate and Care

Imagine yourself in Eden, the garden of paradise, where God, humans, and all of creation live in relationship. God called everything into being — birds of the air, plants, animals, fish in the sea — and called it good. The pinnacle of God's creation is humanity, created "in his image; / in the image of God he created them; / male and female he created them" (Gn 1:27).

In Eden, Adam and Eve are given sacred responsibility for the plants and creatures, to "cultivate and care" (Gn 2:15) for all within the garden. They are not left alone in this sacred charge. God is with them, walking and talking with them, giving them freedom to explore and to grow, desiring that they remain close to him, trusting in his providence.

In Genesis, we encounter the living God and our divine purpose: We are created in God's image, formed by the Creator in love and for love. As God's people, we are called into right relationship with God and all of creation, to steward, to "cultivate and care" for all he has created and called good. We are not left alone in this sacred responsibility. God is with us as we steward our lives, faith, gifts, resources, and all of creation.

MAKING GOD'S LOVE KNOWN

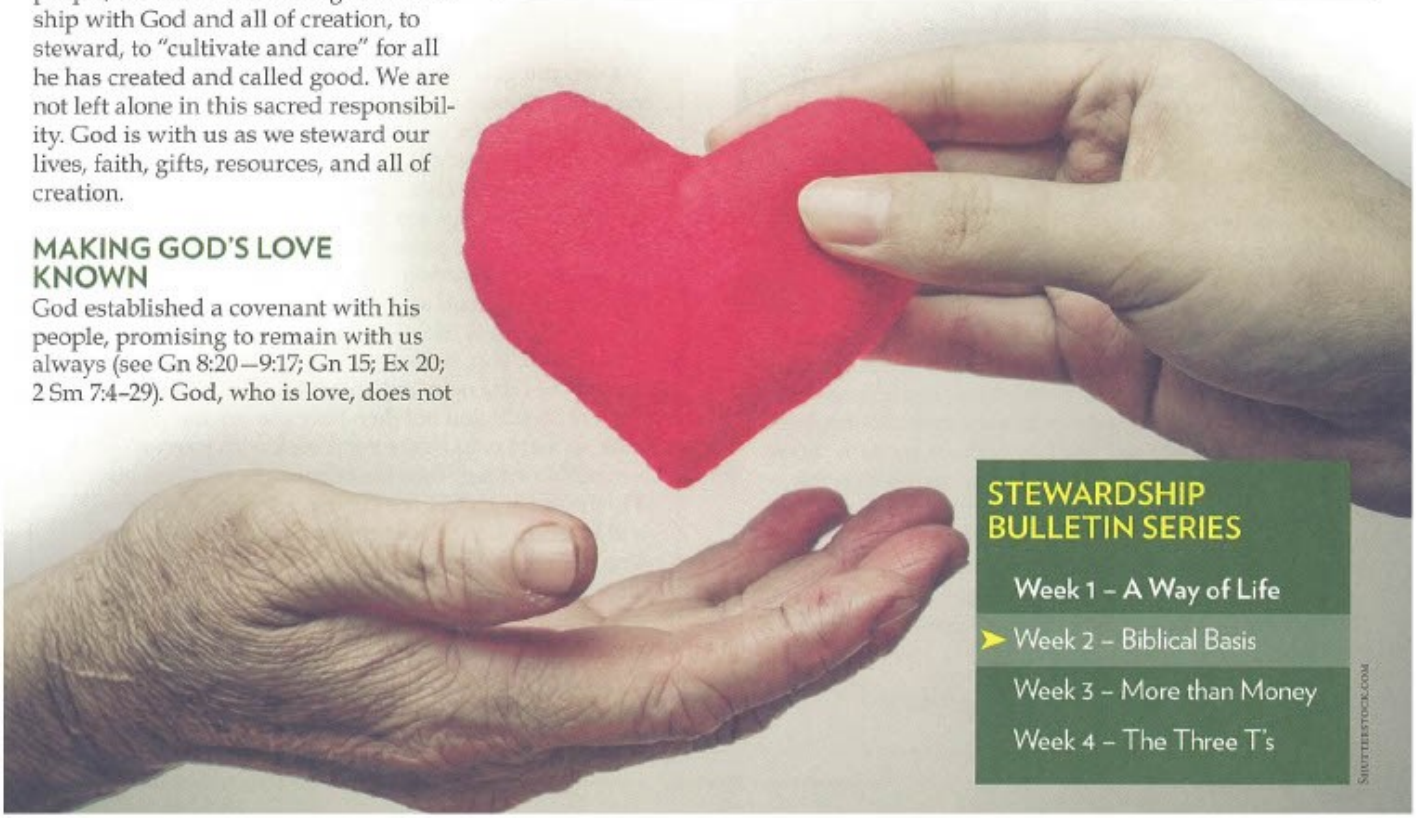
God established a covenant with his people, promising to remain with us always (see Gn 8:20—9:17; Gn 15; Ex 20; 2 Sm 7:4–29). God, who is love, does not hold back in caring for those in need; God, who is merciful, is always ready to show compassion and forgiveness; God, who is just, desires that justice reigns. We have been created in God's image, called to mirror that image in the world, so that others may know his incredible love through the way we live. Created in God's image, we are called to care, to show mercy, work for justice, and more. We do this in the ways we serve and share, each of us differently through the good use, the stewardship, of our talents and gifts, skills and strengths, material goods, and money.

GIVE GOD FIRST FRUITS

Recognizing that God has entrusted much to us, we grow in gratitude for our many gifts. Yet how can we express our thankfulness to God, who graces us with such abundance? As people who are created in God's image and who are called to mirror that image in the world, our grateful response must be in giving lavishly as God has given so freely to us. Throughout the Bible, we hear the call to this grateful giving. We

GROWING AS A GOOD STEWARD

Reflect on your life at this time. How does your faith in Jesus Christ shape your daily living? In what ways do you mirror the image — the love, mercy, and compassion — of God through your caring and sharing, your good stewardship of your life, gifts, and resources? Make a list of ways you will share generously. Ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen your resolve to grow as a good steward.



STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN SERIES

- Week 1 – A Way of Life
- ➤ Week 2 – Biblical Basis
- Week 3 – More than Money
- Week 4 – The Three T's

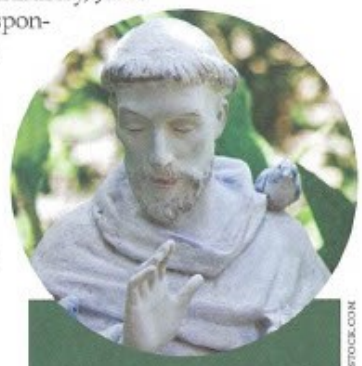
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must not give God leftovers, but rather express our heartfelt thanks from our first fruits: "They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed, but each with his own gift, in proportion to the blessing which the LORD, your God, has given to you" (Dt 16:16–17). "For everything is from you, and what we give is what we have from you" (1 Chr 29:14).

THE PERFECT IMAGE OF GOD

Jesus is the perfect image of God, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Jesus shows and shares God's love perfectly, and in Jesus we more fully grasp our call to be good stewards. Jesus turns away from the human temptations of power and selfishness and turns fully and always toward God's way of love. Jesus lives in perfect right relationship with God the Father. He desires that God's will be done and to establish God's kingdom on earth, so much so that Jesus gives his very life in order to fulfill this mission, God's mission of undying love.

Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus taught his followers to be responsible and accountable for all they have been given. He told parables to convey this message, and many of his most beloved stories speak of stewards — those who served well, and those who did not. Think, for example, of the Good Samaritan who stops to attend to the wounded traveler, taking him to a place of lodging and providing for his care (see Lk 10:29–37), or of the three servants who were given talents to steward in their master's absence (Mt 25:14–30). Jesus wants us to understand that gifts and resources are not given to us to be hoarded or coveted, but rather to be used to express God's generous love.



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PRAYING WITH THE SAINTS

Most high, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me, Lord, a correct faith, a certain hope, a perfect charity, sense and knowledge, so that I may carry out your holy and true command. — Saint Francis of Assisi

"Jesus is the supreme teacher of Christian stewardship, as he is of every other aspect of Christian life; and in Jesus' teaching and life self-emptying is fundamental. Now, it might seem that self-emptying has little to do with stewardship, but in Jesus' case that is not so," the U.S. bishops write in "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response." Jesus' sacrifice on the cross does not end in death, but rather in the joy of Easter morning and the establishment of a new and everlasting covenant. Joined with Christ, our stewardship — that is, our sacrifice of time, resources, attention, service, caring, and sharing — helps to make Christ's presence known in the world.



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THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

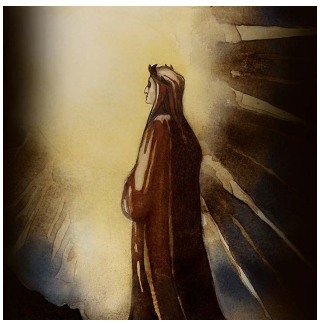
"It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one — to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' [Then] the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

~ Matthew 25:14–30

Did you miss Part 1 of this Stewardship Bulletin Series?

Fret not! You can go back and read all parish weekend newsletters/bulletins at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/newsletter-archive
Simply click on Sept. 25 Newsletter and click on the Sept 25 Bulletin link within.

At the Athenaeum



Dante 360— Nov 18-20

Back by popular demand! Join us for a journey through the Divine Comedy, from Inferno to Paradiso. Featuring art historian, Elizabeth Lev, this event will explore the significance of the world's most famous epic poem and its author, the illustrious Dante Alighieri. Experience the depth and complexity of Dante's vision through a series of recitations, displays of visual art, and music provided by the vocal ensemble Schola Antiqua, which carry the soul alongside the pilgrim in his ascent to Paradise.

For more info and other future events, please visit athenaeumcenter.org/events/

Tips for Parents & Guardians



Parents need to establish *clear expectations* with teens and check-in regularly to be sure those expectations are being met. As much as possible, try to have an adult at home when teens are there and always know where they are and who they are with.

Archdiocesan Office for the Protection of Children & Youth

(312) 534-5254

"Catholic Social Justice teaches us that all people are made in the image of God and so possess an equal and inalienable worth. Because of this essential dignity, each person has a right to all that is needed to allow her or him to live their full potential as intended by God."

What does it mean to be LGBTQ+ and Catholic?

AGLOChicago and IPS invite you to attend:

"Somewhere, a Place for Us"

A five-week online spiritual retreat starting on October 19 for the LGBTQ+ community seeking to reconcile and unify these often-competing identities.

Go to:
www.aglochicago.org/retreat
Questions:
retreat@aglochicago.org

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TUESDAY, OCT. 18 @ 7PM

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State Senator Jacqueline Collins
& The Faith Community of St. Sabina

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

1429 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
(P): 773-525-0709 | (F): 773-525-3238
www.stalphonsuschicago.org
parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

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

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