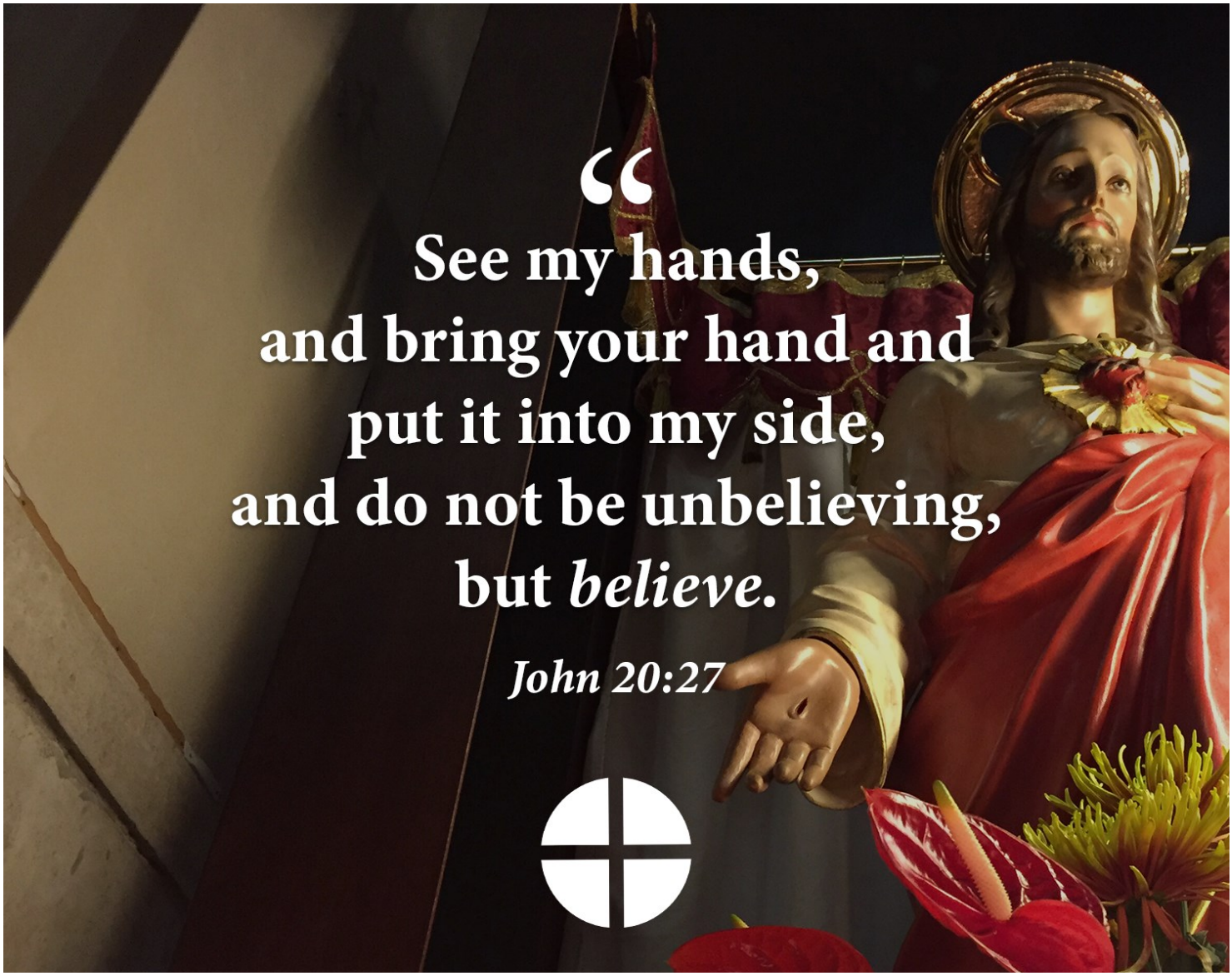
Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 16, 2023: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri	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*

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Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4,13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Welcome to the Parish!

Mary Palmer and Alec Burgman

Kaitlyn and Philip Weinert

Jason Olson

Kelly and Bobby Sullivan Bodie

Gina Capdevielle and Ruben Reyes Evan

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
William Ahearn
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Mary Perisin
Judy Fredrickson
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania
Juanita Ramirez

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Daniel Szymanski Sr.
(father of parish Director of Operations Daniel Szymanski)

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Easter Sunday Offertory for 4/9: $37,996

It's not too late to add your donation. Prayerfully consider support for your parish St. Alphonsus this Easter season!

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 16
9:00 AM +Ervin Frohnauer
11:00 AM +Robert T. Maikie
12:30 PM +Efrain Garcia
5:00 PM +Maria Swachta

Monday, April 17
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, April 18
8:30 AM Hope Hughes

Wednesday, April 19
6:00 PM +Colette Marie Morris

Thursday, April 20
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, April 21
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, April 23
9:00 AM +Bronius Stankavich
11:00 AM +Neil Patrick Herald
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM +Dr. Anthony Caruso

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023

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

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

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





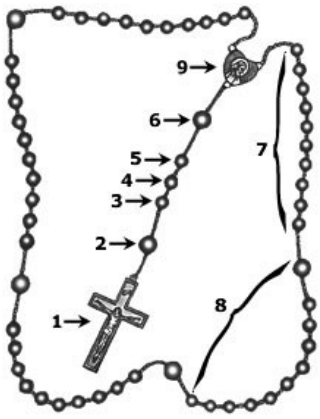
Confessions will also be heard from 3-4 PM. We must be signs of God's mercy in the world. We must not hold back this mercy, for we ourselves have been forgiven. Some reflection questions to consider:

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

Who do I need to show mercy to right now?

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

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet



1. Make the Sign of the Cross In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
2. Optional Opening Prayers You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. (Repeat 3X) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!
3. Our Father prayer; on 1st small bead
4. Hail Mary prayer; on 2nd small bead
5. The Apostle's Creed; on 3rd small bead
6. The Eternal Father; large bead
7. "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world"
8. Repeat for the remaining decades; saying the Eternal Father (6) on the "Our Father" bead, and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads
9. Conclude w/ Holy God (repeat 3X) "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world"
10. Optional Closing Prayer; you can find all at www.ascensionpress.com/pages/divine-mercy-chaplet

News and Events

Baptisms



Baptism is a fundamental sacrament for Christians. It is a sacrament of initiation that unites us to Christ's mystical body, incorporates us into the Church, and marks the beginning of the Christian journey. Without baptism we cannot participate in the full sacramental life of the Church. In the sacraments we concretely and most visibly encounter God's grace—life reunited with life.

If you are interested in having your child baptized at St. Alphonsus, please contact Kaitlin Holyk at weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church
For adult baptisms contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Marriage at St. Alphonsus



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

Serve as a Wedding Coordinator!

Are you looking to get more involved in our parish? St. Alphonsus is currently looking for wedding coordinators to join our team. Being part of the Wedding Ministry is a rewarding opportunity, fun, and all volunteers receive a stipend for their time. For more information contact Kaitlin Holyk

Friends Through Faith

The newly formed Friends Through Faith Adult Social Group is beginning to foster essential faith-filled connections and build our St. Alphonsus community through fellowship and fun. Connecting with other parishioners can lead to lasting friendships, fruitful ministries, or even just a friendly wave and smile the next time you attend Mass.

We are creating small groups, charity/service opportunities, outings and friendships out of this community and would love more parishioners joining us. If you'd like more information, please email Amy amykeefner@gmail.com

We meet the last Sunday of every month following the 11 AM mass in the Rectory. To register for the April 30th gathering, please email Amy Keefner.

Earth Day— Saturday April 22

Tech Recycling at St. Alphonsus

In celebration of Earth Day, Special Service Area 27 is offering complimentary composting services and technology recycling to the community.

Block Bins will be located at Southport Plaza (3410 N Southport) from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM to accept all compostable items . Newtech E-scrap Recycling Inc will be set up in the St. Alphonsus Southport parking lot at 2920 N. Southport from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Newtech E-scrap Recycling accepts most types of electronic equipment and ensures all information is properly deleted or destroyed from the products before recycling. Commonly recyclables include computer equipment, personal electronics, office equipment and industrial equipment. www.lakeviewssa27.com/earth-day

Easter Stewardship

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

Make your Easter offering online this season! 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 *Risen* to (773) 570-7600

Parish News and Events

New Associate Pastor in July

Last December, it was announced that Fr. Patrick Gorman, St. Alphonsus' Associate Pastor since his priesthood ordination in 2020, would transitioning to a new role within the Archdiocese of Chicago as the new Director of Chicago Seminarians and Director of the Spirituality Year beginning July 1st. This important assignment requires working with our future priests on their different aspects of their human, spiritual, academic, and pastoral preparation for priestly ordination and ministry. Our parish is planning for a celebratory party for Rev. Gorman sometime in June.

Recently, we received news from the Archdiocese that a newly ordained priest in May 2023 will be assigned to St. Alphonsus as Associate Pastor. Deacon Chuy has been kind to provide an intro bio and we look forward to his arrival to serve our St. Alphonsus worship community!

My name is Jesus Raya Custodio and by the grace of God I will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago this May 2023. I am originally from Mexico from a small town called Piñicuaro, Guanajuato. When I was eleven years old, my family immigrated to the United States looking for new opportunities and a better future. Coming to the USA was both exciting and challenging; exciting because I was going to live somewhere different and challenging because I did not want to leave my country, extended family, friends, and did not speak English. Thanks to my parents' efforts and sacrifices I was able to attend university and became the first-generation college graduate in my family. I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Teaching of History and Bilingual Education from University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). I taught high school social studies and Elementary Bilingual Education, including Kindergarten. I was a Chicago Public Schools teacher for five years and was looking forward to many years in the field, but God had other plans.

As a college student, I experienced a transformation in my faith and when I graduated college, I began to get involved in my local parish's religious education program. It was there that I began to discern the calling to the priesthood, I was a bit more mature in my faith and was introduced to a couple seminarians who had an impact in my faith journey. As part of the discernment, I remembered that as a child and young adult I had experienced an interest in the priesthood, a sense of calling, but it remained in the silence of my heart. It was then the time to express my interest and vocalize it; things were falling in place. My parish pastor also encouraged me to think about a calling to the priesthood, he saw in me "qualities" of a priest. I also enjoyed parish life because I was dedicating most of my weekends and free time to ministry. I was torn between my teaching vocation, which I enjoyed, and answering God's call. It was a difficult decision, but God placed people in my journey who helped me discern; He gave me the grace and the courage to take that important step in my life. I decided to apply with the Archdiocese of Chicago and pursue the diocesan priesthood because it was in Chicago, in my parish community that I answered God's call. When I decided to enter seminary, I thought that if it did not work out or the vocation was not truly there, I would go back and resume my teaching career. I have been in seminary formation for almost six years and can confidently affirm my calling to the priesthood. These years in formation have been fruitful and challenging, but my friendship with Jesus has been strengthened, and seminary formation has provided many opportunities for personal and ministerial growth. I'm excited for ordination and looking forward to serving the people of God.



Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Here is a good trick to have nice juicy burgers.

Put An Ice Cube In Your Burgers

When grilling burgers at home, even good cooks struggle to keep the burgers nice and juicy while fully cooking the ground beef. As it turns out, an ice cube might provide the perfect solution.

While forming your burger patties, put an ice cube in the center of each burger and form the patty around it. Then toss the burgers onto the grill and cook them as you normally would. The ice will melt into the patty while it's cooking, keep your meat nice and juicy. Say goodbye to dry burgers forever with this trick.





Thank You For A Wonderful Fish Fry!!!

St. Alphonsus held our annual Lenten Fish Fry on March 31 and it was a great event! Special thanks to everyone who came and to all our dedicated volunteers!!

Oscar Arroyo
Sal Avila
Brendan Barker
Nate Blanchette
Kevin Bond
Maria Castellucci
David Cozzi
Timothy Dooling
Ryan Downs
Anna Duff
Matt Duff
David Findling
Colin Flaherty
Thomas Gable
Paul Gillespie
Priyanka Golwala
Kathleen Harmon
Brendan Jubulis
Mia Karam
Edward Kean
Mary Keller
Timothy Kennedy
Kelly Lovewell
Shamus MacDougall
Raj Manimala
Kevin Manning
Otis McCullough
Carlos Medina
Teresa Medina
Dom Moran
Madelyn Nelson
Don Ogilvie
Rochelle Pamatmat
Jason Pammler
Ron Pateman
James Pecard
Marisa Pickard
Ken Powers
Christine Ramirez
Tom Reckwerdt
Mike Roach
Natalie Robertson
Stephen Rossi
Michael Ryan
Ray San Agustin
Joseph Sawczyn
Zach Scurry
Matthew Unger
Sarah Velasco
Matt Wallace
Mike Walsh
Mary Beth Zerwic

Special thanks to our sponsors, Breakfast House, Sal's Trattoria, Southport Grocery & Café, Käretäs Brewing, and Rene Mendoza (Stimpy's Bar) Thank you to our parish Knights of Columbus council, YAM, Men's Club, Cub Scouts, AACA Parents, Trinity Irish Dancers, Fr. Bauer, KofC Chaplain Fr. Gorman, Fr. Lim, and Deacon Michael Mehringer!!





MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU
NATIONAL STAR WARS DAY

Saint Alphonsus
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St. Alphonsus Parish, in collaboration with the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, is excited to celebrate...

ATHENAEUM CENTER
FOR THOUGHT AND CULTURE

NATIONAL STAR WARS DAY

Featuring a special screening of

STAR WARS

Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back

May the Fourth

at the Athenaeum Center in the historic main stage

Movie time 7 PM

Doors open at 5:30 PM with special pre-show activities

Costumes are encouraged!

Purchase a special access ticket to a Star Wars Trivia Contest
and put your Jedi mind tricks and galactic knowledge to the test!

Want to Volunteer?! – contact Kaitlin at kholyk@stalphonsuschicago.church

(AACA families will receive service hours for this event!)

Tickets available at: athenaeumcenter.org/events/2023/may-the-fourth-2/

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

Pope Francis April Intention

For A Culture of Peace and Non-Violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Faith Formation

Spring Your Kids Into Totus Tuus Summer Camp!



For all families looking forward to summer, we've got the perfect thing for your children to do: the Archdiocese is bringing the Totus Tuus summer camp back to St. Alphonsus, July 23-28. It's like a week-long vacation Bible school, only way more fun and active. Each session is limited to only 50 participants. All safety protocols will be followed to ensure the health & safety of all participants and volunteers. For more information, please visit vocations.archchicago.org/events/totus-tuus/what-is-totus-tuus

The price is only $75 per child for an entire week!
Register on our parish GiveCentral page at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/32872

Any parent or parishioner interested in volunteering with Totus Tuus should contact Erica Cook, ecook@stalphonsuschicago.church

Walking With Purpose Women's Group

Tuesday mornings/evenings



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

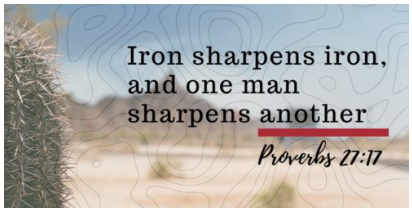
We live in a self-centered culture that all too often leaves us feeling empty and dissatisfied. A fuller view of God and His glory is the perfect antidote— find this during our journey through the Beholding Your King Bible study.

We'll study King David, select psalms, the temple, and many Old Testament prophets and see the ways in which they all point to the coming King of Kings, Jesus Christ. This Nine-Lesson Bible study is the second part of a two-part series and is ideally completed after Beholding His Glory.

Our new Beholding Your King bible study group meets ***Tuesdays from 9:30—11 AM and 6:30—8 PM***. Questions? Contact Susan Combes at suecombes@hotmail.com

St. Alphonsus Men's Group

Thursday Evenings



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

When great conversations happen, synergy that creates connections and helps values be shared develops. *Proverbs 27:17* describes this as two iron tools being sharpened and made more effective. The same applies with friends coming into contact, sharpening and encouraging each other to greater service.

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

A Day of Reflection for Women

Friday May 12 9 AM—3 PM



Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, 420 W. County Line Rd. Barrington, IL 60010

Retreat Masters: Fr. J. Michael Sparough, SJ and Rachel Forton

Retreat Title: *Holy is Her Name*

Spend a day in the presence of other women getting in touch with the feminine qualities of God as we explore what it means to say "holy is Her name." As women, we do ourselves a disservice if we only ever relate to a male image of God. We know that God is without gender and encompasses all the masculine and feminine qualities of humanity. Imagining a feminine God helps us view our own femininity as sacred and precious. We will draw from Scripture (where God is referred to as a mother hen, midwife, laboring woman, and more), the words of holy women such as Julian of Norwich and Hildegard of Bingen, and the work of numerous women theologians and spiritual writers. Join us as we share prayer experiences designed to open our hearts to new ways of seeing God within and around us.

Program Cost: $65.00 (includes Lunch) Register & check out more future retreats www.jesuitretreat.org/pages/retreat-schedule

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Speed Dating!



Young adult (21-39 yrs old) speed dating will take place on **Saturday, April 29** with registration check-ins beginning at 6:00 PM.

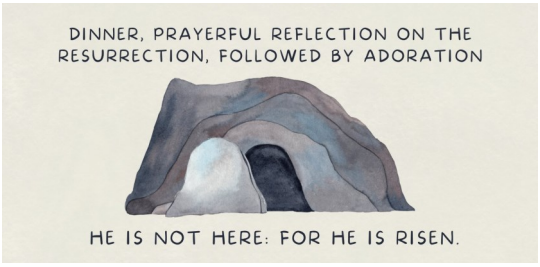
Cost per individual ticket is $50. You must pre-register for the event. Final day to register is Wednesday, April 26. At the door sign ups are not allowed, to ensure everyone is able to meet their matches for each round.

Women's Sign-up: www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/36787
Men's Sign-Up: www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/36788
Participants will be asked to please create a profile. More info on the GiveCentral registration page.

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

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

Other Young Adult News



Mission OLA and Bishop Lombardo's Franciscans of the Eucharist Vicariate III team invite all faithful young adults to a gathering on Tuesday April 25 from 6:30–9 PM at St. Mary of the Angels, 1850 N. Hermitage, 60622. bit.ly/vic3YAApr

AI Discussion
April 20 7:30 PM—9 PM

AI technologies showcase incredible potential to imitate human writing and work. What might this mean for human identity, purpose and our future? Join Lumen Christi Institute for a conversation between Christian theology and computer science over the ethics and implications of this remarkable new age.

This will be a moderated conversation at the Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures, 1158 E. 58th St. between Duke theologian and ethicist Norman Wirzba and UChicago computer science professor Ben Y. Zhao, followed by a Q&A. There will be a reception afterward.



Gospel Reflection

Reaching Out to Divine Mercy

On Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus reveals the good news of his mercy and invites us to trust in him.

Between 1931 and 1938, Jesus appeared in Poland to Sister Faustina Kowalska revealing to her that he wanted her to tell the whole world how much he wanted to show mercy to sinners. At the urging of her superiors, Sister Faustina kept a diary of her conversations with our Lord which was eventually published under the title, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*.

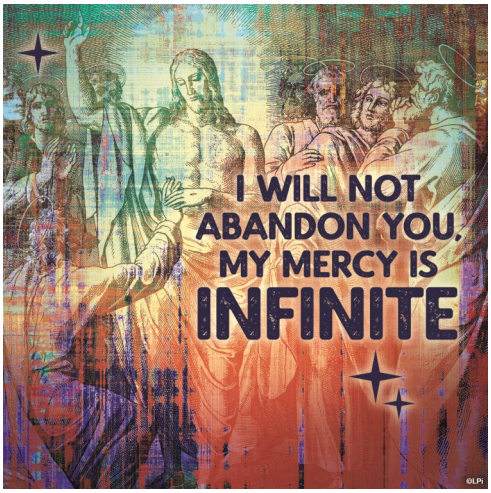
In one appearance, Jesus asked that the Sunday after Easter be celebrated as "Divine Mercy Sunday." Jesus told Sister Faustina, "On the day of my feast, the feast of mercy, you will go through the world and bring fainting souls to the spring of my mercy. I shall heal and strengthen them" (*Divine Mercy in My Soul #206).*

And so, on April 30, 2000, Saint John Paul II honored our Lord's request by declaring that the first Sunday after Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Today's gospel is especially fitting for this celebration.

If anyone was in need of mercy, it was Thomas. He wasn't present when the Risen Jesus revealed himself to the other apostles. Because he didn't see Jesus with his own eyes, he refused to believe.

The gospels do not tell us where Thomas was or what he was doing on that first Easter Sunday. However, he was most likely walking the streets of Jerusalem listening to people talking about Jesus' crucifixion. Some would have been saying how unjust it was. Others would have laughed at Jesus and his followers for believing in such nonsense. Wherever he was and whatever he was doing, the trauma of Jesus' death was afflicting Thomas' mind and heart. His spirit was crushed. He didn't want to believe anymore.

Doesn't this also describe the situation so many people find themselves in? We live in a time when people's spirits are crushed. We experience much evil, deception, and cruelty in the world. Everywhere we turn we hear different opinions. We don't know who to believe and begin to wonder what is true. We doubt, and like Thomas, we stray from the source of all truth — the Risen Christ and his Church. The longer we stay away, the deeper the roots of doubt sink within us. Eventually, we begin to lose hope.



That was the situation Thomas found himself in. He just could not bring himself to believe anymore. His heart was too broken.

How does Jesus react? Does he abandon Thomas to his fear and doubt? No. In his mercy, He appears to Thomas to relieve him of his burden of doubt, to heal his broken heart and to restore his faith.

That is what Jesus wants to do for us on Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus came to save sinners. He died on the cross so that all of us could find forgiveness. There is no sin so great that God cannot forgive it. And no one is so sinful that he or she cannot turn to Jesus and through his grace become a great saint. Jesus said as much to us through Sister Faustina when he said: "The greater the sinner, the more right he has to my mercy" (*Divine Mercy in My Soul #723*) All we need to do is reach out to touch the wounds of our Risen Lord, and we will experience his infinite mercy.

—Douglas Sousa, S.T.L.

PRAYER

Eternal God,
In whom mercy is endless
And the treasury of compassion inexhaustible,
Look kindly upon us
And increase your mercy in us,
That in difficult moments
We may not despair or become despondent,
But with great confidence subject ourselves
To your holy will,
Which is love and mercy itself.
Amen.

(Divine Mercy in My Soul, 1570)

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

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

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Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM– 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
9:00 AM– 7:30 PM Tue, Thurs

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School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

Rev. Steven Bauer, Pastor
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Brian Bloye, Director of Music and Organist
Erica Cook, Coordinator of Religious Education
Daniel Szymanski, Director of Operations
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager
Kaitlin Holyk, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator

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Connie Del Toral, Administrative Assistant