Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 13, 2025: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your being,
with all your strength,
and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. (Lk 10:25)

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

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*

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday	5:45 PM

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Michael and Elizabeth Velten
Fidel Mercado Chavez
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Michael Aldape
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Margaret Nichols
Leslie Salimi
Jason Jamero
Carol Kania
Rosemarie Cordero
Michelle Renee Moya
Ernest Nora
Albert Meier
Eileen Koutnik
Kevin Combs

In July, we remember Father Augustus Tolton, whose feast day was July 9th. Learn more about him and the cause for him to be officially canonized into sainthood. https://tolton.archchicago.org/about/biography

Welcome to the Parish!

Laura and Carl Anderson

Tess and Benjamin Legere Dean

Victoria Olejniczak

Alison and John Klingler Theodore

Lynnae Racette
Lorenzo Passalacqua
Vittoria Passalacqua

Aaron Ruiz

Alex Ruiz

Brohan Pivnicka



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.

Men's Vespers– WED evening
Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday from 8-9 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door) It's a great way to take your spiritual life a step further as we enrich our knowledge of the faith, encourage each other in life's challenges, and grow in fortitude together. We chant the Liturgy of the Hours and 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, July 13
9:00 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus
11:00 AM Morrie Family
12:30 PM +Libia M. Prieto
5:00 PM Holy Children's Liturgy Volunteers

Monday, July 14
8:30 AM +Jose Santos Baingan
+Elizabeth Santos Baingan

Tuesday, July 15
8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Wednesday, July 16
6:00 PM Brenda Morris (Birthday)

Thursday, July 17
8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Friday, July 18
8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Saturday, July 19
8:30 AM Dancer Family

Sunday, July 20
9:00 AM +Ed & Mary Gobat
11:00 AM +Frank Rechtien
12:30 PM The People of Saint Alphonsus
5:00 PM Holy Catechists & a Fruitful RE Year

News and Events

Church Parking Lot – Temporary Limitations

Starting Monday morning there will be some limitations in the church's main parking lot because of some construction work happening. The Athenaeum Center for Thought & Culture is expanding operations and making upgrades to the Athenaeum, which requires them to also upgrade their electrical capacity for the building. They are working with ComEd, making plans to install a new transformer that will be dedicated for the Athenaeum's use. While the date of its installation hasn't been determined yet, preparatory construction work will begin on Monday, which will occur at and around the east driveway entrance to the parking lot on Oakdale Avenue, and is expected to be completed by July 25th.

From July 14th to the 25th, the west driveway of the Oakdale lot will serve as the temporary entrance, and serve only as an entrance. All vehicles will exit the parking lot using the exit lane onto Wellington Ave. This one-way the flow of traffic into and out of the parking lot will help keep all people and vehicles safe. Please also note that during the construction, there will be fewer available parking spaces in the lot. The expectation is that for the weekend of July 26th & 27th, the parking lot will be back to normal.

The new transformer will be installed on the south side of the theater building, back behind the dumpsters. The preparatory work will entail digging a small trench in the lot to add and upgrade existing underground cables. When that's completed, a crew will refill the trench and repave the affected area. A crew will install a concrete pad and protective fencing and gate around the specific spot the transformer will be placed. The protective gate will be fashioned from the current wrought iron fence along the sidewalk so that it will blend in with the existing fence, and also allow ComEd easy access to it from the sidewalk. The specific date for the actual installation of the new transformer will take 1-2 days, and will be scheduled on a mutually convenient day determined in collaboration with the parish, school, theater, and ComEd crews so as to minimize disruption to campus activities, and will could occur later in the fall.

The parish, working together with the Athenaeum staff, have done our best to schedule the timing of work to minimize the inconvenience to parishioners and people on campus. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding -- especially as the Athenaeum is expanding its operations, which ultimately serve to benefit the parish and universal church by not only being a home for theater and the performing arts since 1911, but doing so in a way that draws people into an experience of beauty and an encounter with faith. On that note, if you're not already on the email list for ACTC, I recommend you take a look at their website to see some of the exciting shows, events, and productions they have slated for the fall and the coming year: www.athenaeumcenter.org

Theology on Tap— Wednesday evenings this summer!

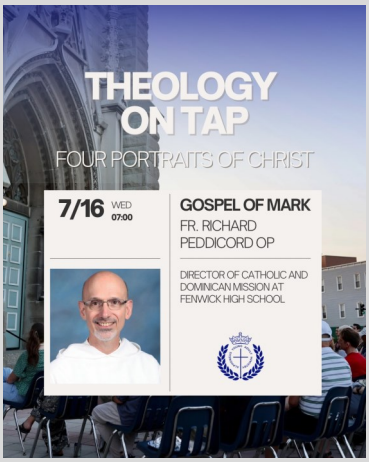


Our Theology on Tap speaker series continues **this Wednesday, July 16** on the St. Alphonsus veranda. Fellowship and light refreshments at 7 PM; with the speaker's talk at 7:30 PM. This year's theme, ***"The Four Portraits of Christ"*** illuminates the distinctive way one of the four evangelists portrays Jesus in their gospel narrative.

Theology on Tap— Portrait of Christ According to Mark

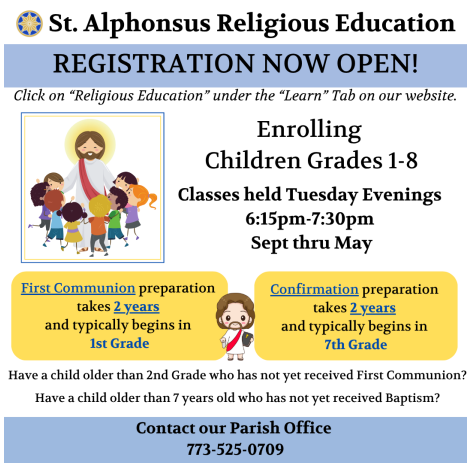
Our speaker for ToT on July 16 is Fr. Richard Peddicord, O.P., who is a member of the Order of Preachers, commonly known as the Dominican Order, serving in the Province of St. Albert the Great. With a PhD in Moral Theology from St. Paul University, he has served as President of the Aquinas Institute of Theology as well as Fenwick High School. He continues to serve at Fenwick as the current Director of Catholic and Dominican Mission.

All talks will be given on the church veranda – if inclement weather, the talk will be moved to the church basement (Festival Hall).
7:00 PM: doors open, food and drinks available
7:30 PM: talk begins
8:00 PM: speaker Q&A
8:30 PM: socializing
9:00 PM: end of program



Faith Formation

Religious Education 2025-2026 Registration



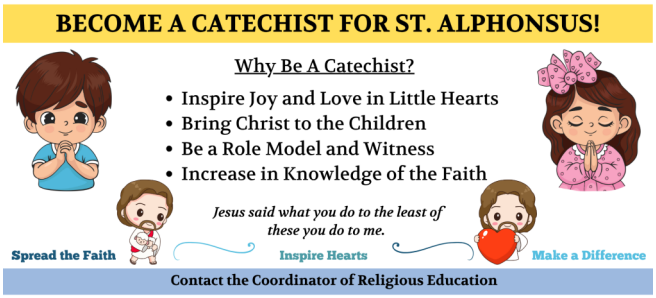
Register your child today for RE! Classes are open for enrollment for Grades 1-8. Our program is held on Tuesday Evenings (Sept. thru May) from 6:15 PM— 7:30 PM.

On the St. Alphonsus Website, click on the "Learn" tab, and then click "Religious Education." Scroll down to learn more about our program, register, and pay tuition.

Did you know that preparation for both First Communion and Confirmation is a 2 year process?

First Communion preparation typically begins in 1st Grade and Confirmation preparation typically begins in 7th Grade.

If you have a child that is older than 2nd Grade and has not yet received First Communion or a child that is older than 7 years old and has not yet received Baptism, contact Brooks, brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church



Catechists for Religious Education

Our Church needs you! A catechist is someone who loves their Catholic faith, has a desire to share that faith with our youngest Church members, and who also desires to continually deepen their own faith as well! Being a catechist is a rewarding gift that you both give to our next generation and that you receive as you see little hearts open and burn with the love of God. **God created you to reveal a unique part of His heart to the world, and this is your opportunity to share that part of God's heart with others**. Classes held Tuesday Evenings 6:15pm-7:30pm, Sept thru May; Grades 1-8.

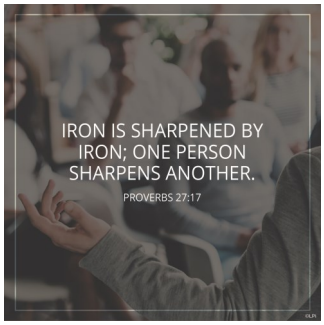
Are you Called to be a Catechist? Remember that God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called! Consistent support from the RE Coordinator is also given to each catechist to help ensure that classes go smoothly. Check out our website for more information and contact our Parish Office (773-525-0709) to sign up!

Walking With Purpose

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Our Walking w/ Purpose women's group covers basic teachings of the church, contemporary issues, scripture study, and spiritual reflection! Our summer series continues on Tuesdays. There are two sessions in the rectory 2nd Fl. Common Room on Tuesday mornings and evenings 9:30-11 AM or 6:30-8 PM. ***Come as you are. You are welcome here***. WwP Bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to solutions given through Scripture. If you desire to grow in your faith- in a supportive community of Catholic women- JOIN US! Please contact Marianne, mariannek36@yahoo.com

St. Alphonsus Men's Group



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

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

We meet every Thursday night at 7 PM in the rectory. Food and drinks provided. All men are welcome, with most men being in their 20s and 30s. Access can be gained at the west facing rectory door in the parking lot.

For questions or more information, contact Men's Group at our email, divineofficers@gmail.com

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

Gospel Reflection

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

The True Nature of Love

A scribe asked Jesus what he needed to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus asked the scribe what the Law of Moses taught. The above line was the scribe's response. He was essentially quoting Deuteronomy 6:4, which was a common prayer prayed by the Jews and seen as a summary of the entire Law of Moses as found in the Ten Commandments.

Notice that this summary of the Law does not present a negative prohibition such as "Thou shalt not…" Instead, it is a positive command stating, "Thou shalt love…" Love is the fulfillment of the Law of the Old Testament, as well as the fulfillment of the New Law of Christ. When we love God with our whole being, that love overflows upon all of God's creatures, including our neighbor.

In this Gospel, the scribe goes on to ask Jesus who His neighbor is. Jesus responds by telling the Parable of the Good Samaritan. In that parable, there was a man beaten and left for dead on the side of the road. A priest and a Levite passed by and ignored the man. But a Samaritan passed by and took care of the man, bringing him to an inn and vowing to pay for his recovery. The story concludes by the Samaritan being identified as the one who acted as a neighbor to the victim.

Traditionally, the victim of the robbers in this story has been seen as Adam. Adam represents fallen humanity. The Samaritan represents Jesus who cared for fallen humanity, healed us of sin and provided for our every need. Therefore, according to this parable, Jesus has acted as a neighbor to us, and we must love Him as we love ourselves. But Jesus also says, "Go and do likewise." This is a commission to fallen humanity, now healed of sin, to go forth to others, acting as Jesus Himself, bringing the healing grace they have been given and bestowing it upon others generously.

Sometimes we can see love as a feeling or emotion. Though love is often accompanied by certain emotions and feelings, love is much more. It is an action. In this parable, if the Samaritan simply looked upon the victim and felt sorry for him, had compassion for him but then moved on, he would not have shown love. The love of charity is an action and requires much of us. If we are to fulfill this first and greatest commandment of love of God and neighbor, then we cannot wait until we feel like loving to act. Instead, we must act now and not hesitate. This is love.

Reflect, today, upon the true nature of love. Love, in its most elevated form, is the choice to do what is best for others—to help free them from sin and to be an instrument of God's providence in their lives. It's a participation in the very love that God has shown us in Christ Jesus by giving His life for our salvation. We are all called to devote ourselves to this same form of selfless and sacrificial love. Doing so is a requirement for the glorious sharing in eternal life.

My loving Lord, You have given everything to fallen humanity. You have freed us from sin and provided for all of our needs. You have acted as a true neighbor in every way. Please give me the grace I need to imitate You and to participate in the love You have for others. May I truly act and never hesitate to bestow on others the charitable love to which I am called. Jesus, I trust in You.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Do you consider yourself a naturally caring, compassionate and giving person? If so, come and share your gifts with people in need by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This Sunday, more information will be shared about the spirituality and works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at our parish Masses. We help with the emergency needs of anyone looking for assistance within our community. If you are looking for ways to get involved please consider joining. The time commitment is kept to a monthly meeting to consider the needs of the society and to serve our walk-in clients. Our service is based on demand and the financial ability to assist. As such, we are only able to assist because of your generous donations through the poor box at the back of the church. We are 100% funded through these donations. Thank you for your continued support. We will have a meeting in the rectory on July 16 at 6 PM. Contact Luis Cantu at LuSVDP@hotmail.com for more info.

Stewardship—First Fruits

We invite all parishioners who want to participate in online giving to do so by enrolling through GiveCentral and setting up your donation via the First Fruits campaign (weekly Mass offering).

A huge thank you to those that are already giving online. Please consider making St. Alphonsus an extension of your home and family when contributing.

Sign up at *www.givecentral.org/location/39*
You can also text *Sunday* to (773) 570-7600

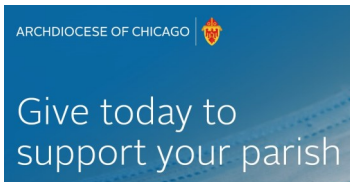
Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Sunday Offertory for 7/6: $15,922

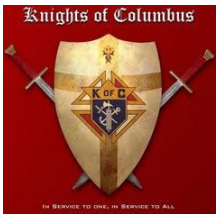
Please remember to help the poor. Donations to the poor box in the narthex go to our St. Vincent DePaul Society.

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More News and Events

Knights of Columbus



Our next meeting is this Monday, July 14 at 7 PM. We are always looking for new members, and we welcome practicing Catholic men of the parish and surrounding communities to join our ranks. Our council meetings are open to all prospective members and there is usually a social fellowship after the meeting. To find out more information about the Knights of Columbus at St. Alphonsus, or to apply for membership, feel free to contact parishioner and Grand Knight, Ray C. San Agustin or visit www.stalphonsusknights.com

Mama Meetup in July



Mom's Brunch: Sunday, July 27th after the 11 AM Mass - Crosby's Kitchen (3455 N. Southport Ave.) - We will meet in the narthex after Mass and either walk over or drive. Please RSVP to Kathryn at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church by July 24th!

Foundations Study—Monday Evenings

Each and every Sunday, we recite the Creed. But what does it mean? Pastoral Associate Brooks Robinson continues to lead a study on Monday evenings at 7 PM in the rectory 2nd Fl. Common Room. All are welcome to further explore the richness of our profession of faith! Contact Brooks, brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Safe Families for Children



YOU are invited to the summer Safe Families Associate Board event at VietFive Coffee in the West Loop! This is a casual, welcoming panel event for community members to learn more about the nonprofits Safe Families and Lydia Home, how they work, and ways to get involved. 5:30-7 PM on Wednesday, July 16th at VietFive Coffee - 1116 W. Madison St, Chicago, IL 60607 Free drinks and light food included! Bring a friend! Contact us at safefamiliesstals@gmail.com

Pope Leo XIV July Intention

"Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel."

Contact

Sacramental Information

Contact our parish office at (773) 525-0709 for information regarding celebrating sacraments including Baptisms (infant and adult), Reconciliation (confession), Eucharist (Communion), Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick. For information regarding Funerals, please first contact the funeral director of your choice to begin making arrangements.

How to Offer a Mass Intention

Have you ever noticed that every Mass said here at St. Alphonsus is offered for a special intention? The entire congregation prays for that intention during the petitions (Prayers of the Faithful) when we say, "For those who have died, and for the intention of this Mass: (named intention)"

You can make a Mass Intention request here. Masses are often offered for family, friends and relatives that have died. Praying for the dead is a Spiritual Work of Mercy. Offering a Mass for someone that has died is an especially comforting gesture to the family. Mass can also be offered to commemorate joyful occasions and to give thanks to God for blessings received.

The customary offering for a Mass is $15. However, any amount that you would like to offer is acceptable. You can request Masses by visiting the Parish Office during office hours or calling the Parish Office at (773) 525-0709.

You can ***register in the parish*** by coming to the rectory office or going online at *www.stalphonsuschicago.org*. The advantage to registering is that we know who you are and can better plan our programs by knowing whom we serve.

Want *to find out what is happening in the young adult community?* Join the St. Al's Young Adult Listserv. We send out monthly emails to let people know about our upcoming events. To register for the listserv, contact *stalphonsusyam@gmail.com*

The ***Knights of Columbus*** are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. For more information, visit *www.stalphonsusknights.com*

St. Alphonsus Social Media

Choose to participate in meaningful engagement! Having an attitude of engagement challenges us to love our digital neighbor as ourselves. You can find St. Alphonsus' Facebook and Instagram by going to the parish website and clicking the icons at the footer of the page.

Directory

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