Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 6, 2023: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



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*

And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun
and his clothes became white as light.
(Mt 17:2)

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Yoseth Abdiel Vasquez Perez

Ethan Gomez

Itzel Noemi Munoz

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
Carol Reckwerdt
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
William Ahearn
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Judy Fredrickson
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania
Leslie Salimi

Honor the Memory of a Loved One

Even though our Catholic faith can offer us comfort and consolation, losing a loved one is never easy. Memorial bequests – or remembering St. Alphonsus Parish in your will – can be a very spiritually meaningful way to honor the life of a loved one who has gone to be with the Lord. To make a bequest, visit our parish's Give Central page at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/28307 or contact our Parish Operations Director, Daniel Szymanski, dszymanski@stalphonsuschicago.church or by calling 773-525-0709 ext. 2110.

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $14,890

Offertory for 7/30: $14,479

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

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Rev. Msgr. Robert. F. Trisco

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 6
9:00 AM +Norma Pellino
11:00 AM +Richard Meindl
12:30 PM +Manuel and Maria Naula
5:00 PM +James Duff

Monday, August 7
8:30 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, August 8
8:30 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, August 9
6:00 PM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, August 10
8:30 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, August 11
8:30 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, August 13
9:00 AM +Frederick Y. Zamora
11:00 AM +Floro Espinosa
12:30 PM +Delfina & Dolores Gutierrez
+Florentina Ornelas
5:00 PM For the People of St. Alphonsus

News and Events

At the Athenaeum



Hailing from Ireland, Cup O' Joe is a family band playing folk-bluegrass music. They write music inspired by C.S. Lewis, were runners-up in the "BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Awards," and for one special night you can see them at Paradiso!

Tell your friends - all ages welcome! The Bar at the Paradiso will be open during the performance. Use the code ALPHONSUS, which gives you 10% off tickets, and donates 10% back to St. Alphonsus!



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

Serve as a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion!



Our parish is in need of faithful Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion. EMHC's should be fully initiated and practicing Catholics having received baptism, confirmation, and first Eucharist. If you would like to volunteer for this important ministry at Mass, please contact Father Bauer.

Ministry of Care

St. Alphonsus is blessed with wonderful volunteers who bring Holy Communion to parishioners that are sick or homebound on a weekly, biweekly, or monthly basis. Please call the rectory office (773) 525-0709 to arrange a visit for your loved one(s) who are unable to worship in-person at church and receive the Eucharist.





Around the Archdiocese

Sunrise Prayer Service 2023

Saturday, August 26, 2023 6:30 AM
Oakwood Beach, 41st St and Lakeshore Drive
Join the Black Catholic Deacons of Chicago on Saturday, Aug. 26 for the annual Sunrise Prayer Service at Oakwood Beach to pray for peace, non-violence in our hearts, schools, families, streets and the protection of our children! The prayer service will be followed by a Peace Fellowship Breakfast and Symposium from 10 AM— Noon at Our Lady of Africa, 613 E. Oakwood Blvd
For more information, contact Deacon Gill, (773) 933-0027 or deacongill@sbcglobal.net

Faith Formation

Register Your Child(ren) for Religious Education! Catechists Needed!



Registration for our Religious Education program is now open for the 2023-2024 school year for grades 1st-8th on Tuesday nights at 6:15 PM. Parent orientation is September 19 and classes will begin on September 26. Please register at the link on the front page of our parish website. Visit our Religious Ed page, www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education for more information.

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.

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.

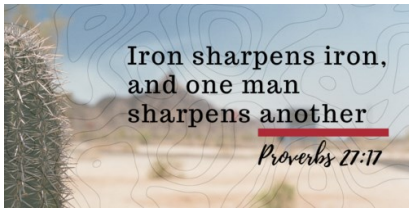
This class is offered for adults in three situations:
1. Un-baptized adults who desire to be baptized in the Catholic Church.
2. Baptized non-Catholic Christians who desire to be formally admitted into communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed and desire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

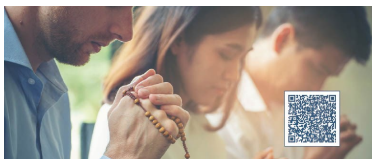
Wednesday Evening Men's Vespers
Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday at 8:15-9 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door) It's a great way to take your spiritual life a step further as we enrich our knowledge of the faith, encourage each other 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

Samuel Group at St. Alphonsus

Starting in September; Register Now!



Do you ever wonder how to make a good decision according to God's will? Join us for a discernment group specifically geared toward young adults (ages 19–35). Here you will discuss all kinds of discernment – if you are called to consecrated life, married life or single life, to a certain career or city, and more. The goal of this group is to help you, and in some cases your significant other, know yourself, Jesus and your role within the Church. These discernment groups will take place monthly over the course of seven months. At each session, you will listen to talks, have time for small group sharing, and have the opportunity for Mass, Confession and Adoration. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet individually with a spiritual director during this program.

Cost: $45 per person. Register at bit.ly/3D9wQYl

Air and Water Show Viewing Party

Saturday August 19— Rectory Rooftop



Come join St. Al's YAM on Saturday August 19th from 11 AM-3 PM as we have watch the Chicago Air Show from the St Al's Rectory Rooftop. Enjoy the great weather, fantastic views of the Chicago skyline and great time meeting new friends! This is a BYOB and food event, we are hoping to have a small grill set up to cook up some hot dogs or burgers. Feel free to bring any yard games as well. Contact Matt or Tammy with any questions at stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

All who worship at St. Alphonsus are invited to register as a member if you have not yet done so! There is a link on our website, www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors

Why Register at a Parish?

- It is a **sign of commitment and support to the life of a parish community** and indicates willingness to **belong to our parish family**.
- Our Parish Staff will have the basic information needed to **communicate with individual families, especially in times of emergency.**
- Every Catholic needs to have their **sacramental information documented**. Copies of one's Baptismal, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage records are required at various times in our life.
- Families that enroll their children in **our Parish School or Religious Education Program** should be registered and active in the parish, especially if they intend to have their children receive the Sacraments.
- Families are able to receive **important information about the parish** that often comes through direct mailing.
- For **Godparents**, it is required to provide information stating active parish registration, practice of faith and ongoing support to the overall life of the parish.

Parish Mailing list is **only used for church purposes and never shared with businesses or other organizations.

Stewardship—First Fruits

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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

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

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

August Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**7** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group	**8** **7:00 PM** Great Adventure Bible Study Group **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**9** **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**10** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group **8:30 PM** CL School of Community	**11**	**12**
13 **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**14** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **7:30 PM** Knights of Columbus Meeting	**15** ***Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary— Mass at 8:30 AM & 7 PM*** **7:00 PM** Great Adventure Bible Study Group **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**16** **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**17** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group **8:30 PM** CL School of Community	**18**	**19** **11:00 AM** YAM Air & Water Show Viewing Party on Rooftop
20 ***AACA Academy Day*** **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**21** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group	**22** ***AACA— First Day of School*** **7:00 PM** Great Adventure Bible Study Group **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**23** **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**24** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group **8:30 PM** CL School of Community	**25** **8:30 AM** AACA School Mass **7:30 PM** Praise and Adoration	**26**
27 **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**28** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group	**29** **6:30 PM** AACA Back to School Night **7:00 PM** Great Adventure Bible Study Group **7:00 PM** Finance Council Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**30** **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**31** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group **8:30 PM** CL School of Community	**Sept 1** ***AACA— No School Teacher Professional Development Day***	

Scheduling at St. Alphonsus

The monthly calendar in the bulletin only shows all current parish events/activities. It does not indicate all sacraments such as weddings and baptisms. You can view the entire parish calendar on our website at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/calendar

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Washing machine maintenance
In order to prevent washing machines from smelling musty, here is a good trick. Just leave the door open when it is not in use. The musty smell comes from mold. Mold will grow in a moist environment. If you keep the door open, the inside of the washer will dry and mold will not grow there.

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

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

Parish Office Hours:

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

School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
(P): 773-892-1397 |
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
Erica Cook, Coordinator of Religious Education
Daniel Szymanski, Director of Operations
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager

School Staff

Gerit McAllister, Principal
Angela Kladis, Assistant Principal
Madeleine Durkin, Director of Admissions
Kim Wallett, Secretary
Connie Del Toral, Administrative Assistant