Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 25, 2024: TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri, Sat	8:30 AM
Wed	6:00 PM
Sunday	9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 (Spanish) and 5 PM

Alphonsus Academy & Center For the Arts

Friday	8:30 AM or as announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM

Confessions

Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM
Saturday	11:00—12:00 PM

**Or call one of the priests for an appointment*

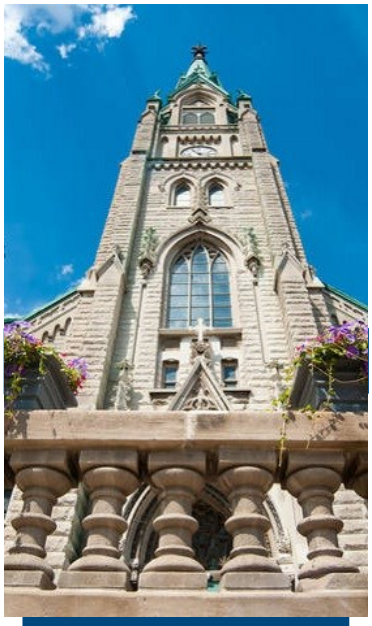
Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-2

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
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
Carol Kania
Leslie Salimi
Jason Jamero
Rosemarie Cordero
Gary Masterson
Ramona Colon



WEDDING BANNS

Nely Rentas

and

Arturo Romo

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Offertory for 8/18: $11,535

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

Left QR code for GiveCentral; Right QR code for Venmo

For Mass donations via Zelle, please submit to general parish email account, parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Ruby Martin Hamilton

Abigail Sloane Rathbun

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Jeanette Peterson

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 25
9:00 AM +Edmund and Mary Gobat
11:00 AM +Gonzalo Gilana & Family
12:30 PM +Irene Jesus Ezperanza y Carmen Rodriguez
5:00 PM +Jeanette Peterson

Monday, August 26
8:30 AM T. Williams Family

Tuesday, August 27
8:30 AM Kevin and Kathryn Kibler (Anniversary)

Wednesday, August 28
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, August 29
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, August 30
8:30 AM Holy Catechists and a Fruitful RE Year

Saturday, August 31
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, September 1
9:00 AM +Ethel Hayward
Juliana Pellino (Baptism)
11:00 AM Margaret Oliver & Family
12:30 PM +Rosy Valdez
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Volunteer Opportunities

Help Wanted...



One of the lackluster realities of parish life is that, on average, 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people. It's a statistic that is unfortunately pretty universal in churches everywhere – and it seems to have always been this way. Jesus told His disciples *"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few. So ask the Master of the harvest to send out more laborers for the harvest" (Luke 10:2).* And also in the first reading this Sunday we hear Joshua, the successor of Moses, reminding and inviting the Israelites to follow him in faithful service, *"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."*

For ourselves, we can recognize in this that as a spiritual family, the Lord desires us to help each grow as individuals and as a parish community. From this we draw the principle of stewardship of time – each of us has gifts, talents and abilities, and God desires that a portion of those be used to help His people and His Church grow. For this reason, and as we begin the start of a new academic year, it's an opportune time to share with you some specific needs that we have. Wherever there is a pastoral, ecclesial or administrative need in a community, I believe the Lord already has in mind a person to step into that place, and indeed, is already gently speaking to their hearts. God doesn't force us to respond, but He does invite us to take a chance, trust Him, and give of our time and talent. When we do, there is always growth and blessing, and many times in ways we could not have anticipated. The Prayer of St. Francis affirms this spiritual truth: "*it is in giving that we receive."* Saint John Paul II also affirms, "*man cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of self*."

That said, here are some opportunities that you may be able to make a gift of yourself.

- **Parish Receptionist** – Our parish secretary will soon be going on maternity leave, and we will be needing a daytime receptionist to cover for her on weekdays. For more info and specifics on what this looks like, contact Fr. Bauer.

• **Catechist** – our Religious Education program is looking for several more Catechists to help teach the faith to our parish children and prepare them to receive the Sacraments. RE classes are on Tuesday evenings. For more info contact Emily at the rectory.

• **Eucharistic Ministers** – we currently have a shortage. We would like to re-institute Holy Communion under both species, the Sacred Host and the Precious Blood, but right now we just have enough to cover the Sacred Host (and sometimes we're even short in that area). Contact Fr. Bauer for info, *and there will be a training session on Sept. 5th at 7 PM in the church.*

• **Lectors** – we're a little thin here, too, and could always use a few more people willing and able to read the Sacred Scriptures at Mass. Contact Barbara, bscharres@hotmail.com for more info.

Oktoberfest – the biggest and most important fundraiser for the parish – September 27, 28 and 29 – and also the most fun weekend of the year! Its success requires the time and talent of many people.

- **Volunteers at the Fest**: grilling brats, serving food, beer tents, admission, Kinderfest games, and other roles. Visit stalsoktoberfest.org to sign up for your shift.
- **Marketing & Promotions**: Even though our pastor was a graphic artist once upon a time (25 years ago!), but come on... we cannot seriously expect him to drop all his pastoral duties and spiritual work to create the artwork, produce signage and manage the marketing for Fest. There has got to be someone around here more talented and more experienced at doing this than him.

• **Kinderfest Captains**: last year's Kinderfest on Sunday was a real highlight for the church and school. Much of the groundwork has been laid, but we just need two or three people on Sunday to keep kids happy and things organized.

If you feel God nudging you in regard to any of these positions, please email parish@stalphonsuschicago.church, and we'll connect you to the right person!

Rev. Steven Bauer
Pastor

Stewardship—First Fruits



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*

To Be A Christian Steward

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

Disciples As Stewards

Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

- Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.
- Christian disciples experience conversion—lifeshaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord.
- Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives
- and the way in which we live.

Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.

Stewards of Creation

The Bible contains a profound message about the stewardship of material creation: God created the world, but entrusts it to human beings. Caring for and cultivating the world involves the following:

- Joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature;
- Protection and preservation of the environment, which would be the stewardship of ecological concern;
- Respect for human life—shielding life from threat and assault, doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish; and
- Development of this world through noble human effort—physical labor, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences. We call such effort "work." Work is a fulfilling human vocation.

The Second Vatican Council points out that, through work, we build up not only our world but the Kingdom of God, already present among us. Work is a partnership with God—our share in a divine human collaboration in creation. It occupies a central place in our lives as Christian stewards.

Stewards of Vocation

Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to a new way of life—the Christian way of life—of which stewardship is part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us—clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child—has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. The challenge, then, is to understand our role—our vocation—and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God.

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News and Events

Are You Ready to Become Catholic?

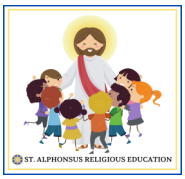
Registration is open for The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA program is the study of the Catholic Faith and the process of introduction into the faith community.

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

Register Your Children for Religious Education!



Registration for our Religious Education program is now open for the 2024-2025 school year for grades 1st-8th on Tuesday nights at 6:15 PM. Parent orientation is September 10 and classes will begin on September 17. Please register at the link on our Religious Ed page, www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education

To Be A Christian Steward continued....

Stewards of the Church

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;
- Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs
- and to the universal Church.

Obstacles to Stewardship

People who want to live as Christian disciples and Christian stewards face serious obstacles. In the United States and other nations, a dominant secular culture often contradicts religious convictions about the meaning of life. This culture frequently encourages us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures.

At times, we can find it far too easy to ignore spiritual realities and to deny religion a role in shaping human and social values. As Catholics who have entered into the mainstream of American society and experienced its advantages, many of us also have been adversely influenced by this secular culture. We know what it is to struggle against selfishness and greed, and we realize that it is harder for many today to accept the challenge of being a Christian steward. It is essential, therefore, that we make a special effort to understand the true meaning of stewardship and live accordingly.

A Steward's Way

The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28).

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the Mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call. We must ask ourselves: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards of our world and our Church? Central to our human and Christian vocations, as well as to the unique vocation each one of us receives from God, is that we be good stewards of the gifts we possess. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours.

The Spirit shows us the way.

Stewardship is a part of that journey.

What Is A Catechist?

A Catechist is more than a teacher, but is truly a witness of the faith. God has created each of us to be unique and irreplaceable. We each reveal a specific part of God's heart that no one else can reveal in the very same way. By becoming a Catechist, you have the opportunity to reveal the love of God and allow it to shine forth, inspiring little hearts to desire to become saints. Training, a curriculum, and ongoing support are given to Catechists. If you desire to spread the faith and bring the little children to Jesus, contact Emily at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church to discern if this role is for you.

BECOME A CATECHIST FOR ST. ALPHONSUS!



Why Be A Catechist?

- Inspire Joy and Love in Little Hearts
- Bring Christ to the Children
- Be a Role Model and Witness
- Increase in Knowledge of the Faith





Jesus said what you do to the least of these you do to me.



Spread the Faith **Inspire Hearts** **Make a Difference**

Contact Emily Ember, Coor. of Religious Education: eember@stalphonsuschicago.church

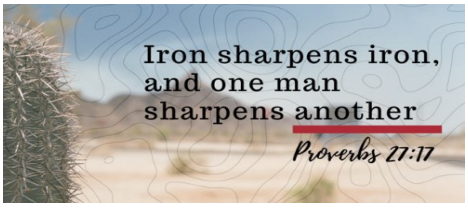
St. Alphonsus Men's Group

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, divineoffic-ers@gmail.com



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

The St. Alphonsus Men's Group is hosting a Holy Hour of silent adoration on Friday, September 6th, from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in the church. All parishioners are invited to be in the presence of our Lord during this hour, and confessions will also be heard during this time.

Our Narthex is Designed for Children and Parents

Did you know that we designed the narthex for the convenience of young families? We know that it can be difficult to take a young child to Mass. We applaud the effort you make! If you feel the need to take your child out of the church, please feel welcome to bring him or her to the narthex. The glass wall and speakers enable you to still see and hear the Mass while you soothe your child.

Young Adult Ministry

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is one of St. Alphonsus' most active parish groups! YAM is led by a volunteer board and is guided by Pastoral Associate, Brooks Robinson. Stated simply, the ministry's mission is to help one another participate in Christ's mission, that we, as young adult Catholics, may be effective disciples, evangelists, and agents of charity in all that we do. YAM provides many social, intellectual, service, and spiritual opportunities for growth. Members range in age from 21-39 years old. Our YAM group is made up of 4 main pillars, Spiritual, Intellectual, Service, and Social. Visit the St. Alphonsus YAM Facebook page, *www.facebook.com/AlphonsusYoungAdult* or contact the YAM board at *stalphonsusyam@gmail.com*

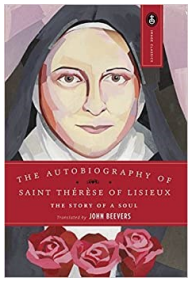
BE SOCIAL
BE SPIRITUAL
BE CHARITABLE
BE INTELLECTUAL
BE CATHOLIC

Sippin Social— Sunday, Aug. 25 after 5 PM Mass



Join our Young Adult Ministry after the 5 PM mass this Sunday, August 25th for some drinks and socialization on the St. Al's rooftop! Invite some friends to come and stop by! Our group will meet at the back of church, then walk up to the rooftop together.

Book Club— Wednesday Evenings in the Rectory



Our parish has a group of intellectual avid readers who love our Catholic faith and learning more about life through the great works. They meet every Wednesday at 6:30 PM in the rectory and will be reading St. Therese of Lisieux's classic autobiography, "*Story of a Soul".* The writings of the Saint known as Little Flower reveals her deep love of God and draws the reader into the beautiful workings of grace within her soul. You can find this book for free online at mycatholic.life/books/story-soul-saint-therese-lisieux/

For more information, contact Book Club coordinator Leora at lwallac2@alumni.nd.edu.

YAM, The Year Ahead, and YOU! — Sunday, September 8



It's almost time to officially kick off another YAM year at St. Al's! Following the 5 PM Mass on Sept. 8, young adults (ages 21-39) are invited to attend the YAM kickoff in the church parking lot. This year's theme is *YAM, The Year Ahead, and YOU*! During the event, learn more about what YAM is, meet the new board and hear about our plans for the coming year, as well as find ways to get involved in the community! Throughout the year, we host numerous events but we can't do it ourselves which is why we need YOU to help us out. Whether it's planning events, assisting with setup, cleanup, or other event logistics all help is greatly appreciated. So come learn how to get involved in our Spiritual, Social, Service and Intellectual pillars as well as small groups. Plus, enjoy the food available for purchase, the free beer and wine, music, and great company! We look forward to seeing you! Whether you're a YAM regular or newcomer, all are welcome!



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The Theological Virtues: Faith

What are the theological virtues and how do they impact our lives as Christians today? How do we grow in them? Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger dive into the theological virtues and discuss their place in God's plan for humanity.

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SAMUEL GROUP

Discernment for young adults

Samuel Group is a program sponsored by the Vocation Office that holds monthly meetings between September 2024 and April 2025. The goal of the program is to help young adults learn to listen more clearly to the voice of God in their daily lives so that they can make a good discernment. Each meeting includes talks, a time for food and fellowship, adoration, confession, and Sunday Mass. For more information, contact Katie Hazen at **khazen@archchicago.org** or 847.508.2023.

St. Alphonsus Parish (Lakeview), 1429 W. Wellington Ave., Chicago, IL 60657
2024: September 22, October 20, November 17, December 15
2025: January 19, February 16, March 23, April 27
Meetings: 1 – 5 p.m., Mass: 5 p.m.
Meetings and Mass are in English

Cost: $45 per person
Register here: bit.ly/4cSnLTJ



Gospel Reflection

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." — Jn 6:67-69

Unwavering Fidelity Always



These words of Saint Peter present us with the conviction we must have when fidelity to the will of God becomes difficult. God is demanding. He wants everything from us. We will only obtain Heaven once we surrender everything over to the will of the Father and believe all that He has revealed. If we fail to do so before we die, we will need to be purified in Purgatory. There is no way around this. God is a demanding God to the greatest extent possible.

The truth is that this is all good. It is good that God demands complete submission to His perfect will and teaching because these are exactly what is best for us. From time to time, because of our weak and fallen human nature, we can perceive God's will as too demanding and His teaching as too difficult. Do I really have to forgive everyone completely? Do I really have to lay my life down without reserve? Do I really have to keep the Commandments to perfection? Do I really have to be perfect as the Father in Heaven is perfect? Yes. But as we try to do so, we will experience many temptations to give up, thinking that God's will is too hard.

Today's Gospel comes at the end of the beautiful Bread of Life Discourse in which our Lord taught clearly, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." At the beginning of today's Gospel, upon listening to Jesus' new teaching, many of His disciples murmured among themselves saying, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" This teaching of Jesus is "hard" in the sense that it requires a profound faith to understand completely. But just because something is hard to accept does not mean that we should not accept it.

Peter's statement quoted above gives us the words we should say whenever we find God's will or His teaching difficult to accept. When that happens, we must hear Jesus ask us the same question He asked the Twelve: "Do you also want to leave?" Jesus will not try to manipulate us. He will not back down when He sees we are struggling. He will not lessen the requirement of being His faithful follower. Instead, He will give us the freedom to either believe or leave. And when we feel like leaving, we should always remember Peter's words, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Peter's statement says all we need to know in the face of any interior conflict of faith. Sure, we could leave our Lord and do our own thing. But where would we go? To embrace the passing pleasures of the world? To what end? If we believe and are convinced that Jesus is the Holy One of God, then no matter how hard, no matter how demanding, no matter how difficult, we must embrace fidelity to God in all things. That act of fidelity, especially when we struggle with some interior conflict, is the key to unlocking the transforming power of God in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon any ways that you have felt God's will or any of His revealed truths to be difficult and demanding. When you face such an interior challenge, what do you do? If your response is to turn from God and become lax in your fidelity to Him, then reflect upon Peter's words to Jesus. Make those words your prayer, and let that prayer strengthen your conviction to become an unwavering and faithful follower of God.

My demanding Lord, in Your great love and mercy You require everything of me. You ask me to give You my life in total surrender and service of Your perfect will. When I am weak, give me strength. When I doubt, give me faith. Help me, Lord, to always deepen my resolve and to follow You with complete fidelity. Jesus, I trust in You.

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How to Pray: The Rosary

"The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints ... it is a prayer from my heart."

POPE FRANCIS

The Rosary is a meditative prayer comprised of five decades. In this devotion, we walk with Mary and Jesus through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous, and Glorious Mysteries of Christ's life to meditate on God's love for us.

The Church traditionally prays certain mysteries on certain days of the week, as follows:

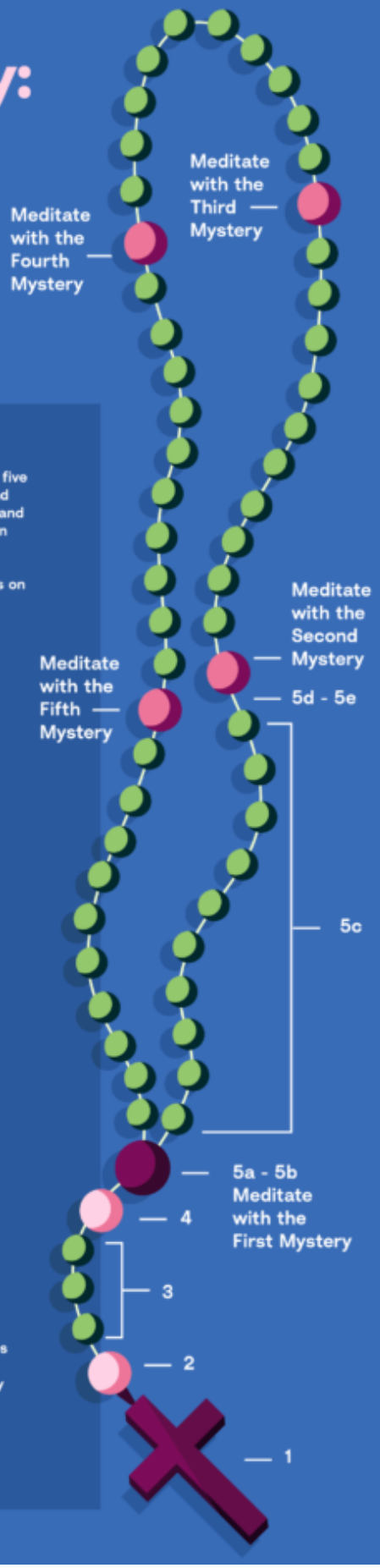
MON	TUES	WED
Joyful	Sorrowful	Glorious

THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Luminous	Sorrowful	Joyful	Glorious

STEPS TO PRAYER USING ROSARY BEADS

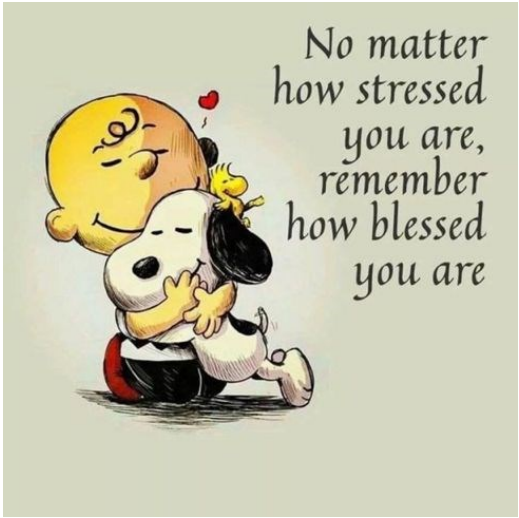
1. On the crucifix - Pray the Apostles' Creed
2. On the first bead - Say an Our Father
3. Next three beads - Say a Hail Mary
4. Pray a Glory Be
5. Pray the first decade
    - 5a. Announce the mystery
    - 5b. Large bead - Pray an Our Father
    - 5c. 10 small beads - Say 10 Hail Marys
    - 5d. After each decade - Say a Glory Be
    - 5e. Pray the Fatima Prayer

    O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.
6. Repeat this pattern for the remaining decades
7. After the 5 decades, conclude with "Hail, Holy Queen."
8. Close with prayer and the Sign of the Cross.



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, 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.**



Around the Archdiocese

Children and Toddler Garage Sale



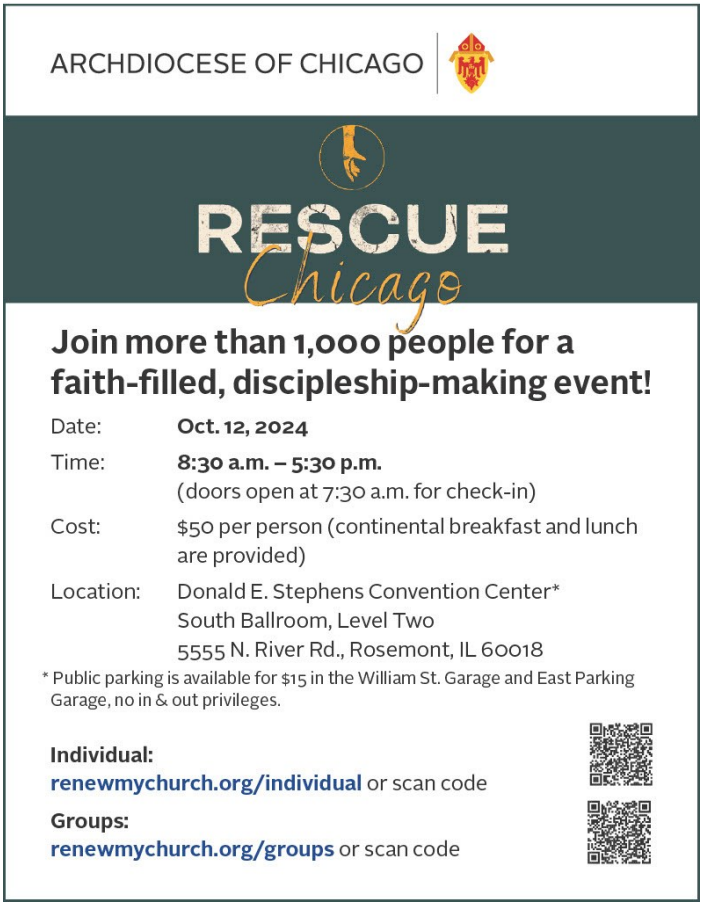
On Saturday, September 14, all are invited to St. Benedict, 2215 W. Irving Park, for their children's garage sale from 8 AM to 2:30 PM in their parish gym. Admission is $2 and everything is 50% off the final hour of the sale starting at 1:30 PM.

CCHD Special Event

Chicago's Catholic Campaign for Human Development is hosting a community celebration on Friday, September 13 from 6-8 PM at Old St. Mary's, 1500 S. Michigan Ave. They hope to create opportunities for friends of CCHD to connect with our local and national grantees, and celebrate the work of organizing and economic development that is central to our city and our Church. Join for a time of community building, conversation, appetizers & open bar! RSVP at bit.ly/CCHDneighbor

Rescue Chicago—Archdiocesan Renewal

This will be an incredible day filled with inspirational talks from Fr. John Riccardo and his team, as well as uplifting music and opportunities to connect with others and share our faith in a powerful way. Leave feeling inspired and mobilized for mission – sent forth, empowered and strengthened to proclaim the Gospel to others. Please see graphic for more details.



More News and Events

Wine Tasting Fundraiser



The Little Sisters of the Poor invite you to join them for ***Chez Ste. Marie– A Taste of France***. This popular wine tasting event will take place on Thursday, September 12 from 6 PM to 8 PM, in their beautiful St. Mary's Garden. Sample select fine French wines, taste handcrafted hors d'oeuvres, and enjoy the dulcet sounds of our guest string quartet. All proceeds go to support St. Mary's Home and Jugan Terrace.

To purchase tickets or inquire about sponsorship opportunities for this special fundraiser, please visit online at www.littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org or call the Development Office at (773) 935-9600.

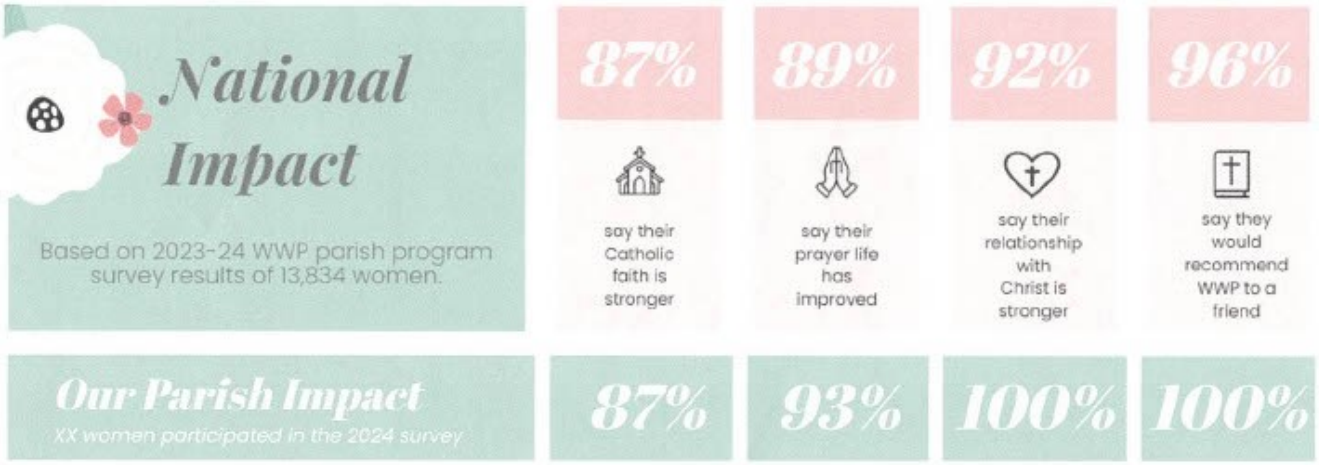
Misericordia Family Fest

MISERICORDIA
HEART OF MERCY

The 42nd annual Family Fest at 6300 N. Ridge. (just south of Devon Ave), takes place on Sunday, September 8 from 11 AM to 6 PM and offers food & drink, live entertainment, children's games, shopping and more for the whole family!

Misericordia offers exceptional programs for more than 600 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Volunteers needed! Sign up to help out or get tickets at www.misericordia.com/events/family-fest-2024

Walking with Purpose
at St Alphonsus in Chicago IL
2023 - 2024 Survey Results



Additional information from women in our parish

93% said that their **APPRECIATION** for the **SACRAMENTS** grew.

93% found **MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS** with women in Walking with Purpose.

Comments from women in our parish

- Walking with Purpose has changed my life. I have grown spiritually and my religion means more to me now than ever before. I have made true friends and feel comfortable discussing what is going on in my life with women that I trust and respect their opinions. I feel privileged to be part of our Bible study and am continually growing with each study.
- I'm always encouraging friends to join the group because I find a great sense of fulfillment.
- I've been able to be more vulnerable, share more personal information with the group.
- I have gotten so much out of it. I am so grateful!

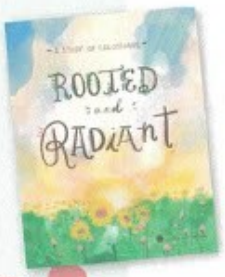
Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women
Refuel and refresh | Learn more about God

In the ***Rooted and Radiant*** Bible study we'll learn the book of Colossians verse by verse. We will seek to understand the challenges that faced the Colossians, recognizing that they are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.

In a world increasingly plagued with confusion and chaos, you are invited to encounter the God of clarity and peace. Let Christ reveal Himself to you as He truly is and transform you into the woman that our world so desperately needs.



St Alphonsus Rectory
1429 W Wellington Ave
Chicago, IL 60657

September 17, 2024
9:30 to 11:00 am or
6:30 to 8:00pm
Questions? Contact Susan Combes at
717-329-6370
smbcombes51@gmail.com

walking with purpose

www.walkingwithpurpose.com

St Alphonsus Cub Scouts Pack 3889

Now Accepting New Members in Grades 1 to 5

Camping

Pinewood Derby



Raingutter Regatta

Blue & Gold Banquet

NEW to Scouting? Attend the Taste of Scouting Event in the St. Alphonsus Festival Hall on Friday, September 6 from 4 to 5:30pm.

Step 1. Come meet the Cub Scouts at a regular weekly meeting or special event.
Step 2. New Cub Scouts must register online with BSA to get your Member ID. BSA dues $117 paid directly to BSA.
Step 3. Join a Den – 1st Grade Tigers, 2nd Gr. Wolves, 3rd Gr. Bears, 4th Gr. Webelos, and 5th Grade Arrow of Light.
Step 4. Pay your dues by the end of registration on September 20.

Pack Dues for 2024-25 school year will be $160.
Please pay via Venmo to @Pack3889CubScouts

Registered Cub Scouts, returning members and their families are welcome to join the Family Camping Event on September 20-22 at Indiana Dunes State Park.

Please contact pack leadership with your **Questions/Comments:** pack3889@gmail.com

2024-25 Pack 3889 Cub Scouts Registration

If scanning does not work, please visit: https://forms.gle/YCRezK7YE4bvQ5zj7 or find our blurb in this weekend's parish electronic newsletter! Thanks!!

BSA Registration	*PACK Registration*	*DEN Fees*
SCAN ME	SCAN ME	@Pack3889CubScouts venmo

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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Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM– 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
9:00 AM– 7:30 PM Tues, Thur

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