



# Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023: THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*"If your brother sins against you,  
go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.  
If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Mt 18:15)*

## 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*

# Worship

## This Week's Readings

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

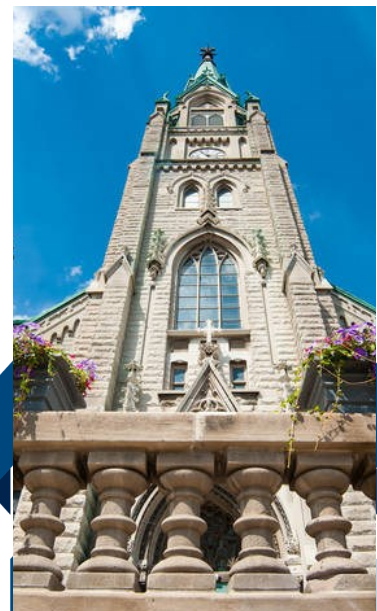
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

### Please Pray for the Sick

Emilia Hurtado	Judy Fredrickson
Bernard Zapp	Tracy Duda
Dorothy Bonds	Jacob Duda
Jamie Wallett	Dorothy O'Brien
Sandra Wilson	Ryan Meadow
Monica Alexis Rios	Danny Browder
Margaret Nichols	Carol Kania
Tessa Sergent	Leslie Salimi
Diane Mareci	Janet Horvat
Fidel Mercado	Frank G. Bauer
Chavez	Al Corleone

### Welcome to the Parish!

Gianni Pecheco  
Morgan Stasell and  
Nick Greenlee  
Rebekah  
and Skyler Shasky  
Cecilia  
Vivienne  
Russell Aivazian  
Emily Montgomery  
and Jeff Church



## WEDDING BANNS

**Meredith St. Clair  
and  
Daniel Finn**

**Lauren Meskis  
and  
William Germann**

**Alycia Zimmerman  
and  
Patrick O'Neal**

### Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount:  
\$14,890

Offertory for 9/3: \$13,728

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



### Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Hanna Liselotte Sanchez  
Ricardo Isaias Corona  
Natalia Giselle Corona

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, September 10

9:00 AM +Frank and Maria Rechten  
11:00 AM +Mariano Susana Hermosa  
12:30 PM +Gustavo Medina  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Alphonsus

### Monday, September 11

8:30 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus

### Tuesday, September 12

8:30 AM +Henry J. Heck

### Wednesday, September 13

6:00 PM For the People of St. Alphonsus

### Thursday, September 14

8:30 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus

### Friday, September 15

8:30 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus

### Sunday, September 17

9:00 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus  
11:00 AM +Rita Gerich  
12:30 PM For the People of St. Alphonsus  
5:00 PM For the People of St. Alphonsus





# Beer, brats and bands.



## Oktoberfest!

**September 22, 23, and 24th**

**Join us for all the Oktoberfest fun!**

**Admission \$10.00  
Friday and Saturday**

**Free Admission on  
Sunday!**

**And just like every year, there will be plenty of beer and homemade brats!**

**We'll have music from lots of German bands and Fest favorites alike.**

**Get all the Fest details and Volunteer at**

**[www.stalsoktoberfest.org](http://www.stalsoktoberfest.org)**

## Entertainment

### Friday 5-10 PM

Leslie Hunt Band, Dancing Queen  
Stachel, Trippin Billies

### Saturday Noon-10 PM

Fletcher Rockwell  
The Gingers  
Hello Weekend  
16 Candles

School of Rock  
The 77 Solution  
Ipop  
The Polkaholics

### Sunday Noon-7 PM

KINDERFEST! JUMBOTRON SCREEN TO WATCH  
THE GAMES!



## Craft Beer Tasting

Friday 6-9 PM, Saturday 4-7 PM  
Select from dozens of options from local  
breweries, seasonal selections, and  
international favorites.

Tickets now available at  
[runsignup.com/TicketEvent/  
OktoberfestChicago2023](http://runsignup.com/TicketEvent/OktoberfestChicago2023)

## Brewmaster Packages

Brewmasters will receive a  
commemorative 1L stein from Germany,  
brats, free admission for 4, 2 for 1 beer,  
Oktoberfest T-Shirts, Hat and more!

Package now available on parish  
GiveCentral site, [www.givecentral.org/  
location/39/event/34537](http://www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/34537)

# PROST!

# 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](http://www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education) for more information.

### What is a catechist?



Pope Francis

The catechist, then, is a Christian who is mindful of God, who is guided by the memory of God in his or her entire life and who is able to awaken that memory in the hearts of others.

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 pastor, Rev. Steven Bauer, [sbauer@stalphonsuschicago.church](mailto:sbauer@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.

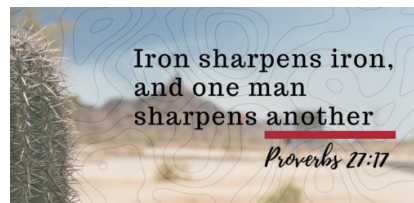
This class is offered for adults in three situations:

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Communion 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](mailto:jemseoul@hotmail.com)





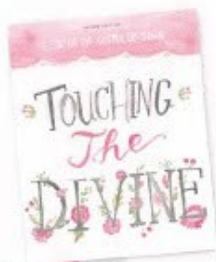
# *Come as you are.*

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

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

The ***Touching the Divine*** Bible study focuses on qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality.

Saint John referred to himself as “the disciple whom Jesus loved,” and as we study, John will teach us how much Jesus loves us and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls.



St Alphonsus' Rectory  
1429 W. Wellington Ave  
Chicago

Starting September 26, 2023  
Two Sessions: 9:30 am or 6:30 pm

Questions Contact:  
Susan Combes  
717-329-6370  
smbcombes51@gmail.com



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## Serve as a Wedding Coordinator!

Are you someone who would consider themselves organized and a hopeless romantic, looking to get more involved in our parish? St. Alphonsus is currently looking for wedding coordinators to join our team. Weddings are joyful and jam-packed events filled with lots of details—it's an all-hands-on-deck ordeal! Being part of the Wedding Ministry is a rewarding opportunity as we help couples enjoy their special and Sacramental day. All volunteers receive a stipend for their time. **For more information, contact Priyanka Golwala** [weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church](mailto:weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church)

### Cleaning Angels Ministry



All are invited to help out St. Alphonsus and volunteer in our next Cleaning Angels event on **Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM.** From sweeping and vacuuming, to cleaning the pews and the altar, our women,

men and children do it all! Cleaning the church is a great way to maintain the church looking beautiful and contribute to its upkeep. It is also a fun activity that families can partake in and a great opportunity for AACA students to make their volunteer/service hours. New "Angels" are always welcome. No sign-up required; simply come to the Church Saturday morning with smiles and open hearts!

### Serve Your Parish as an EMHC!



We are looking for parishioners who are interested in serving our ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The requirements to serve as an EMHC: persons must have received Confirmation, be attending Mass

weekly, have an active prayer life, be a Catholic in good standing in the Church, and above all, have an understanding of and a sense reverence for our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Contact Fr. Steven Bauer for more info.

### Knights of Columbus



The KofC was founded by Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney to support our Pastor, our Parish and those in need, as well as to support strong marriages & families. If you are interested in learning more about our St. Alphonsus Parish

Council #15158, then please contact parishioner Ray San Agustin, [raysanagustin15158@gmail.com](mailto:raysanagustin15158@gmail.com)

### Recovery Programs at St. Alphonsus

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

## 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](http://www.givecentral.org/location/39)

## Samuel Group at St. Alphonsus

Starts September 17; 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/3D9wQY1](https://bit.ly/3D9wQY1)**

## Young Adult Ministry



**BE SOCIAL  
BE SPIRITUAL  
BE CHARITABLE  
BE INTELLECTUAL  
BE CATHOLIC**

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](https://www.facebook.com/AlphonsusYoungAdult) or contact the YAM board at [stalphonsusyam@gmail.com](mailto:stalphonsusyam@gmail.com)

## YAM Kickoff— Sunday Sept. 17



It's almost time to officially kick off another YAM year at St. Al's! Following the 5 PM Mass on Sept. 17, young adults (ages 21-39) are invited to attend the YAM Kickoff Party in the church parking lot. Enjoy food available for purchase, free beer/wine, music and great company! Plus learn how to get involved in our small groups and Spiritual, Social, Service and Intellectual pillars. We look forward to seeing you! Whether you're a YAM regular or newcomer, all are welcome!

### More Young Adult News and Events Around Chicago

Catholic Sports Leagues Escape Room event

Date: **Saturday, September 23**

Time: Start Times begin at 10:50 AM (perfect to explore before heading to St. Alphonsus' Oktoberfest!)  
42 E. Ontario St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Cost: \$40

Visit [www.catholicsportsleagues.com](https://www.catholicsportsleagues.com)

Young Catholic Professionals will be hosting an event, **Faith and Fortitude in the Workplace**, on Tuesday September 19 from 6-9 PM at Benedictine University



**YOUNG CATHOLIC  
PROFESSIONALS**  
*Working in Witness for Christ™*

in Lisle, IL. You can learn more and register at [ycp.glueup.com/event/faith-and-fortitude-in-the-workplace-81545/](https://ycp.glueup.com/event/faith-and-fortitude-in-the-workplace-81545/)



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## CHEZ STE. MARIE



### WINE TASTING

SEPT. 14 | 6-8 PM

ST. MARY'S HOME

*Support the Little Sisters' mission while sampling exquisite wines from France and savoring fabulous cuisine. Hosted by the House of Glunz.*

TICKETS

\$60 in advance

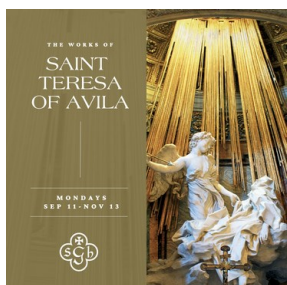
\$75 at the door

Register by scanning the QR code or visit [littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org](http://littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org)  
773-935-9600



## Around the Archdiocese

### Weekly Seminar on the Works of St. Teresa of Avila



Mondays, September 11-  
November 13

St. Gregory the Great Monsignor  
Klasen Building

1609 W. Gregory St.

A seminar led by Fr. Bob Sprott,  
OFM (St. Gregory's Hall scholar-  
in-residence)

Western mystical thought achieved crystal clarity in the writings of the 16th-century Spaniards Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross. In contrast to St. John's soaring, poetic temperament, St. Teresa's mystical vein is practical, a mysticism that has shoes on it. Perhaps her most iconic moment occurred when one of her sisters passed by the kitchen and saw her rapt in ecstasy, with a frying pan in her hand. In this weekly seminar, they will read two of her greatest works, *The Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*.

Sign up at [www.stgregoryhall.org/teresa.html](http://www.stgregoryhall.org/teresa.html)

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The archdiocesan collection for the education and formation of our future priests.



Thank you for supporting our seminarians through your generous gift to their education.



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*At Alphonsus Academy and Center for the Arts, our focus on academic excellence, enriched by an arts-integrated curriculum and a strong Catholic foundation, creates a welcoming community full of creativity and opportunity for all.*

### OPEN HOUSE DATES

- ✓ Monday, September 11 at 9am
- ✓ Tuesday, October 10 at 9am
- ✓ Thursday, November 9 at 9am
- ✓ Friday, December 9 at 9am
- ✓ Wednesday, January 10 at 6pm
- ✓ Sunday, January 28 after 9am Mass

### RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!

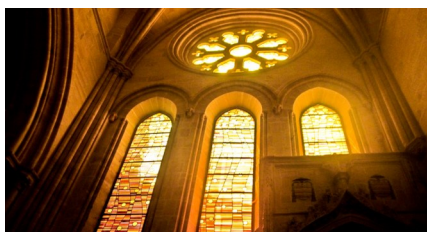


Madeleine Durkin  
Director of Admissions  
[mdurkin@alphonsusacademy.org](mailto:mdurkin@alphonsusacademy.org)





## Five Ways To Listen To God



God speaks to each one of us at every moment of our lives, according to the Psalmist: "Today, listen to the voice of the Lord" (Ps 95:7). What does God's

voice sound like? Here are five ways that the Lord speaks to us, which are also five ways that we can begin to prayerfully listen to him.

### 1. In silence

We need to be quiet to listen. To hear and recognize God's voice requires us to put down what we are doing, cast our anxieties and troubles at God's feet, and give our whole attention to him. When we are recollected in silence before God, we begin to hear his voice.

### 2. Through Scripture

*"The word of God is living and effective"* (Heb. 4:12).

The Word of God is not merely proclaimed to people in general. God speaks to you through the words of the Holy Scriptures, especially when they are proclaimed in the liturgy. "Get the dust off that Bible and redeem your poor soul!"

### 3. Through your conscience

When we examine our consciences, we listen for God's voice: *"Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment...His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths"* (C.C.C., 1776).

### 4. Through the beauty of nature

Every creature bears the mark of the Creator. Through the wonders of nature, God speaks to us of his own infinite beauty.

### 5. Through other persons

*"Person signifies what is most perfect in all nature"* (St. Thomas Aquinas). Of all the marvels of the universe, persons most resemble God in his infinite glory. When we interact with our friends, we are communing with people made in the image of God. What is the Lord saying to us through those whom we love?

## 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.

# AACA

ALPHONSUS ACADEMY  
& Center for the Arts

**Supporting Alphonsus  
Academy & Center for  
the Arts!**

All community members are highly encouraged to stop by Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams,

3404 N. Southport Ave on Tuesday September 12. The ice cream shop will donate 25% of all sales from 3:30–6:30 PM back to AACA!



Additionally, AACA will be hosting a table at the Low-Line Market at the Southport El stop each Tuesday in September. All visitors to the table will receive free school swag and the chance to win a Foxtrot gift card! The dates are September 5, 12, and 19.



**Please join us at Jeni's on Southport for an ice cream social!**

Come enjoy ice cream with your friends and family and we'll donate 25% of your purchase to

# AACA

ALPHONSUS ACADEMY  
& Center for the Arts

Present this flyer or mention the ice cream social at the register.



## 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](http://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](mailto:stalphonsusyam@gmail.com)

The **Knights of Columbus** are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. For more information, visit [www.stalphonsusknights.com](http://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](http://www.stalphonsuschicago.org)  
[parish@stalphonsuschicago.church](mailto:parish@stalphonsuschicago.church)

### Parish Office Hours:

**9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon- Fri**

### School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121  
(P): 773-892-1397 |  
[www.alphonsusacademy.org](http://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  
**Daniel Szymanski**, Director of Operations  
**Mario Serrano**, Parish Office Manager  
**Kathryn Kibler**, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator/Parish Secretary

### School Staff

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