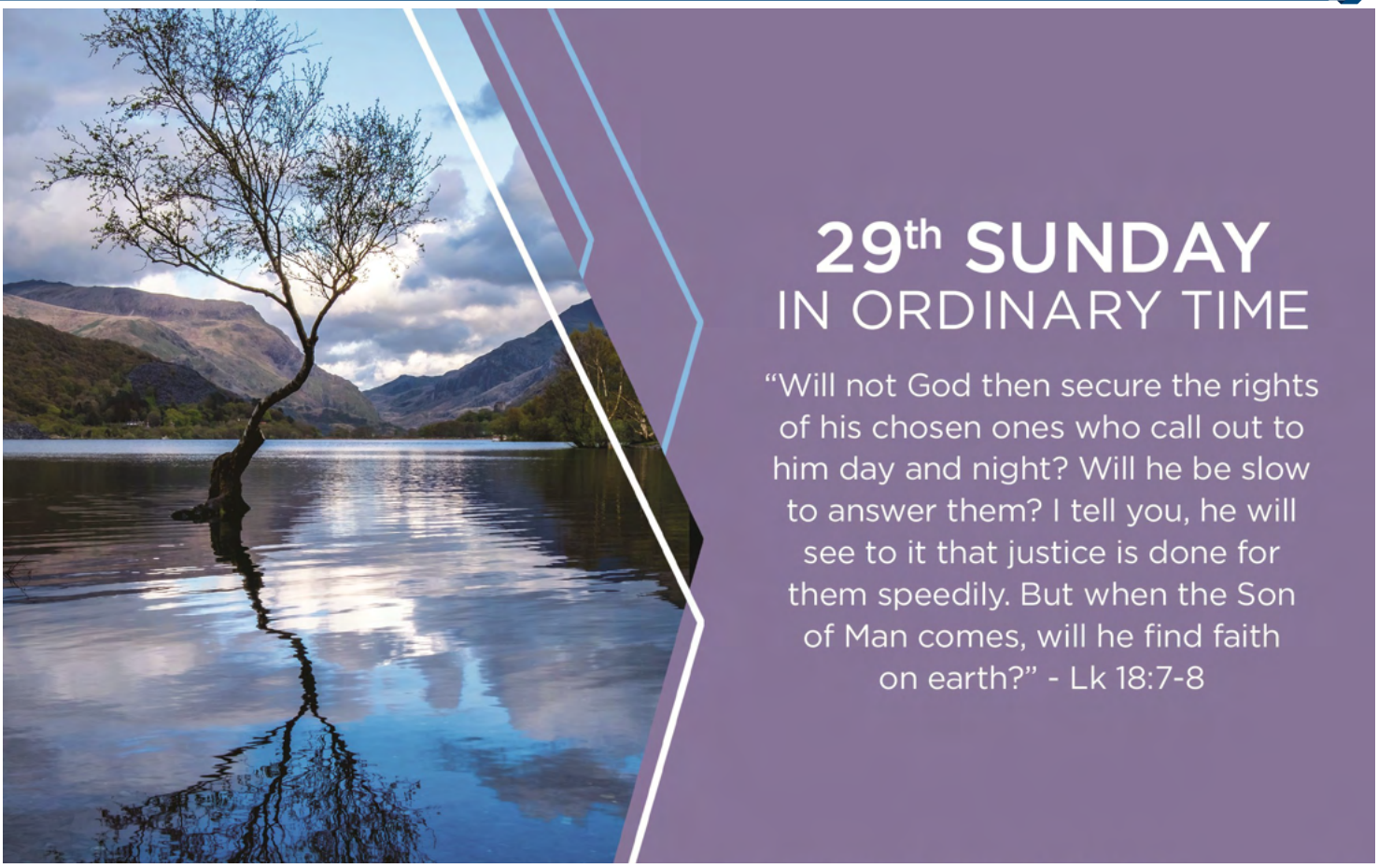
# Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 19, 2025: TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME




**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.

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Mass Schedule

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| ***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

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| ***Wednesday*** | 6:30—7:30 PM |

### Confessions

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| ***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

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| ***Wednesday*** | 5:45 PM |

# Worship

## This Week's Readings

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

## Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Richard Wagner
Frances Buscemi
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
Brian Krembs
Margaret Nichols
Leslie Salimi
Jason Jamero
Carol Kania
Eileen Koutnik
Rosemarie Cordero
Michelle Moya
Ernest Nora
Albert Meier
Dan Clark
Kevin Combs
Norma Ehrenberg
Janet Dahm
Mary Ziko
Joan Garber



## WEDDING

**Theresa McSorley and Benjamin Leffelman**

## *Wedding Banns*

II. Kayla Louise Simon and Rowan Quinain
II. Amanda Liebl and Sean Kennedy
I. Annie Koza and Benjamin Gnage
I. Julia Xie and John Bellau

**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/info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com

## Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Benjamin Raymond Ptacek
Emmett Scott Ptacek
Ava Parker Zaabel
Samuel Henry Richman

## MASS INTENTIONS

***Sunday, October 19***
9:00 AM Ethan Fernandes (Health)
11:00 AM +Estrella & Karen Sahagun and Eufrocina Ayuyao
12:30 PM +Esteban Corral & Genaro Corral Casillas
5:00 PM Dolores Huffman

***Monday, October 20***
8:30 AM +Rosario Anzelmo

***Tuesday, October 21***
8:30 AM People of St. Alphonsus

***Wednesday, October 22***
6:00 PM +Emilia Flores

***Thursday, October 23***
8:30 AM People of St. Alphonsus

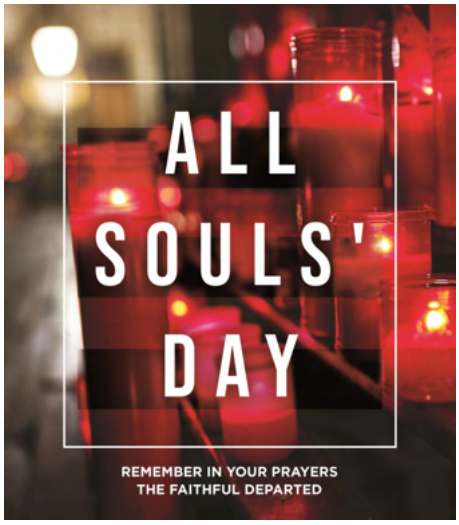
***Friday, October 24***
8:30 AM People of St. Alphonsus

***Saturday, October 25***
8:30 AM People of St. Alphonsus

***Sunday, October 26***
9:00 AM +Robert Ludwig and Michael Bucher
11:00 AM +Dolores and John P. Huffman
12:30 PM +Berta Ledesma
5:00 PM People of St. Alphonsus

# All Souls Day

## All Souls Day— Sunday, November 2




November is dedicated to the Faithful Departed, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, awaiting the glory of the Resurrection. All Souls Day on November 2nd is a special day in the life of the Church as we take time to pray for our deceased family members and friends.

Through the Sacred Liturgy, the Church invokes the forgiving love and abundant mercy of God, that He may receive all those we remember into His kingdom so they can come to know the fullness of life and peace of Heaven.

As we pray for the repose of the souls, all are invited to submit the names of your deceased loved ones. **You will receive one candle w/ the names of your deceased loved ones for a suggested $15 donation, which you can pick up at the table in the narthex of the church at the end of the Mass that you attend on Sunday, Nov. 2. Sales of these candles will end Wednesday evening at 10 PM, October 29.** Candles without loved ones names can be purchased at all Masses.

A significant portion of All Souls Day candle donations goes to our parish St. Vincent de Paul chapter. Our SVdP ministry at St. Alphonsus is a dedicated group of volunteers who are committed to serving our poor and marginalized in the Lakeview area community. SVdP has helped many with utility bills, rent, food, transportation and medical expenses thanks to the generosity and hard work of our Vincentians and dedicated supporters.

Additionally, our music director is arranging a special program with a men's schola singing chant in Latin and English from the traditional Requiem Mass of the Church. It will be a solemn occasion of prayer for the faithful departed and a moment of great beauty where sacred music and liturgy meet to lift our hearts and minds to God. You can also write the names of your loved ones in the Book of the Names of the Dead, which will be available in the Church during November.

To submit names of your loved ones, please click on the All Souls Day logo on the front page of the parish website, or go the All Souls event on www.givecentral.org/location/39/27464

## Oktoberfest Feedback Survey



Our Oktoberfest Executive team is delighted to report that this year's Fest was a great success. The weather was warm, the beer was cold, the brats were delicious, and the fun festival atmosphere of "Gemütlichkeit" was palpable everywhere! We are grateful that so many people came to enjoy our 23rd annual Oktoberfest this year... and most of all, we are super appreciative of all the volunteers that helped make it a success -- we couldn't have done it without you!

With Oktoberfest season still fresh in our minds, we are eager to get some feedback from those who attended. Each year we try to build on the good things of the previous Fests, and are always looking for new things we can do to improve the overall experience of the Fest for all of the parishioners, friends, and guests who attend. That said, we would be very grateful for your willingness to take a few minutes and share your thoughts on our Fest here. **bit.ly/47eaxiV**

AS AN INCENTIVE, and as a thank you, we will have a drawing from all those who complete the feedback survey to receive a swag bag of Oktoberfest merchandise, including a T-shirt, a FREE STEIN from this year, and a few other goodies.

# Faith Formation

## Are You Ready to Become Catholic?

Registration is open for The Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults (O.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The OCIA 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

## 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***

## Walking With Purpose

### Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays




Walking w/ Purpose is a modern woman's guide to the Bible! Join us this fall as we help you enjoy a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, nurtured through personal Bible study and small group discussions created just for women!

Come as you are. You are welcome here. Make authentic connections with other women. Learn more about God! Walking w/ Purpose continues a new bible study, Grounded in Hope on Tuesdays from 9:30—11AM or 6:30—8PM.

In a world where levels of despair, addiction, and suicide are rising, we need more than clichés or positive thinking. ***Grounded in Hope***, based on the book of Hebrews, will help you encounter Jesus in such a powerful, comforting, and stabilizing way that He can become your lifeline. Hebrews contains some of the most beautiful passages you'll find in Scripture. It will comfort you and challenge you. Every word of it has a treasure to mine, and those who are willing to make the effort will be richly rewarded.

For questions about WwP, please contact Marianne at mariannek36@yahoo.com

## Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

**Glue Top**

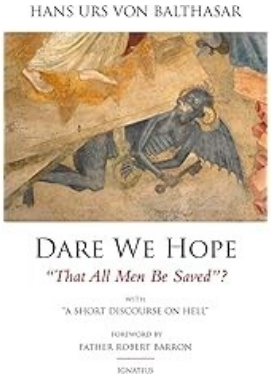
Many of us use white household glue or wood glue which comes with a little orange cap. This cap often gets lost. Unscrew the top of the glue container and replace it with the flip top of an empty dishwashing soap bottle. Then there is nothing to lose.

**Secure homes**

With the high rate of burglaries, it is important to have good security. Strong doors are not the answer. Strong locks are not the answer. What breaks when the thief kicks in the door is the door jam. Have your door jam replaced with a steel door jam. It is much harder to break into the home.

# *Young Adult Ministry*

## Wednesday Evening Book Club




St. Alphonsus 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. The group has started a new book, Hans Urs Von Balthasar's "Dare We Hope?" w/ forward by Bishop Robert Barron

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

## Philosophy Forum— Tuesday Evenings

Join us on Tuesdays in the St. Alphonsus rectory for weekly philosophy discussions and digging deeper into the greatest thinkers of all time
For more information, contact Marten at stalphonsusphilosophy@gmail.com

## Praise and Adoration— Friday, October 24 at 8 PM

On October 24th at 8:00 PM, spend time with our Lord in our monthly Praise and Adoration Holy Hour reverently in the church. We'll spend the first 30 minutes in silent adoration, and then our musicians will lead worship in song. Confession will also be available! The hour will conclude with benediction, and our Young Adult Ministry will lead a group will for fellowship and drinks after!

## YAM Service— Volunteer w/ Habitat for Humanity!

Join YAM in a service day with Habitat for Humanity! Ready to make a difference? Spend your Saturday doing something meaningful and fun! **On Saturday, October 25**, YAM is teaming up with Habitat for Humanity for a hands-on service day at a Chicago build site. No experience is needed, we will be taught everything we need to know once we arrive. We will start at 8 AM and conclude by 3 PM (lunch is provided). Please register before October 21 through the YAM Linktree, linktr.ee/stalphonsusyam , so we can carpool together, share additional details, and coordinate a team lunch!

## Trivia Night!




Are you the friend whose schtick is sharing random factoids? Or, the one with the most fun party conversations? Well, calling all you trivia fans and friends, alike, to come join us, in the St. Alphonsus' Festival Hall (basement), on **Saturday, November 15** from 6 PM-9:30 PM because St. Alphonsus YAM Trivia is back!

The cost of tickets is $25 per person (it is a fundraiser! ). Sign up on our parish's GiveCentral, www.givecentral.org/location/39/38222

Teams of 5-6 people can register individually or together.

For anyone registering as a team, simply list the names of everyone in the "Comments" section of the GiveCentral link, during your purchase. Light refreshments, beer and wine are included in the event cost.

We will have prizes for 3rd, 2nd and 1st place winning teams.

Don't know anyone or don't have 6 people on your team? Fear not! You may also register individually or in a smaller group (2-4 people). We will assign you to a team. **You do not need to be a young adult to join this event. All are welcome!**

***Please note: pre-registration with payment through the GiveCentral link is required to attend. No walk-ups will be allowed since we have teams. The deadline to sign-up will be Thursday, November 13 at 11 PM.

For any questions or concerns, please reach out to the YAM social team at: stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

# News and Events

## Supporting our Parish Troop 889; Popcorn Sales after Masses This Sunday

Scouts from St Alphonsus Troop 889 will be selling popcorn after Mass this Sunday, October 19 to support their outdoor activities and high adventures.

The online store is open here: www.prpopcornstore.com/?sid=GT52EA

You must use the Seller Code **GT52EA** when purchasing so that Troop 889, Pathway to Adventure Council - Checaugau will receive credit for the online sale and receive the funds.



Please support scouting at St Alphonsus by ordering some of our finest popcorn flavor combinations. Pecatonica River Popcorn allows you to choose from popcorn, pretzels, candy, trail mix or coffee all with FREE shipping.

60% of your purchase goes back to our troop and the Pathway to Adventure Council to help instill the values that have made Scouting a time-honored tradition for over 100 years.

Funds raised through the Popcorn Sale in October and Wreath Sale in November will purchase equipment, train adult leaders, and fund camping trips and high adventure activities as our scouts pursue their personal "Path to Eagle." Scouting America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be "Prepared. For Life."

## OFRENDA DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS
## SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE

**Prepararemos nuestra ofrenda del Día de lo Muertos para recordar nuestros seres queridos fallecidos. Los invitamos a traer una fotografía de sus familiares y amigos fallecidos para que formen parte de la ofrenda y recordarlos en nuestras oraciones. Por favor, traer la foto antes del 2 de noviembre y ponerla en la canasta etiquetada "Fotos para la ofrenda", ubicada en el nártex.**

We will be setting up the *ofrenda* (shine of remembrance) for our beloved dead. You are invited to bring picture of your deceased family members and friends to remember them in our *ofrenda* and in our prayers. Please drop off the picture in the basket label "pictues for ofrenda" located in the narthex between now Nov. 2nd.

# Living the Gospel of Life!

Aid for Women

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT



## Baby Bottle Project

This October, our parish is participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting Aid for Women.

Aid for Women was founded over 44 years ago on the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church. Aid for Women operates four pregnancy resource centers throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. Services include pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams and confidential counseling. Aid for Women's residential programs, Heather's House and Monica's House, help women whose decision to choose life is further complicated by lack of adequate housing.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you this weekend. Fill it with your spare change and return it to church in October. Thank you for your support!

# Knights of Columbus

## 2nd Cornhole Challenge/Cigar & Bourbon Social




**Date**: Thursday, October 23, 2025
**Time**: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM (doors open at 5:45 PM)
**Location**: St. Alphonsus Church Rooftop (in the event of rain, we will hold in Festival Hall)

You're invited to an evening of great fellowship, friendly competition, and relaxed conversations.

Come enjoy premium cigars, a curated bourbon tasting, and a spirited **Cornhole Challenge** under the stars. Whether you're a seasoned thrower or just in it for the laughs, there's a place for you!

What to Expect:

- Cigar Lounge Area
- Bourbon Tasting Table
- Cornhole Tournament with prizes for 1st and 2nd place teams ($30 entry Fee per team). *Note: a team consists of 2* people or sign up as an individual for $15 (we can pair you up with another single player)
- Fun & Fellowship!

**Sign-up on our parish's GiveCentral event at**
www.givecentral.org/location/39/43848

RSVP deadline is Tuesday, October 21st.

Questions, please contact:
Mike Smyla at michaelsmyla@gmail.com, David Pechi at davidpechi2000@gmail.com
Logan Cobell at lcobell@gmail.com, Ray C. San Agustin at raysanagustin15158@gmail.com

Must be 21+ to attend. Invite your friends! Hosted by St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus
"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." – Proverbs 27:17

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. The Knights organize and participate in numerous charitable activities each year that benefit their parish and surrounding communities. They grow deeper in their faith through serving the needy and less fortunate in the world.

The St. Alphonsus Council has a strong group of motivated Knights from all ages and walks of life; our numbers are over 86 men strong and growing. Our council's main goals are to rally the Catholic men in our community to a common and noble cause, to assist and defend our church, to serve our community, to encourage growth in faith and prayer in ourselves and others, to become better men and fathers, and finally to help each other be men of the world while still having Christ at the center of our lives.

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.

# INVITATION

## Wine & Spirituality

**HOW IS THE VINE RELATED TO HUMAN SPIRITUAL GROWTH?**



**Wine Tasting and Book Presentation**
With Author and
International Wine Consultant

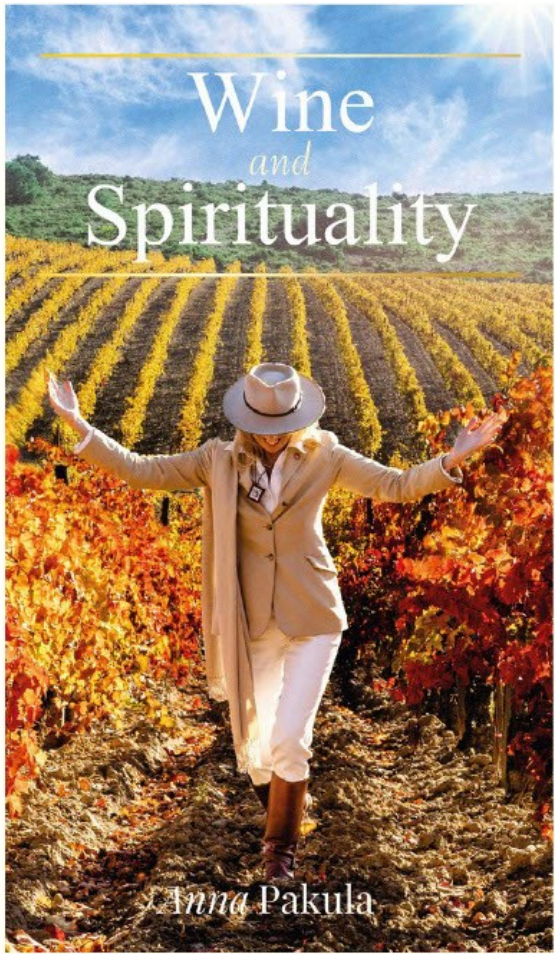
**ANNA PAKULA**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24—6:00PM**
St. Alphonsus Church
Common Room of the Rectory
1429 W. Wellington Avenue
Chicago, IL 60657

**RSVP by October 22 and Book Orders**
annapakula@mac.com or 312-217-8187

**THE PERFECT GIFT for Thanksgiving or Christmas!**
*Wine and Spirituality* invites you to reconnect with the natural gifts of God, find peace, harmony, and inspiration in every page. The book contains breathtaking photography and spiritual wisdom for daily contemplation.

10% of book proceeds will be donated to St. Alphonsus Church




# *Cardinal Cupich Letter for World Mission Sunday*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On this World Mission Sunday, we are sent forth to be messengers and builders of the hope of Christ. As members of the family of God, united in mission, we celebrate with churches on every continent. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, let us open our arms to the world and offer our prayer and generosity.

We are especially blessed this year as our beloved Pope Francis chose our theme for the ***Jubilee Year: Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples***. He encouraged individual Christians and the entire Church to set out in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus and become artisans of hope for our troubled world. We have seen this hope that does not disappoint in the election of Pope Leo XIV. He is a missionary who was sent from Chicago to the Augustinian mission world, to the Diocese of Chiclayo, Peru and now to the Vatican where he leads the worldwide Catholic Church.

In addition to reflecting on the common evangelizing mission of the Church, on this day we take up a collection to support the Pontifical Mission Societies. Through our donations, we aid the Holy Father in providing for pastoral catechetical programs, building new churches, and providing healthcare and education in 1,124 dioceses that are too young, too poor or persecuted, and need our help. By supporting these missionary works, we help the hope of Christ to shine forth in every corner of the earth.




In this time wounded by war, conflict and injustice, rather than retreating to what is comfortable, let us be inspired to transcend the confines of our individual parishes, dioceses and nations. May we be illuminated by the light of Christian hope and bear witness to the message of God's love in every part of the world. Wishing you every blessing, with kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

# Gospel Reflection

*Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. Luke 18:1*

## Justice Through Mercy

In our parable for today, we have the witness of a widow who came to a dishonest judge and continuously begged him for a just judgment. Though the judge did not care about the woman, he eventually rendered a just decision for her because she was so persistent. It's interesting that Jesus used the image of a "dishonest judge" to teach us about persistent prayers being answered. He does so because He wants us to understand that if even those who are dishonest respond to persistence, then so much more will the Just Judge of Heaven respond to persistence.

Will God answer any prayer you pray if you offer that prayer day and night, day after day without fail? Does God eventually give into our requests as a parent might give into a child who keeps begging for something? Not exactly. One of the most important qualifiers mentioned in this parable is the word "just." We read that the woman's plea before the judge was, "render a just decision for me…" At the conclusion of the parable, Jesus gives this interpretation: "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" When we pray, we ought not pray for whatever we want. We ought not pray for our preference, selfish desires, or our own ideas. We must pray only for the justice of God. When we do so with unwavering perseverance, God will secure our rights and bring forth His justice.

Justice, in the mind of God, is not only about righting certain wrongs. The prime example of this is the death of our Lord Himself. Clearly, Jesus was purely innocent and yet He suffered greatly. For that reason, would we conclude that the suffering and death of the Son of God was an injustice? Not really. The reason for this is that justice can be achieved best by mercy. Because Jesus embraced the injustice of His suffering and death and turned it into a free embrace out of love, this "injustice" became a sacrifice of love by which an abundance of mercy was bestowed. Jesus had every right to call down fire from Heaven and to destroy those who sinned against Him. But He had a far better plan. Instead, by choosing to accept the injustice of the Cross, and by freely embracing it with His own will, the injustice was transformed and a far greater good came forth.




In our own lives, whenever we are wronged by another, we are often tempted to anger and to desire revenge in the name of justice. We want them to pay for what they did. If you ever feel that way, know that the greatest form of justice is mercy. Know that your free embrace of injustice brings forth the transforming power of God in a way that punishment or retribution could never accomplish. This is the form of justice we must pray for night and day. We must beg God for the ability to accept all sufferings with love, to offer those sufferings as a sacrifice, and to allow them to be transformed into mercy. If this is our persistent prayer, we can be certain that our prayer will be answered.

Reflect, today, upon anything for which you desire justice. Is there anything that has been unfair in your life? Do you dwell upon any hurt inflicted upon you by another? As you call those things to mind, know that the power of your persistent prayer has the potential to transform those sufferings into God's mercy. Beg for this gift and know that God will always answer those prayers.

*Most just Judge, You desire to transform every injustice into mercy by calling us to freely embrace those injustices out of love. This is a high calling, dear Lord, but it is also a glorious one. Please give me the grace I need to follow Your example and to persevere in this form of prayer always. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**Joining St. Alphonsus Parish**: St. Alphonsus welcomes all community members on their faith journey! Just moved in the area? Coming back to practicing our Catholic faith? You will want to learn about all the events going on at our parish. If you are not receiving our weekly parish newsletter in your email, contact parish Office Manager, Mario Serrano at mserranostals@gmail.com

You can officially register to join the parish at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors

# Stewardship—First Fruits

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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**

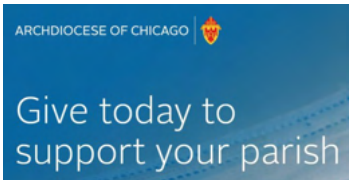
## Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Sunday Offertory for 10/12: $15,204

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




## *Support Our St. Vincent de Paul Society!*

Dear St. Alphonsus parishioners,
Your consistent support to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Chicago (SVdP Chicago) is deeply appreciated. Your generous assistance enables our members to reach out with kindness, compassion, and love to those in need. Thank you for remembering the poor. This summer, your gifts helped us keep people in their homes, feed the hungry, keep the electricity on, provide a family meal, a warm bed, much needed furniture and so much more for those who have nowhere else to turn without the help of SVdP Chicago. Your gift, no matter the size, helps us continue this vital work. Please consider making a donation this week. Thank you for your kindness.
The poor box is located at the back of the church (in the narthex) just left of the main door (as you exit).

# At the Athenaeum

## Prodigal Son

ATHENAEUM CENTER

This play is John Patrick Shanley's autobiographical coming-of-age story of a 15 year old attending a private New Hampshire prep school in the 1960s. Jim is a restless and brilliant youth from a blue collar family in The Bronx who, after being expelled from yet another high school, receives a scholarship to the prestigious Thomas More Preparatory School. While Jim wrestles with his identity, Carl Schmitt, the headmaster, and Alan Hoffman, head of the English Department, are wrestling with what to do with their troubled new student. Is he a brilliant-though-troubled youth who, with the correct guidance, could do great things? Or, is he a lost cause that could tarnish the reputation of their illustrious school? **Use code THEATRE20** for discounted tickets for parishioners! **Now playing through November 2.**

## Cameron Crowe—
### The Uncool Book Tour

*The Uncool*, a long-awaited memoir by Cameron Crowe -one of America's most iconic journalists and filmmakers-revealing his formative years in rock and roll and bringing to life stories that shaped a generation, in the bestselling tradition of Patti Smith's *Just Kids* with a dash of Moss Hart's *Act One*. *The Uncool* is a joyful dispatch from a lost world, the real-life events that became his film *Almost Famous*, and a coming-of-age journey filled with characters you won't soon forget.

**Saturday, November 1 at 8 PM.**

**Check out all upcoming shows at the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, visit athenaeumcenter.org/events/**

# *October is Rosary Month*

## Basic Background on the Rosary

The Catholic Church designates the month of October as special time to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Rosary is a set of prayers and meditations that Catholics recite to express our devotion to Mary, mother of Jesus. The word "*Rosary*" itself means "crown of roses" because according to tradition, each Hail Mary prayer is a rose and each Rosary is like a crown of roses that the person reciting the Rosary presents to Mary.

The Rosary consists of two main sections. The first is made up of a crucifix followed by one large bead, three small beads, and another large bead. These are attached to the chaplet, a loop made up of five decades (groups of ten small beads), where each decade is separated by a large bead. Each small bead represents a Hail Mary, and each large bead represents one of several other prayers: an Our Father, Apostles' Creed, Salve Regina (Hail Holy Queen), or Fatima.

Catholics usually recite five decades while reflecting on one set of mysteries, then go around for the next set of mysteries, and then a third. The sets of mysteries cover key moments in the New Testament. **There are Pray the World Mission Rosary pamphlets on the tables in the narthex with more information on the sets of mysteries.**







American Red Cross

## St Alphonsus Church Blood Drive

**Festival Hall**

1429 W Wellington Ave
Chicago, IL 60657

**Sunday, November 2, 2025**
**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Give something that means something! Critical Need for Blood Donors.**

**Patients need you this fall! All donors between Oct. 20-Nov. 16 will receive a $10 E-Gift Card for merchant of choice.**

**Make Your Appointment online at red-crossblood.org**

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# TOTS PROGRAM
## CHILD/CAREGIVER CLASS



Tots provides a unique opportunity for young children to grow in confidence alongside their parents/caregivers as they first experience a school environment. Our play-based program orients two year olds to a school environment and includes:

- small group instruction
- read alouds
- art/music exploration
- gross motor
- peer socialization

There is limited space available for 2025-26 classes--don't miss it!

Classes held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8-10am in Tots Classroom with outdoor time during warmer months and inside in our gross motor playspace during winter.



*Want to learn more? Contact us today:*

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or visit linktr.ee/alphonsusacademy

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# ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE

At Alphonsus, we offer our students rigorous academics, supported by an arts-integrated curriculum, within a supportive Catholic community.

Please join us to discuss important application information, make introductions, and tour our wonderful school.



**Open Houses will be hosted on:**

- Monday 11/3 at 9am
- Monday 12/1 at 9am
- Friday 1/9 at 9am
- Sunday 1/25 at 10:30am following 9am Catholic Schools Week mass



Open Houses are designed for adults and require advance registration for security purposes. We also invite families to schedule private tours to better suit their needs. We look forward to meeting you!

*Reach out to our Director of Admissions for more information:*

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# Community News




From Ancient Oracles to Modern Mystics: Mystische Frauen , Presented by Mike Haas, M.A. History

Join this Hallows' Eve season as DankHaus, 4740 N. Western, explores the myst of German women whose spiritual visions transcended the limits of reason. From ancient prophetesses and medieval visionaries to latter-day stigmatists, these women offer us glimpses beyond the boundaries of human perception--reminding us that the world we see may not be all that exists.

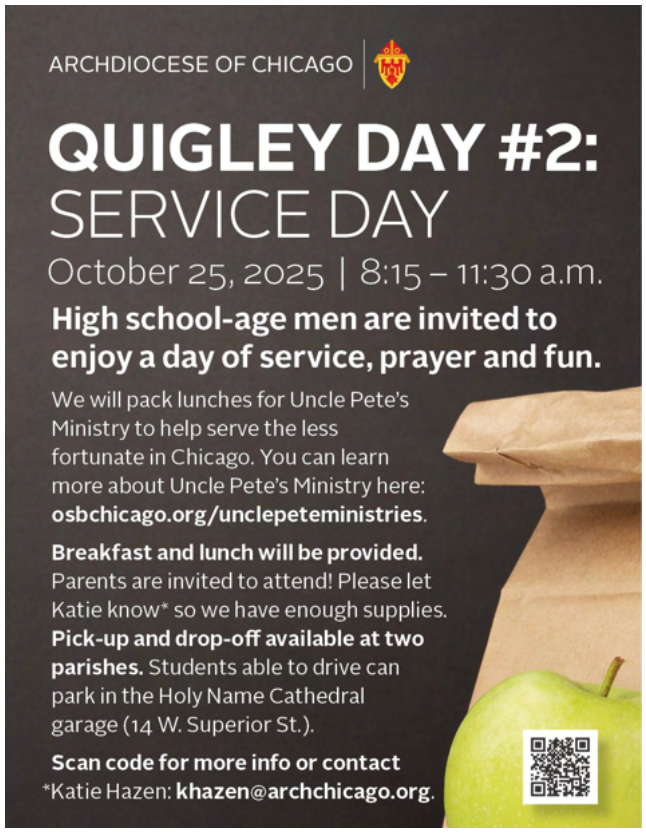
Don't miss this evening of history, mystery, and storytelling! Tickets are $25. Limited space so get yours soon at [www.dankhaus.com/event-6375822](www.dankhaus.com/event-6375822)




*Vocation Office of Archdiocese of Chicago invites all young men to check out these upcoming events.*

*"Dear young people, Jesus is our hope. Aspire to do great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. You will then see the light of the Gospel growing every day, in you and around you."*

*Pope Leo XIV*



# 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*

### 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 Tues, Thur***

### School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
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www.alphonsusacademy.org
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### School Office Hours:

***8:00 AM– 3:00 PM***

# *Staff*

### Parish Staff

***Rev. Steven Bauer,*** Pastor
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***Brooks Robinson,*** Pastoral Associate
***Brian Bloye,*** Director of Music and Organist
***Daniel Szymanski,*** Director of Operations
***Dr. Steven Torres***, Coordinator of Religious Education
***Mario Serrano***, Parish Office Manager
***Kathryn Kibler***, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator
***Margaret Piery***, Parish Secretary/Sacristan

### School Staff

***Gerit McAllister,*** Principal
***Angela Kladis***, Assistant Principal
***Madeleine Durkin,*** Director of Admissions
***Kim Wallett,*** Secretary
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