Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 14, 2024: THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



So they went and saw where Jesus was staying,
and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
Michael and Elizabeth Velten
Fidel Mercado Chavez
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Magdalena Gonzalez
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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $14,890

Offertory for 1/7: $17,779

The Christmas collection to date: $66,759

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

The left QR code goes to our GiveCentral.

The right QR code is for our parish Venmo.

Welcome to the Parish!

Kathleen Malone
Ethan
Claire
Margot
Timothy O'Hara
Annie Brill and Sam Parada
Mairead Hogan
Gretchen Newcomer and Kevin Palmer
Andy Martin
Rochelle Pamatmat
Kara Cooper and Michael Meneghini
Sophie

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Hilario Lorenzo
Father William J. Flaherty

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Leonardo Alonso Salgado

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 14
9:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
11:00 AM +Felix Espinosa Jr.
12:30 PM +Bernabé Perez
+Leonor Abreu
+Antonio Perez
+Juan Bautista Perez
5:00 PM Ann Marsalek (Birthday Blessings)

Monday, January 15
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, January 16
8:30 AM +Pasquel Carbone

Wednesday, January 17
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, January 18
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, January 19
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Saturday, January 20
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, January 21
9:00 AM +Veronika Stankeviciene & Alfonsas Venckus
11:00 AM +Susan Duffy
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

News and Events

Free Ice Sculpting Event



Saturday, January 27th: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, January 28th: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Organized by Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce, enjoy a live ice sculpting outside St. Alphonsus to liven up your weekend. Watch master ice carvers make winter magic happen as they sculpt a block of ice into a beautiful creation of the audience's choosing! That's right — bring your ideas, as the ice sculptor will ask the audience for suggestions of what to create.

LRVCC will provide food trucks on both days of the event, offering complimentary beverages and bites to help keep attendees warm. This event is free and open to the public, with no registration required, and is a great event for the whole family or the perfect stop on a romantic winter date!

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion



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

Baptisms at St. Alphonsus



Baptism is a fundamental sacrament for Christians. It is a sacrament of initiation that unites us to Christ's mystical body, incorporates us into the Church, and marks the beginning of the Christian journey. Without baptism we cannot participate in the full sacramental life of the Church. In the sacraments we concretely and most visibly encounter God's grace—life reunited with life.

If you are interested in having your child baptized at St. Alphonsus, please contact Kathryn Kibler at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church

For adult baptisms contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Praise and Adoration— Friday, January 19 at 7:30 PM



This Friday, spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration in the church. We'll spend the first 15 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 for fellowship at Olive Black after!

Weddings at St. Alphonsus



The love between two people is a gift from God. The commitment you make to be together for the rest of your lives is sealed before the community and God during the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. If you are recently engaged and planning to get married (either at St. Alphonsus Church or out of town) please review the Marriage page on our website and reach out to Kathryn at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church

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 and Young People's Big Book AA Group. Daily Reflections meets on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM in the rectory 1st Fl. meeting room. You may contact Lauren Merrill Sammis at lauren.merrill@live.com for more information. Young People's Big Book AA Group meets Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the Festival Hall. Contact coordinator Samuel at samuelaaronmosley@gmail.com for more info.

Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts

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As part of Catholic Schools Week kick-off, our AACA school children's choir will be singing at the 9:00 AM Mass on January 28. After the Mass, our parish school will be having an admissions Open House for all parents interested in our school! You can sign up at AACA's Linktree at linktr.ee/alphonsusacademy

On Sunday, January 28, there will be a give back event at Crosby's Kitchen, 3455 N. Southport, from 4-9 PM (10% of each bill goes back to our parish school, and it's just up Southport!)

Misa de Señor de Esquipulas

Señor de Esquipulas Mass Sunday January 14 at 12:30 PM



The 12:30 PM Mass this Sunday, January 14 will be a grand liturgical celebration for Señor de Esquipulas. All the Christian faithful are invited to participate in the cultural devotion to the Black Christ of Esquipulas, as we are all called to walk in the way of the Lord Jesus by virtue of our baptismal call.

In 1594 a Portuguese artist carved the large crucifix in Esquipulas, a city in Guatemala, to help foster devotion among the natives who found Jesus and the Catholic faith more relatable because of the dark color of the cross. Devotion to this image of our Lord has grown in Central America throughout the centuries and is carried in processions each January. It has become a powerful symbol offering hope, peace, and justice to many. We have a replica of the crucifix in the shrine next to the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

There will be a fiesta in the Festival Hall after the Mass. All are invited!

Religious Education

NET Missionary Housing and Food Donations Needed!



Looking for a way to give back to your community and invest in the faith of the next generation? Provide housing or lunch for the 10 NET Missionaries who are coming to St. Alphonsus to host Confirmation Retreats for our AACA and RE students!

We are hoping to find 4-6 families to provide:

- **A Space for at least 2 Missionaries to Sleep Jan 30th-Feb 1st** (*they have their own sleeping bags so floorspace, couches, or air mattresses are fine*)
- **Shower Access**
- **Continental Breakfast** (*like cereal, yogurt, or fruit*)

We are also looking for families to provide lunches for the 10 missionaries (food donations, bagged lunches, gift cards like Chipotle, etc.).

By supporting the missionaries, you are helping to spread the faith and inspire the hearts of our youth! Please pray about this and see what is feasible for you and your family.

If you can help in any way, please contact Emily Ember at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church for more information.



The FREE Catholic Prayer, Meditation, and Scripture App. Listen to Daily Gospel Reflections, Pray the Rosary, and Enjoy Guided Examinations of Conscience, Bedtime Stories, and more!

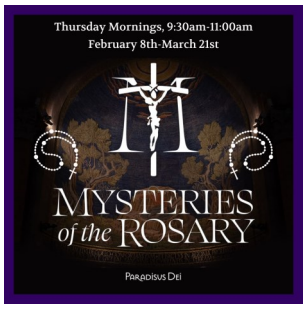
¡Hay oraciones en español también! Descárgalo ahora y comienza a rezar el Rosario, la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia y otras oraciones favoritas como el Ave María y el Padre Nuestro.

Please pray for our Religious Education Students who plan to receive their First Reconciliation this January!



Mysteries of the Rosary— The Sorrowful Mysteries Lenten Study

Thursday Mornings February 8th - March 21st, 9:30 AM-11:00 AM, in the Rectory



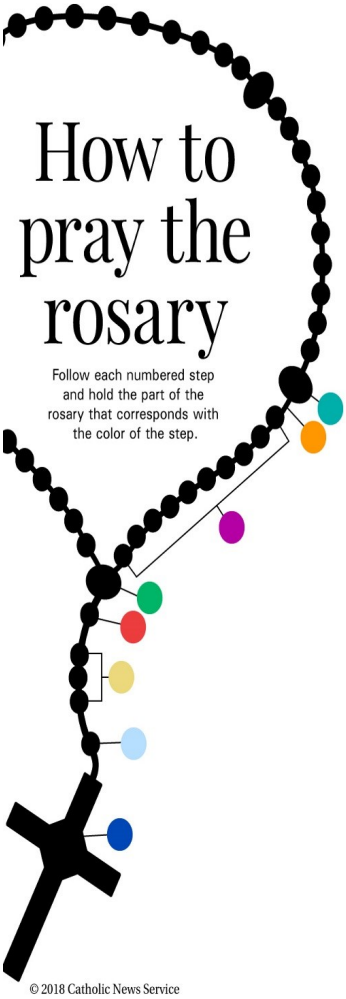
Enter into the Mysteries of Christ and Rediscover the Power of the Rosary!

An authentic encounter with Christ leads to our transformation and sanctification. This Lent, join us for a 7 Week Series, diving deeper into each Sorrowful Mystery and the power of this spiritual weapon for our times.

Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this series will make the Rosary come alive in your heart and mind.

The call to pray is urgent.
Join us for one session or come to all!

Questions? Email Emily at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church for more information.



1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles' Creed
2. Say the Our Father
3. Say three Hail Marys
4. Say the Glory Be
5. Announce the first mystery and then say the Our Father
6. Say 10 Hail Marys while meditating on the mystery
7. Say the Glory Be (Optional: Say the O My Jesus prayer requested by Mary at Fatima)
8. Announce the second mystery; then say the Our Father and repeat these steps as you continue through the remaining mysteries.
9. Say the Hail, Holy Queen
10. Make the Sign of the Cross

Find the mysteries here: https://bit.ly/1hNNOc4

Stewardship— First Fruits

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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

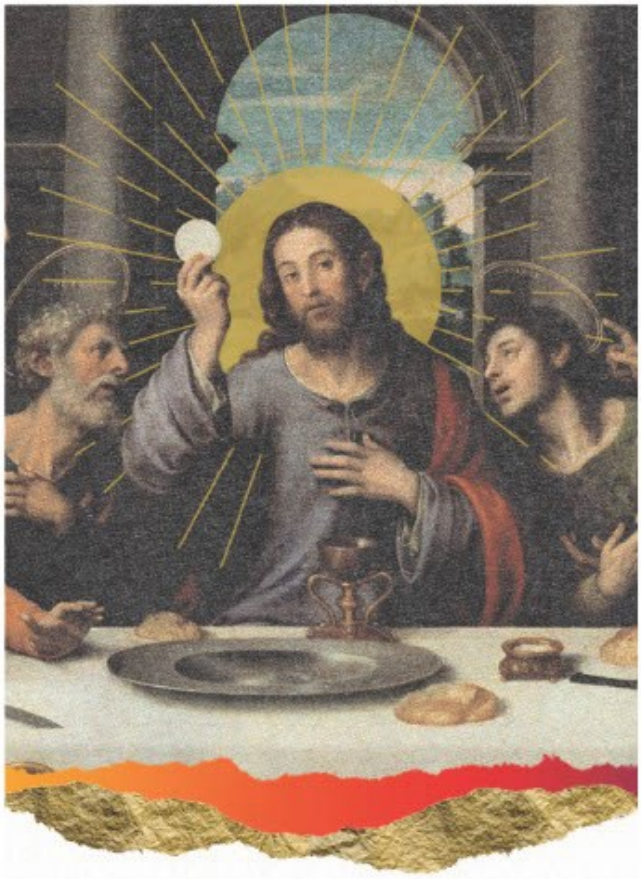
Stewardship Reflection *"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38*

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

" The Courage And Strength That Are In Me Are Not Of Me, But Of Him Who Lives In Me – It Is The Eucharist."



St. Faustina



What is the Holy Eucharist?

The Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life." *(CCC 1324)*

It is a sacrament and a sacrifice. In the Holy Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine, the Lord Christ is contained, offered, and received. *(Baltimore Catechism #343)*

The whole Christ is really, truly, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. It is not simply a sign of Christ, but contains Christ personally.

The Holy Eucharist is the same living Body of Our Lord which He had upon earth; but it is in a new form, under the appearances of bread and wine. Therefore Our Lord in the tabernacle can see and hear us. *(Baltimore Catechism 4, #238)*

All Christians, with but few minor exceptions, held the true doctrine of the Real Presence from the time of Christ until the Protestant Revolution in the sixteenth century. *(Baltimore Catechism 3, The Lessons 26:3)*

What is a Eucharistic Revival?

The National Eucharistic Revival is a nationwide, three-year initiative, culminating this summer at the National Eucharistic Congress taking place in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024. The U.S. bishops responded to a need they saw in their flock: that the world is hurting, yet most of us are separated from our strength, Jesus in the Eucharist.

The Revival is "a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery" of our Eucharistic Lord and to recognize the wondrous gift God has given us: Himself. *(eucharisticrevival.org)*

The Lord desires to heal our broken hearts. Let us draw near to Him in the Eucharist.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

Our Mission

As members of St. Alphonsus Young Adult Ministry, we walk alongside one another in faith. Our community is focused on:

- Meaningful worship, careful discernment, and prayerful reflection
- Curiosity and a thirst for the truth
- Service to one another, our church, and our city
- Lasting friendships and an invitation to fellowship and meaningful participation

Game Night!! Saturday, January 27 at 7:00 PM



Come one, come all to our Young Adult Ministry Game Night! This event will be a "stock the bar" theme. To gain admittance, please bring a beverage you enjoy (alcoholic or not - beer, seltzers, wine, soda, or soda water) to enjoy and leave behind to help us stock our YAM drink supply for future events.

We will have tables set up in the Festival Hall (the large gathering space under the church) and board games, card games, puzzles, and bingo for everyone to enjoy. Please consider joining us for a night of fun that will help us supply drinks at future YAM events!

Eucharistic Revival Retreat in February



The Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian Life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1324) and the Catholic Church teaches that the bread and wine we bring to the altar are transformed into Christ's body and blood. And yet, in an age when we seem to need Christ more and more every day, barely 31% of American Catholics believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Last year, the bishops of the United States initiated a Eucharistic Revival movement to encourage the faithful to rekindle a relationship with Christ.

As part of this movement, we are excited to announce our retreat early this year. On **February 24th**, everyone 18-39 years old is invited to join us at St. Alphonsus for a half day retreat focusing on the Eucharist and our relationship with Christ. This event will kick off at 9AM and end at 1PM. We will be joined by Fr. Derek Ho, who will offer talks on the Eucharist and lead us in small group discussions. Additionally, confession and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be available.

The cost to attend this event will be $15/person. Coffee and Bagels will be available in the morning with light food available throughout the retreat. We ask that you sign up in advance so we can get an accurate count of attendees. Please register at our parish GiveCentral event page at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/39058

For more information about this program listed below, please go to
usml.edu/sple/parish-ministry-programs/lay-leadership-st-alphonsus/

Certificate of Lay Leadership

Are you passionate about serving your parish community and making a positive impact? A Certificate of Lay Leadership is your gateway to enhancing your skills, deepening your faith, and becoming a confident leader within the Catholic Church.

Enroll in the Certificate of Lay Leadership program today and unlock the doors to a transformative experience. The program is open to all individuals who are passionate about their faith and eager to contribute to the Church's mission. This two-year program involves monthly formation days on the USML campus in Mundelein and academic courses that will be offered on Monday nights at St. Alphonsus starting January 8th!!

For more information, or to start your application, scan the QR code below or contact Leah Lewandowski at LLewandowski@usml.edu or Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church.

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(Karen Callaway/Chicago Catholic)

Archdiocesan Overnight Vigil for Life

12 hours of Adoration and Closing Mass Celebrated by Bishop Jeffrey Grob at 6:30 a.m.

In-person or livestream
Thursday, January 18 to Friday, January 19
7 p.m. to 7 a.m. CST

St. John Paul II Newman Center Chapel at UIC
700 South Morgan Street
Chicago, IL 60607

SCAN TO JOIN LIVESTREAM

In conjunction with the USCCB Pro-life Secretariat, Bishop Mark Bartosic, along with other bishops and priests from around the Archdiocese of Chicago, will lead a holy hour for life for 12 hours from the UIC Newman Center Chapel, and they need your help! Can you come and join them in prayer for an hour onsite? Participation is especially needed throughout the night and into the wee hours of the morning. If you can't come in person, you can join virtually through the QR code provided above. This national prayer event will join the nation in solidarity for the hope of changing hearts and minds to build a culture of life and leads up to the morning of the National March for Life.

To commit to a holy hour time, contact Julie Saunders-Franklin at 773.388.8670.

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- Founded in 1906, Alphonsus Academy is steeped in the Catholic tradition and a community landmark in Lakeview
- National Blue Ribbon School, awarded in 2019 for academic and instructional excellence
- Enrollment of approximately 500 students between our Tots Program (2 year olds) and Preschool to 8th Grade
- Active, welcoming environment for families eager to educate their children and engage in community
- Spirit of continuous improvement, collaboration, and inclusivity throughout the faculty--over half of whom hold Master's degrees and have worked at AACA 5+ years
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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 Twitter by going to the parish website and clicking the icons at the footer of the page.

Directory

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8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

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