



# Saint Alphonsus

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 5, 2024: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



*“No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one's life for one's friends.” (Jn 15:13)*

## 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: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17  
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28  
Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20

Please Pray for the Sick	Tessa Sergent	David Birks	Jacob Duda	Rosemarie Cordero
	Diane Mareci	Celeste Soult	Dorothy O'Brien	Gary Masterson
	William Ahearn	Magdalena Gonzalez	Ryan Meadow	
Dorothy Bonds	Emilia Hurtado			
Jamie Wallett	Michael and	Michael Aldape	Danny Browder	
Monica Alexis Rios	Elizabeth Veltén	Janet Horvat	Carol Kania	
Margaret Nichols	Fidel Mercado Chavez	Frank G. Bauer	Leslie Salimi	
		Al Corleone	Jason Jamero	
		Tracy Duda		


## Welcome to the Parish!

Sean and Jill Whitney  
Laura and Todd Albright  
Matias  
Haley Garvy  
Olivia Clark and Phillip Urbanski Jr.  
Maria Aguirre  
Jacqueline Pink  
McKenna Crockford  
Kathleen and David Cunningham  
Maressa Santarossa  
Jessica Schneider  
Rocio Munoz  
Erica Cornelius  
Rose Floyd & T.J. Hecimovich  
Dan Dever and Rachael White  
Amanda and Buck LePard  
Daniel Andress  
Luke Johnson  
Elizabeth Maxwell

## At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Beth Ann Greenlee  
Carl R. Kordig  
Jamie Ballog

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, May 5

9:00 AM +Charlotte Macha  
11:00 AM +Natividad Velasco  
12:30 PM +Jose Guzman  
5:00 PM +Ejatou Diallo

### Monday, May 6

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

### Tuesday, May 7

8:30 AM +Janet Kachos and Mike Carlos

### Wednesday, May 8

6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

### Thursday, May 9

8:30 AM Noah Schmidt

### Friday, May 10

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

### Saturday, May 11

8:30 AM +Maria, Irina, Paraskovia, & Sophia Petryshyn and Family

### Sunday, May 12

9:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus  
11:00 AM +Maria Rechtien  
12:30 PM +Manuel and Maria Naula  
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

# News and Events

## First Brats of Summer!

# The First Brats of Summer

## "Erstesommerbratfest"

(Yes, in German it is one, long word.)

**May 31, 2024**  
**3pm-4pm**  
**5pm-7pm**

\*Pre-sale quantities are limited, order now!

**Join us on Friday, May 31 for the First Brats of Summer, or in German, "Erstesommerbratfest!"**

**The Brat Crew from Oktoberfest will be making their famous brats to celebrate the beginning of Summer Days! Brat packages can be ordered for \$16 during pre-sale only and can be picked up between 3 PM-4 PM or 5 PM-7 PM.**

**Individual brats will also be available for \$5 straight from the grill during these times! Join us for this easy-going, delicious fest!**

**Quantities are limited, order your packs early! The order link for pre-sale [www.givecentral.org/otp/40446](http://www.givecentral.org/otp/40446) goes live this Monday, May 6 at 5:00 PM.**

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## Friday before Ordinations: Mass and Holy Hour

**May 10, 2024**  
**5:30 – 7 p.m.**

with Bishop Mark Bartosic  
Holy Name Cathedral  
735 N. State Street, Chicago

Parking available. Scan code for more information.

**Join us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life and diaconate. All are welcome!**

Fr. Timothy Monahan,  
Vocation Director 847.531.0148  
tmonahan@archchicago.org  
[ChicagoPriest.com](http://ChicagoPriest.com)



## May Crowning Mass— May 6 at 8:30 AM

It is a Catholic tradition to honor Mary, our Heavenly Mother, during the month of May by placing on her statue a crown of flowers to signify her honor as Queen of Heaven and Earth. All the faithful are invited to Daily Mass led by our Alphonsus Academy 2nd graders this Monday as our parish renews its devotion to Mary.



## No Confessions on May 18

Due to Ordination weekend, we will not have confessions on Saturday, May 18. We apologize for the inconvenience. The usual 11 AM Saturday confessions will resume on May 25.

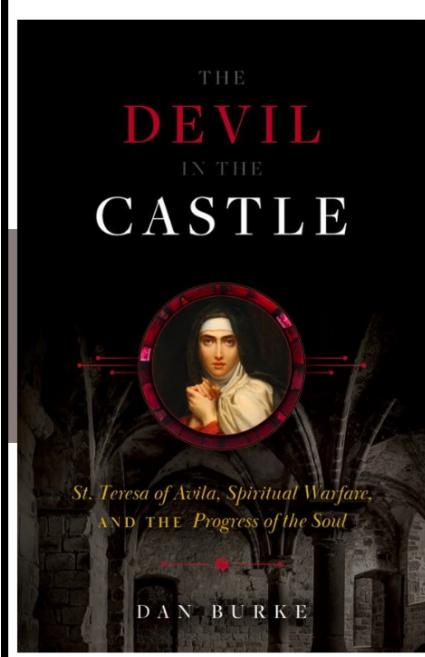
## Totus Tuus

After hosting the Archdiocesan children's summer bible camp for the past few years, St. Alphonsus will **not** be hosting Totus Tuus in 2024. All interested parents are encouraged to check the Arch website for participating churches, [vocations.archchicago.org/events/totus-tuus/contacts-and-host-parishes](http://vocations.archchicago.org/events/totus-tuus/contacts-and-host-parishes)

# Faith Formation

## Book Study: *The Devil in the Castle*

Fridays, 6 PM–7:30 PM, May 10-June 21 in Rectory Common Room



### THE DEVIL IN THE CASTLE

BY: DAN BURKE

#### BOOK STUDY

Fridays 6pm-7:30pm  
May 10th-June 21st

##### TOPICS COVERED

- How to fight distraction in prayer
- Why God uses dryness in prayer to advance the progress of our souls
- How desolation can work for the good of the soul
- Why it's dangerous to assume that your decisions are correct if you feel at peace

Join us for a 7 Week Study diving into the spiritual riches of St. Teresa of Avila's mansions from "*The Interior Castle*."

Using her masterpiece as a guide, bestselling author Dan Burke takes you on an illuminating journey through the seven levels of spiritual progress, explaining what God is accomplishing within your soul at each stage, as well as the finely tailored demonic strategies applied to throw you off your path.

You'll learn how the devil is as active in your prayer life as you are, and how the saints were able to counter Satan as he adapted his schemes to correspond with where they were on their spiritual journeys.

Pick up the book on your own and join us as we work through it!

Questions? Contact Emily at [ember@stalphonsuschicago.church](mailto:ember@stalphonsuschicago.church)

## Walking with Purpose

Women's Group— Tuesday mornings and evenings  
9:30-11 AM or 6:30-8 PM



Come as you are. You are welcome here. Make authentic connections with other women! Refuel and Refresh! Learn more about God!



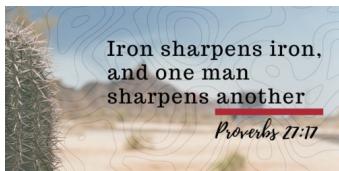
The **Touching the Divine** Bible study focuses on qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality.

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.

Questions? Contact Susan Combes at [smbcombes51@gmail.com](mailto:smbcombes51@gmail.com)

**Touching the Divine study is finishing May 14. Our 6 week summer study, Living in the Father's Love, starts June 11 and finishes July 16.**

## 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, [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**

# First Communions 2024

Congratulations and God's blessings on the following children from the parish who will receive the Eucharist for the first time this weekend of May 4-5!

Congratulations also to their families, and special thanks to our parish Religious Education coordinators, Emily Ember, Fr. Steven Bauer, and Fr. Jesus Raya Custodio, Alphonsus Academy teachers Amanda Joseph and Madeline Buhl, teacher assistants Shari Williams and Holly Ragland, and Religious Education catechists Becky Johnson and Lucy Mollet.



Brendan Allen	Nathan Johnson	Hannah O'Donohue	Connor Skibley
Pierce Ashbee	Chase King	Theodore Orzel	Maximilian Sorillo
Ruth Bensko	Sienna King	Beatrice Ostendorf	Nina Sowell
Vinny Bonovich	Carter Kreis	Brady Palmer	Wylder Sprague
Grady Clarke	Isabella Lembo	Ava Pinelli	Joseph Stasic
Byrdene Connolly	Claire Malone	Maddox Rapacz	Benjamin Stec
Hartley Delmont	Margot Malone	Emery Rhea	Julia Stewart
Leila Derhake	Avery McCullough	Francesca Rivera	Lizzy Troglia
Catalina Estrella	Patrick McLoughlin	Matthew Rizzo	Nicholas Troglia
Sylvie Elizabeth Fay	James Mollet	Hayden Roach	Benson Van Lente
Paula Forcada	Mary Mooney	Hudson Samek	David Weber
John Fuller	Milo Nool	Henry Scapardine	Mary Weisenfels
Madelyn Gillespie	Leo Nova	Sylvia Clare Scheland	Addison Zasche
Beckham Hill	William Nugent	Veronica Seaman	
Mila Hoolehan	Adrian O'Bryan	Bernice Sher	

## Safe Families for Children

### Safe Families 5K – June 29

Looking for a family-friendly event in a gorgeous forest preserve that also benefits one of our St. Alphonsus ministries? Then join our St. Al's 5k team this June to benefit Safe Families for Children Greater Chicago!!! Whether you run, walk, or stroll, you are guaranteed an amazing day complete with music, food, bounce house, face painting, medals for the 5K participants, & more!

Register here (& join team "St. Alphonsus Church"): [raceroster.com/events/2024/85098/footsteps-for-families](https://raceroster.com/events/2024/85098/footsteps-for-families)  
5k run / 1 mile walk Saturday, June 29th 2024, 8:30AM-12:00PM

Busse Woods, Rolling Meadows, IL (~30min drive from St. Alphonsus)  
Virtual Race also available.

Questions about Safe Families? Please reach out to [safefamiliesstals@gmail.com](mailto:safefamiliesstals@gmail.com)





# Chicago Young Adult Eucharistic Revival



**Friday, June 28, 2024 | 6:30 – 10 p.m.**

**St. Alphonsus Catholic Church**

1429 West Wellington Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

**Join us as we celebrate the National Eucharistic  
Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese of Chicago!**

Come experience this historic Eucharistic event for ALL Chicagoland area young adult Catholics, as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage officially makes its way through Chicago on its way to Indianapolis for the Eucharistic Congress. The event will include Mass, a Eucharistic Procession, and a social afterwards.

Questions? Please contact Rebecca Siar at  
[rsiar@archchicago.org](mailto:rsiar@archchicago.org).

To learn more and register for this event,  
please visit [EucharisticRevivalChicago.org](http://EucharisticRevivalChicago.org).



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



## Sippin Social Happy Hour This Sunday!

Our young adult community periodically hosts Happy Hour socials after the 5:00 PM Mass. Join us after the 5pm mass this Sunday, May 5th for some drinks and socialization at Olive Black. Find some of us in the back of church after Mass and we'll head over to the bar down the street on Lincoln Ave.

## Praise and Adoration— Friday, May 31 at 7:30 PM



On Friday, May 31st, 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!

## More Young Adult Events— YCP Chicago Executive Speaker Series

All young adults are invited to Young Catholic Professional's speaker series on **Tuesday, May 14** at Benedictine University Goodwin College of Business, College Road 5700 in Lisle, Illinois. Fr. Nathan Ford, SJC, who is Associate Pastor— Vocations & Youth at Canons Regular of St. John Cantius will be the speaker. Dinner and soft drinks will be provided. Attendees will have a chance to socialize before and after the evening's presentation. Additionally, all attendees will have the opportunity to take their professional headshot. The schedule will be:

6:30 PM - Mass at St. Benedict Chapel  
7:00 PM - Doors Open + Networking + Dinner  
7:40 PM - Speaker's Presentation & Q&A  
8:15 PM - 9:00 PM - Professional Headshots + Networking + Doors Close

Professional attire (business casual or work uniform) is encouraged at YCP Chicago events. This event is for young adults in their 20s and 30s. Register online at [ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-fr-nathan-ford-sjc-108244/](https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-fr-nathan-ford-sjc-108244/)



## May is the Month of Mary!

Here are 3 ideas of how to honor Mary this month:

- \* **Celebrate May Crowning:** May crowning is celebrated by crowning a statue or image of Mary with a wreath of flowers to honor her as Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God.
- \* **Give someone a Marian Gift:** Great gift ideas to honor Mary include a Marian medal or a Marian scapular.
- \* **Pray the Rosary:** Consider participating in a group rosary with friends/family!



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 3) Elige a St. Alphonsus  
 4) Escriba su nombre y correo electrónico  
 5) ¡DISFRUTA!

### *Pope Francis' May 2024 Intention*

**For the Formation of Men and Women Religious and Seminarians**  
 that they may “grow in their vocational journeys through human, pastoral, spiritual, and community formation.”

## Catholic Charities

### Mother's Day Collection May 12

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May is a month to remember and celebrate the mothers and mother figures in our lives. These women—on whom all generations depend— are essential to the fullness of God’s plan for human life.

May is also the month when we celebrate the important work of our Catholic Charities. Helping mothers in need is core to our Catholic faith and a cornerstone mission for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Whether they be single mothers, mothers of children with special needs, foster mothers, or mothers who are migrants, we help them and their children.

Your generous donation to the Mother’s Day Collection for Catholic Charities enables this urgent work. Catholic Charities was founded more than a century ago by the Archdiocese to help those in need in Cook and Lake counties. As the largest provider of human services in our region, Catholic Charities serves nearly 400,000 people annually. This tremendous reach of services is only possible through your generous support.

Each year I call on our parishes to support Catholic Charities, and so I encourage you to be generous by contributing, either:

- In-person during the second collection on Mother’s Day weekend, May 11-12.
- Online at [catholiccharities.net/donate](https://catholiccharities.net/donate)
- By mail to Catholic Charities, P.O Box 8275, Carol Stream, IL 60197-8275



Thank you for your on-going support and partnership. May Mary, our Mother whom we honor in May, continue to inspire us to take up the mission of her Son with joyful enthusiasm.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Blase J. Cupich*

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich  
 Archbishop of Chicago

# Gospel Reflection

*“I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.” John 15:15–17*

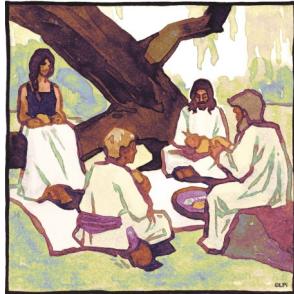
## Friendship With God

Just prior to the passage quoted above, Jesus says, “You are my friends if you do what I command you.” Is that the measure of true friendship? That we do what our friend commands us to do? That depends upon which friend we are speaking about.

There are many images we use for God. We call Him Father, Savior, Master, Lord, King, Redeemer, Spirit and Friend. When it comes to God as our divine Friend, it is important to understand the nature of that friendship properly. Jesus’ friendship is not one that simply makes us “buddies.” Friendship with our Lord is not the same as a friendship between two equals. He is God. And because He is God, our friendship with Him takes on unique characteristics that are not present in other friendships. With that said, there could be no greater friend than the Lord Himself.

Among humans, our friendships have various foundations. It could be that two people have mutual interests and they enjoy engaging in those interests together. It could be that two people have spent much pleasant time together since childhood. Or it could be that two people have endured some difficulty together and that experience has bonded them together. But according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, friendship in its purest form is based on just one thing: mutual charity.

Charity is the form of love that is purely selfless. It’s a way of relating to another in which a person’s sole focus is the good of the other. It is not based on one’s own self interests. It’s not a matter of “what do I get out of it?” In 1 Corinthians 13:4–8, St. Paul defines the love of charity this way: “Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.” This is not only the definition of charity, it is also the only foundation for true friendship.



When you consider all of these qualities of charity, you will find that God relates to us in each of these ways. For that reason, God offers us the purest friendship possible. Whether or not we reciprocate these qualities to God will determine the depth of the bond of friendship that we establish with Him. But there is more. When we love God,

we must love Him in a way that is proper and proportionate to Who God is. For example, if we offer charity to God, we seek to fulfill only God’s interests and rejoice in the Truth of Who He is. Thus, the charity we offer to God comes in the form of worship. He is God and is worthy of worship, adoration, surrender, trust and perfect obedience. When it is God we are loving, the very essence of the Person we love requires these responses.

One beautiful and consoling thing to recognize with this form of charity given to God is that it also establishes a true friendship with God. When we offer our worship to God, we are in a position to receive the very life of God in return. And the giving of ourselves, coupled with the reception of the life of God, establishes a bond of holy friendship that will transform us, unite us with Him and fulfill us to perfection. Friendship with God makes us one with Him and opens us to receive everything that He shares with us—namely, His very Self.

Reflect, today, upon the invitation Jesus has offered you to enter into a true friendship with Him. This means that God becomes the center of your life. It means that you seek to give yourself, selflessly and without reserve, to Him Who is deserving of all your love. It means you choose worship and obedience to perfection. The reward of such love is that you are able to enter into a bond that is so holy, so pure and so fulfilling that it completes you, enabling you to become who you were meant to be.

*My God and true Friend, You offer me everything in life. You offer me Your perfect love, given fully and without reserve. I pray that I will reciprocate that depth of love and offer to You all that You deserve. I offer You my love, worship and obedience, dear Lord. May this mutual love form a bond that will never end. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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

## Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

### Reheating Frozen Food

Flavors can dull in the freezer.

That's why you can't just reheat your food: You have to re-season it, too! And it can take more than just a little salt and pepper to bring food back to its original glory.

If you're not sure what kinds of seasonings to use to bring your dish back to life, the easiest option is to add a little acid. A quick squeeze of lemon or lime does wonders to brighten a dull meal, as does a sprinkling of vinegar. Remember, a little goes a long way!

And when it comes to soups and stews, your food might also have thickened a little during its time in the freezer. To ensure the ideal consistency, reheat the soup or stew with a few extra splashes of water (or broth, if you've got it!) and stir to recombine—it's at this point you'll want to taste and re-season as needed, too.

# At the Athenaeum

## After Liberalism— A Conversation with Patrick Deneen and R.R Reno Wednesday, May 15 at 7:30 PM



Please join us for a conversation with Patrick Deneen and First Things editor R. R. Reno on postliberalism. The two speakers will explore the effects of liberalism on individuals and society at large. We invite you to bring your most challenging questions and allow yourself to be challenged.

Patrick J. Deneen holds a B.A. in English literature, a PhD in Political Science from Rutgers University, and has been a professor of Constitutional Studies at University of Notre Dame since Fall 2012. He is the author and editor of several books and numerous articles and reviews and has delivered invited lectures around the world. His teaching and writing interests focus on the history of political thought, American political thought, liberalism, conservatism, and constitutionalism. This event is ticketed as Free-Will donation, with suggested donations being \$15 and up. [athenaeumcenter.org/events/2024/after-liberalism-a-conversation-with-patrick-deneen-and-r-r-reno](http://athenaeumcenter.org/events/2024/after-liberalism-a-conversation-with-patrick-deneen-and-r-r-reno)

## With This Light— May 10 at 7 PM



During her 70 years as a nun, Sister Maria Rosa Leggol helped over 87,000 Honduran children escape poverty and violence through an ecosystem of social, educational and entrepreneurial projects, inspiring an international network of supporters to expand her work. In the midst of civil wars, economic collapse and natural disasters, she continued her charge to help young people, such as Maria and Rosa, break familial cycles of poverty and

violence to create lives of their own. *With This Light* poetically interweaves the compelling present-day stories of these teenagers with the epic life and noble actions of Sister Maria Rosa. **Join for a screening of the film + a conversation directly after with Executive Producer, Jessica Sarowitz. Tickets are \$10**  
[athenaeumcenter.org/events/2024/with-this-light](http://athenaeumcenter.org/events/2024/with-this-light)

# 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,

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)

"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.

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 [Instagram](#) by going to the parish website and clicking the icons at the footer of the page.



## Directory

### Parish Office

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[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)  
[info@alphonsusacademy.org](mailto:info@alphonsusacademy.org)

### School Office Hours:

**8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

## Staff

### Parish Staff

**Rev. Steven Bauer**, Pastor  
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