# Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 26, 2025: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance…and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

**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: 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
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

## 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

**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

Shannon Rose Stewart






## WEDDINGS

**Kayla Louise Simon and Rowan Quinain**

**Amanda Liebl and Sean Kennedy**

## *Wedding Banns*

II. Annie Koza and Benjamin Gnage
II. Julie Xie and John Bellau
I. Lyndsey Tierney and Kevin Rzepczynski
I. Nicole Rock and Raymond Olson

## MASS INTENTIONS

***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

***Monday, October 27***
8:30 AM People of St. Alphonsus

***Tuesday, October 28***
8:30 AM People of St. Alphonsus

***Wednesday, October 29***
6:00 PM +Edmund Gobat

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

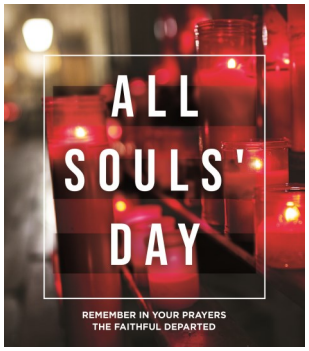
***Friday, October 31***
8:30 AM +Poor Souls in Purgatory

***Saturday, November 1 (All Saints Day)***
8:30 AM +Robert Ludwig and Michael Bucher

***Sunday, November 2 (All Souls Day)***
9:00 AM +For Holy Souls in Purgatory
11:00 AM +For Faithful Departed of St. Alphonsus
12:30 PM +Los Fieles de Difuntos de San Alfonso
5:00 PM +For Holy Souls in Purgatory

# 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 Nov. 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.

**For this solemn day of remembrance, parishioners and faithful will have the opportunity to purchase a 3-day votive candle with the name(s) of their loved one(s) attached. These candles will be available for pre-sale through Wednesday, October 28,** and available for purchase up to 10 minutes before all Masses on Sunday, November 2. All candles are a $15 suggested donation, and a significant portion of the proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul to help those in our community who rely on these services. These candles will be displayed in the front of the church and can be collected by the families after Mass.

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

### El Día de los Muertos

El 2 de noviembre es el Día de los Fieles Difuntos, un día especial en la vida de la Iglesia en el cual dedicamos tiempo a orar por nuestros familiares y amigos fallecidos. A través de la Sagrada Liturgia, la Iglesia invoca el amor misericordioso de Dios el reino de los cielos, de paz y amor.

Al orar por el descanso eterno de las almas, invitamos a todos los feligreses a enviar los nombres de sus seres queridos fallecidos. Recibirán una vela con los nombres de sus seres queridos fallecidos por una donación sugerida de $15. Pueden enviar su solicitud antes del final del día el miércoles 29 de octubre. Las velas se pueden comprar hasta 10 minutos antes del inicio de cada misa. La vela se encenderá y se exhibirá cerca del presbiterio de la iglesia el 2 de noviembre. Si desean llevársela a casa, pueden recogerla después de la misa del 2 de noviembre. Por favor use el link de Give Central para hacer su petición.

Una parte significativa de las donaciones de velas del Día de los Fieles Difuntos se destinará al ministerio de San Vicente de Paúl de nuestra parroquia. El ministerio de San Vicente Paul se dedica a servir a los pobres y marginados de la comunidad del área de Lakeview.

## 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.




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 now-Nov. 16 will receive a $10 E-Gift Card for merchant of choice.**

**Make Your Appointment online at redcrossblood.org**

# *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— 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 email, divineofficers@gmail.com

***"Come to me all you are labored and burdened and I will give you rest"***

## Walking With Purpose

### Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays

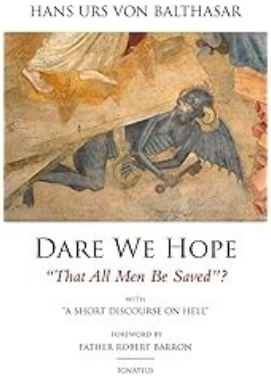
Walking w/ Purpose is a modern woman's guide to the Bible! Join us this fall as we help you enjoy a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, nurtured through personal Bible study and small group discussions created just for women!

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—11 AM 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

# 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

## 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

## More Young Adult News

Catholic Sports Leagues

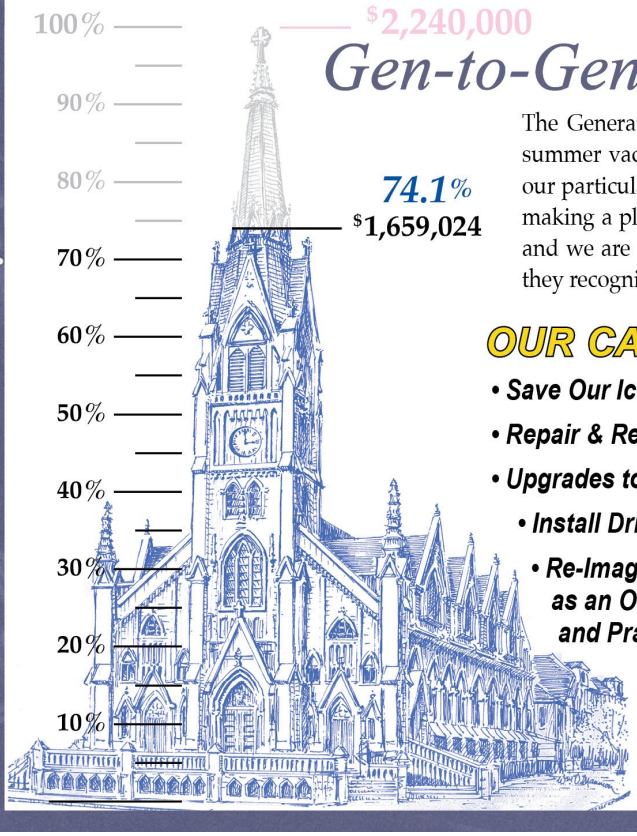
Think you have what it takes to be crowned Euchre Champion!?

On **Wednesday, November 19** at 7 PM, Catholic Sports League is hosting their 2nd annual Euchre Tournament night at D'Agostino's (corner of Southport and Addison). You can sign up individually or with a friend. Sign up at www.catholicsportsleagues.com

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS CHICAGO

Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) brings together young workers and faithful teachers and mentors in a variety of programs to foster Catholic identity, encourage community, and inspire action. Come and join on **November 4th** for their Executive Speaker Series with Dr. William Cavanaugh, professor of Catholic Studies and Director of the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology (CWCIT) at DePaul University. He will share with us his research, engagement with the global Church, and how his faith has been altered and deepened by his work.

The event will be held at DePaul University's Student Center (2250 N Sheffield Ave, Room 314AB - 3rd Floor) on the Lincoln Park campus. This is a free event open to the public but you must register at https://ycp.glueup.com/org/ycpchicago/events/




# Gen-to-Gen Capital Campaign Progress

The Generation-to-Generation capital campaign started in early 2025, but was paused for summer vacation and Oktoberfest. Our campaign committee explained to us the goals and our particular needs, and invited groups of parishioners and school families to support it by making a pledge. We currently stand at 74.1% of our stretch goal – *which is simply amazing* – and we are so thankful to all the parishioners & families who have made a pledge because they recognize our needs for the restoration and improvement projects.

## OUR CAMPAIGN GOALS:

- ***Save Our Iconic Veranda***
- ***Repair & Restore the Organ***
- ***Upgrades to parish Common Rooms***
- ***Install Drinking Fountains in the Church***
- ***Re-Imagine the Rectory Side Courtyard as an Outdoor Classroom and Prayer Garden***
- ***Sharing with the Arch for Spiritual Renewal Programs, Scholarships, and Priest Retirement & Health Care***

**LEARN MORE AND MAKE YOUR PLEDGE**

***or visit the parish website at www.stalphonsuschicago.org***

*or pledge via GiveCentral.org and in the St. Alphonsus-Chicago page, search for* ***Pillars & Pipes***

# 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 10/19: $11,721

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
Give today to support your parish

## Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

**Knotted Jewelry Chains**

The best way to deal with this is to not get the chains knotted. Always fasten a chain when putting it away. It is best to hang the chains on separate hooks. If they do get knotted, place a drop of vegetable oil on the chain and then work it out with a straight pin.

# Gospel Reflection

*"Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector.'" Luke 18:10–11*

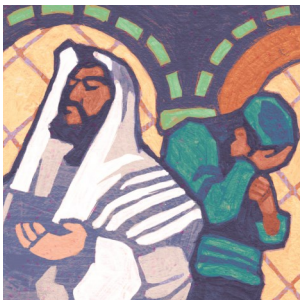
## Humility in Prayer

**What a sad prayer.** Of course it wasn't even a prayer to God since the Pharisee "spoke this prayer to himself." The prayer of the tax collector, however, was a perfect model for all prayer. We read that the tax collector "stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" Which prayer more resembles your own prayer?

To honestly answer that question, let's examine both prayers. First of all, the contrast of these two prayers is a contrast between humility and pride. The Pharisee was clearly full of pride. Pride blinds us from true self-knowledge. Saint Teresa of Ávila teaches us that the very first thing we must do on our journey to God is obtain self-knowledge through humility. Without that, we will never grow in holiness.

The sin of pride is obvious in the prayer of the Pharisee and, therefore, his lack of true self-knowledge is also evident. Note that even his physical posture of standing depicts pride. Throughout the Scriptures, kneeling, or even falling prostrate, is the disposition of the humble. In addition to standing, the Pharisee's prayer was a list of his own goodness. He very well may have fasted twice a week and paid tithes on his whole income. But his prayer suggests that he did this by his own effort. He did not ascribe those acts to the grace and strength of God, which means they were not true acts of charity. His prayer suggests that he doesn't need God in order to do good. This is also seen in the fact that he asks nothing of God. Instead, he simply thanks God for how good he is through his own effort. The result is that God gives him nothing, since he asked for nothing.

True prayer must begin with the humble recognition of our weakness and need for God. The tax collector expressed this humility by bowing his head to the ground, not even daring to look up to Heaven. This reveals he did not consider himself worthy of God's grace. Truth be told, he wasn't worthy of it. That's why God's grace is a mercy. It is all mercy in that He bestows that which we are not worthy to receive. And He only bestows it on those who know they are not worthy of it. The words spoken by the tax collector are the perfect model of prayer because his words depict these truths. As a sinner, he doesn't deserve mercy but begs for God's grace as an act of God's mercy.



When you pray, how do you pray? What is the disposition of your heart and for what do you pray? Begin by considering the physical position in which you pray. Though we can pray standing, sitting, kneeling or even lying down, there is something very good about kneeling or even lying prostrate. It doesn't mean we have to do so the entire time we pray, but it is a good practice to kneel, bow your head or fall down prostrate before God at least for a moment each day. Do you do this? If not, consider making this a daily habit.

When you pray, do you begin your prayer with humility? We begin the Mass by examining our conscience and confessing our sins. This is a good example of how to begin your prayer every time you pray. Humble yourself by calling to mind your sins and weaknesses. Confess them to God and acknowledge the fact that, because of your sins, you are unworthy of God's mercy. Humility like this will help you to see yourself as God sees you, and this will help you open yourself to the grace you need from God to grow in holiness.

Reflect, today, upon the humility found in the prayer of this tax collector. As you do, look at your own practice of prayer and discern whether you imitate this tax collector's disposition and prayer. Try to commit to physically humbling yourself before our Lord every day. Kneel, bow your head, or fall down prostrate every day. When you do pray, beg for mercy as one who doesn't deserve anything from God. This is the humble truth on which all prayer must be based. The more you can humble yourself this way, the more God will lift you up and pour forth His mercy upon you.

*O God, be merciful to me, a sinner. I bow before You, most glorious and merciful God. I offer You my praise and gratitude for Your abundant mercy in my life. I am not worthy of You and Your grace, but You bestow it anyway. For that I thank You with profound gratitude and beg for the ongoing gift of Your grace. Jesus, I trust in You.*

# More News and Events

## Serve as an Extraordinary Minister 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 Father Bauer.

## Men's Pickup Basketball

Almost every Sunday at 7 PM, there is a competitive men's pickup basketball game(s) for anyone who plays. Games are played in the St. Alphonsus gymnasium that is underneath the Athenaeum. Entrance to the gym is on the side of the building between the church and the Athenaeum. If you would like to be added to the weekly email list that coordinates the games or have any questions, reach out to Chris at cberezniak1@yahoo.com

## Upcoming Events at St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, November 5— Holy Hour for National Vocations Awareness Week from 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Sunday, November 9— Mama Meetup in Festival Hall 10 AM-11 AM
Wednesday, November 12— Mass of Healing & Hope for those who've lost a child, 6 PM, 6:30 - 7:30 Adoration
Sunday, November 16— Bethlehem Arts Holy Land Artifacts Sale After Masses
Nov. 12-Dec. 7— Giving Tree in support of recipients of Catholic Charities and The Women's Center goes up in Narthex
Sunday, November 23— Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting Ceremony 6-7:30 PM outside near veranda
Sunday, December 7— AACA Sweets w/ Santa 10 AM-Noon in Festival Hall
Monday, December 8— **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) - Mass at 8:30 AM and 7 PM**
Thursday, December 11— Knights of Columbus Christmas Party in Festival Hall 6-10 PM
Friday, December 12— Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 7 PM; Fiesta in Festival Hall 8-10 PM
Saturday, December 13— Young Adult Ministry Christmas Party in Festival Hall 6-10 PM
Sunday, December 14— Pancake Breakfast in Festival Hall 10 AM-2 PM

# Community News

## *Trick Or Treat on Southport— Monday, October 27 from 4-7 PM*




The faithful are invited to stop along Southport Avenue, spanning from Roscoe to Grace for an evening of family-friendly fun, including:

- A pumpkin patch, crafts, inflatables, a DJ and great photo ops courtesy of Lakeshore Sport & Fitness and Altitude Roscoe Village.
- Gus Giordano Dance will be performing the iconic "Thriller" routine at 5 PM near Southport and Cornelia.
- A princess from Princess Party by MC will be in the craft area from 4-5:30PM near the pumpkin patch creating a truly magical experience for children and adults alike.
- Decorate a pumpkin at our Pumpkin Patch located outside of Coalfire Pizza (Southport & Waveland), provided by Lakeview SSA 27! Free mini pumpkins will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.
- Craft beer from Corridor Brewery and wines curated by Galleria Liquors

Be sure to explore the local businesses along the way, as they will have candy exclusive deals and offerings (while supplies last) you won't want to miss it. Rain or shine, Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce promises an unforgettable Halloween celebration for the whole family! **Our Alphonsus Academy school will have a small tent on the corner of Roscoe/Southport, come say hello**!! Please note that Southport will be closed to vehicle traffic from Roscoe to Addison and Waveland to Grace from Noon to 8 PM.
**www.lakeviewroscoevillage.org/trickortreatonsouthport**

AACA | Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts

# 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:*

**Madeleine Durkin**
mdurkin@alphonsusacademy.org
or visit linktr.ee/alphonsusacademy

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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:*

**Madeleine Durkin**
mdurkin@alphonsusacademy.org
or visit linktr.ee/alphonsusacademy

# 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
info@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
***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
***Janin Silva,*** Administrative Assistant