Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 1, 2023: MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. (Lk 2:16)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri	8:30 AM
Wed	6:00 PM
Sunday	9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 (Spanish) and 5 PM

Alphonsus Academy & Center For the Arts

Friday	8:30 AM or as announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM

Confessions

Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM
Saturday	11:00—11:30 AM

**Or call one of the priests for an appointment*

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesday:	5:50 PM

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
Tessa Sergent
Carolina Goldie
Diane Mareci
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
Rachel Schopp
Mike Madigan
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
Jane Christensen
Richard Meindl
William Ahearn
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Mary Perisin
Rita Longnecker
Cheryl Nester-Detweiler
Marla Alicea
Leon Wink
Judy Fredrickson
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 12/18: $13,254

The Christmas collection was still being counted as our bulletin went to press.

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

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 Mario Serrano at mserranostals@gmail.com You can officially register to join the parish at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors

Eucharistic Adoration: A Source for Peace: Sometimes our weeks can be quite hectic, making it hard to find quiet time to pray. If this sounds familiar, join us for Mass on Wednesdays at 6 PM., followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 6:30-7:30. This can be a great way to re-center yourself in God and experience the peace that only Christ can give.

Wednesday Evening Men's Vespers
All men in the parish are invited to pray with us every Wednesday evening from 8:00-9 PM in the sanctuary.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 1 (New Year's Day)
9:00 AM +Gregory Duda
11:00 AM +Edward Marsalek Sr.
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM +Joseph Ruta

Monday, January 2
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, January 3
8:30 AM +Jose Romeo Gonzalez

Wednesday, January 4
6:00 PM +Diane Megargle

Thursday, January 5
8:30 AM +Ferial Masud

Friday, January 6
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, January 8
9:00 AM +Christian Kebr
11:00 AM +Kathleen Radcliffe
12:30 PM +Maria Nuala (2 year anniversary of passing)
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Parish News and Events

Happy New Year 2023!

St. Alphonsus parish staff is praying for all community members to have a wonderful and safe new year! Now is a great time to reflect and what you can be doing to improve our lives, spiritually, socially, intellectually, etc. Please note the Archdiocese of Chicago has designated this Monday January 2 as a holiday for 2023, so the parish office will be closed.

St. Alphonsus Adults 40 and Up



Do you feel you're missing a sense of community when attending mass? Would you like to meet those in the pews around you? Are you looking to form friendships with people of the same faith that are in your own parish?

You're invited to a Sunday Brunch after the 11 AM Mass on January 29, 2023 to do just this.
Come meet other adult parishioners and share a meal, coffee, bloody mary's and mimosas with this newly formed Adult Group....
For more information or to help with this event, please contact Amy Keefner, amykeefner@gmail.com

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

2023 Mayoral Election— Meet the Candidates

South Lakeview Neighbors is sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" Event on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 Doors open at 6:30PM, candidates to present starting at 7:00PM. Athenaeum Theatre- Event Center 2936 N. Southport. All are invited. www.slneighbors.org

Knights of Columbus News

FEB 24-25, 2023 - St. Alphonsus Parish Men's OVER-NIGHT RETREAT led by Fr. Patrick Gorman at Joseph & Mary Retreat House, University St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, IL; retreat will begin about 8PM FRI evening and finish mid-afternoon on SAT, permitting return back home by SAT evening; will include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, talk(s), rest, leisure time to walk around the lake. Fee of $128 includes dinner (available for late arrivals), one night's stay in individual room, breakfast & lunch. Please sign up at tinyurl.com/FEB-24-MENS-RETREAT
Open to Men's Club, Parishioners, YAM, AACA Dads & Friends-all men are welcome!

Recovery Programs at St. Alphonsus

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

Stewardship— First Fruits

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

We want to invite all parishioners who want to participate in online giving to do so by enrolling through GiveCentral and setting up your donation via the First Fruits campaign (weekly Mass offering).

A huge thank you to those that are already giving online. Please consider making St. Alphonsus an extension of your home and family when contributing.

Sign up at *www.givecentral.org/location/39*

Support St. Alphonsus with a Christmas/Year-End Gift!

It is not too late to make your Christmas contribution for the 2022 year. You can do this through GiveCentral at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/526 or text **joyful** to (773) 570-7600.
Your gifts help our parish continue our ministries.
We are deeply grateful for every gift that is shared!

Faith Formation

Religious Education at St. Alphonsus



Our Religious Education program is a ministry to support children & families in deeper formation of our Catholic faith! We currently serve children in grades 1st - 8th. Two consecutive years of enrollment is required to participate in First Communion and Confirmation! Our program relies on the time & talents of volunteer parishioners to serve as catechists to our students. **We are currently looking for an additional 2nd grade catechist(s) to serve beginning in January 2023!** If you have any questions, please reach out to: ecook@stalphonsuschicago.church

Exploring the Diaconate



The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session.
It is a time to pray, discuss, and learn more about the discernment process and the formation program that aspirants and candidates pursue. Please join us with your wives, if married, as we explore the potential of a vocation, engage in dialogue and pray in search of the next step. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions.

RSVP REQUIRED Contact Sr. Caroline Onuoha, DMMM at 847.837.4563 or conuoha@usml.edu

Exploring the Diaconate Sessions 7:30–8:30 PM

- Thursday, January 5, 2023 - Zoom
- Monday, February 6 - Zoom
- Tuesday, March 7 - Zoom
- Monday, April 24 - Our Lady of Ransom, Niles
- Tuesday, May 9 - Our Lady of Ransom, Niles

For more information contact Deacon Bob Puhala, bpuhala@usml.edu or (847) 837-4564 or visit usml.edu/ids. Application deadline for the 2023–2024 Aspirancy Path is July 15, 2023.

Are You Ready to Become Catholic?

Registration is open for The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA program is the study of the Catholic Faith and the process of introduction into the faith community.

This class is offered for adults in three situations:

1. Un-baptized adults who desire to be baptized in the Catholic Church.
2. Baptized non-Catholic Christians who desire to be formally admitted into communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed and desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Adult baptism (and if applicable, Confirmation and First Holy Communion) takes place at the Easter Vigil (Evening before Easter Sunday). It is one of the highest celebrations in the Catholic Church's liturgical year!

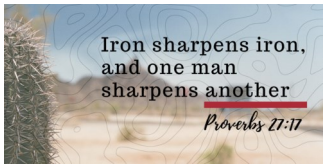
If you or someone you know is interested in taking the class, please contact our pastoral associate, Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Communio: A Men's Prayer Group

Men of the parish are invited to attend the Communio prayer group each Wednesday at 8 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door at the southwest corner of the building at 7:55). It's a great way to take your spiritual life a step further as we enrich our knowledge of the faith, encourage each other in life's challenges, and grow in fortitude together. We chant the Liturgy of the Hours, share reflections on the upcoming Sunday gospel reading, followed by a social with refreshments, fellowship, and conversation.
All men of the parish are invited. For questions or more info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com

St. Alphonsus Men's Group

Thursday Evenings



St. Alphonsus Men's group meets Thursday nights to pray the liturgy of the hours, have fellowship, and to propose challenging topics to discuss.

When great conversations happen, synergy that creates connections and helps values be shared develops. *Proverbs 27:17* describes this as two iron tools being sharpened and made more effective. The same applies with friends coming into contact, sharpening and encouraging each other to greater service.

We meet every Thursday night at 7 PM in the rectory. Food and drinks provided. All men are welcome, with most men being in their 20s and 30s. Access can be gained at the west facing rectory door in the parking lot. For questions or more information, contact Matt Duff at mduff527@gmail.com.

What is Lifelong Formation?

Lifelong formation is the process through which we come to follow Jesus more closely throughout the course of our lives. Grounded in the Gospel, instruction in the faith and accompaniment in this journey of spiritual growth, lifelong formation equips us to respond to the events of our lives in light of the Gospel. These experiences, guided by the Holy Spirit and in communion with God and one another through the Church, help us answer our baptismal call to live as missionary disciples through the seasons of our lives.

Lifelong formation leads to deeper engagement in the life of the Church and in one's community, including social transformation in light of the Gospel. In this way, lifelong formation plays a pivotal role in answering the call of *Renew My Church* to make disciples, build community and inspire witness.

Encountering Christ

At the center of lifelong formation is encounter with Christ. As the *Directory for Catechesis* teaches, faith formation "is oriented toward forming persons who get to know Jesus Christ and his Gospel of liberating salvation even better; who live a profound encounter with him and choose his own way of life and his very sentiments, striving to realize, in the historical situations in which they live, the mission of Christ which is the proclamation of the kingdom of God" (DC 75).

Faith formation proclaims and reaffirms God's saving love in Jesus Christ, and also "makes the initial conversion ripen and helps Christians give a complete meaning to their existence, educating them in a *mentality of faith* in keeping with the Gospel, to the point of gradually coming to feel, think and act like Christ" (DC 77).

Why "Lifelong"?

"Formation," the *Directory for Catechesis* tells us, "is an ongoing process that, under the guidance of the Spirit and in the living womb of the Christian community, helps the baptized person take shape," unveiling our deepest identity as children of God in profound communion with others. (DC 131)

Faith formation is intended for people at all stages of life. "Every one of the baptized, called to the maturity of faith, has the right to adequate catechesis. ... For one thing, faith is not a linear process and it participates in the development of the person, and this in turn influences the journey of faith. It cannot be forgotten that every phase of life is exposed to specific challenges and must confront the ever-new dynamics of the Christian vocation" (DC 224).

What Does It Look Like?

Faith formation includes every action, experience, and relationship that nurtures a deep and abiding relationship with God, which shapes the way we interact with God's creation. This includes:

- Sharing of the Gospel in word and deed
- Learning about the faith in a way that brings spiritual growth
- Meaningful relationships and faith dialogue with fellow disciples of Jesus
- Individual and communal prayer
- Scriptural reflection and study
- Discerning personal gifts and the call to share them in witnessing to the Gospel

Participation in the lifelong formation can strengthen the relationship between the community of believers and Jesus, helping make the Kingdom of God present in our world. This can include:

- Participating in the liturgical, spiritual and social life of the parish community
- Celebrating the sacraments
- Discussing and practicing faith in private, family and social life
- Participating in works of justice and mercy within and beyond the parish

Community and Belonging

Faith formation occurs most effectively in the context of a supportive community in which people are invited, welcomed and feel they belong.

As the *Directory for Catechesis* teaches, "The faith is professed, celebrated, expressed, and lived above all in community" (DC 88). Because the deepening of trust in God is fundamental to lifelong formation, the individual participating in faith formation must also be able to trust the community, mentors and instructors accompanying their spiritual growth. This means that they must feel welcomed and accepted, able to express doubts and confusion as they grow in faith. To accompany people on a journey of lifelong formation we must invite and welcome them into a community of faith, where they can experience the love of God more fully over time. This includes meeting them with continued patience and love, respecting each person's unique gifts, pace, and calling during their journey with Christ.

Gospel Meditation



We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph at the moment they see the child in the manger. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, "When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "Mangia? Mangia?" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "Mangia means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

— Father John Muir

Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded in the United States in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, there are more than 1.8 million members in over 15,000 councils across the globe. Dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, the Knights of Columbus organize and participate in numerous charitable activities each year that are designed to benefit their parish communities, to help their brother Knights grow deeper in their faith as Catholic men, and to serve the needy and less fortunate in the world.

Our St Alphonsus Council of the Knights of Columbus is part of a collection of nearly 500 KofC councils in the State of Illinois, and over 75 councils in the Chicago Archdiocese. For more information on our order and their activities worldwide, please visit: *www.kofc.org*

Our council is named after the parish's namesake, St. Alphonsus. We were formed in October 2010, and spearheaded by then Pastor, Fr. James Hurlbert. The St. Alphonsus Council has a strong group of motivated Knights from all ages and walks of life, with our numbers now 100 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 in our friends and families, to become better men and fathers, and finally to meet like-minded men that share our same values and belief that you can be a man of the world while still having Christ at the center of your life.

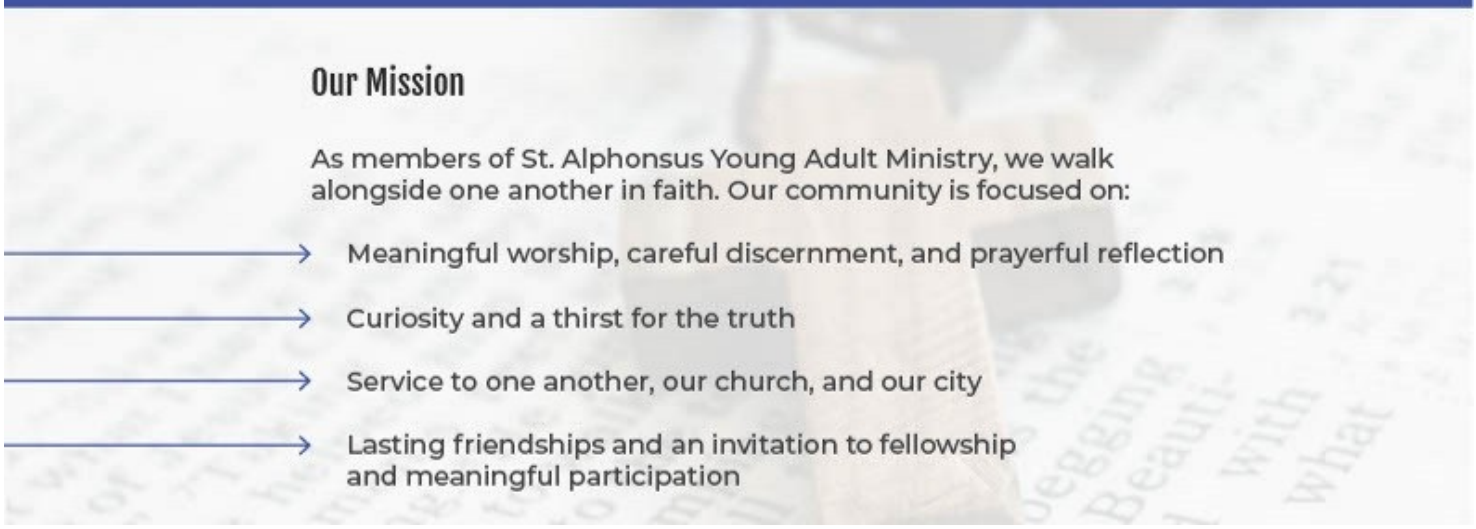
We are always looking for new members, and would welcome the practicing Catholic men of the parish and surrounding community to join our ranks. There is usually a social following our meetings, which is open to all prospective members. To find out more information about the Knights of Columbus at St. Alphonsus, or to apply for membership, feel free to contact parishioner, Carlos Medina at cmedina15158@gmail.com or visit *www.stalphonsusknights.com*

St. Alphonsus Vitalant Blood Drive— Sunday January 8, 2023

vitalant

Please consider giving blood next Sunday at St. Alphonsus! The blood drive will take place Sunday, Jan. 8 from 9 AM to 3 PM in the Festival Hall. Giving blood greatly benefits local patients and saves lives! There is a severe blood shortage in our area. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome. You can visit bit.ly/JAN8StAlphonsus to make an appointment. All donors who donate will get a free long-sleeve shirt and will be entered into a lottery to win a trip to the Big Game! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact parishioner Paul Gillespie, pgillespie15158@gmail.com

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)



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.

Visit the St. Alphonsus YAM Facebook page, *www.facebook.com/AlphonsusYoungAdult*
or contact the YAM board at *stalphonsusyam@gmail.com*

Catholicism, Ourselves, and Others: A Faith-Based Perspective on Mental Health



On Saturday, January 21, our St. Alphonsus YAM will be hosting Julia Hogan for a January day retreat. Julia is a licensed therapist, author, and speaker (www.juliamariehogan.com). She will be discussing mental health, our faith lives, and living a healthy and balanced life.

Julia has spoken at the SEEK retreat, Notre Dame, Deloitte, and many other places and we are excited to have her! The day will be filled with talks, small group discussions, adoration, music, and more!
Sign up online at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/36002
The early bird price will be $50 until Jan 4th and $60 after. Walk ins are welcome!

Volunteer w/ Mission OLA!

Please support the good works of Mission of Our Lady of the Angels by volunteering with a big Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, February 11. They need small group leaders as well as help with registration, serving food, etc. You can sign up via a Google Doc link on our YAM Facebook page.

Retreat Name: I am the Bread of Life
Theme: The Eucharist is Jesus- why should I care and why does he care about me?
Main topics: Jesus, the Eucharist, mercy/reconciliation, the true desires of your heart

Save the Date— 3v3 Basketball



Our parish Young Adult Ministry will hosting its annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament at our AACA/St. Alphonsus gym on **Saturday March 11.** More details and registration to come in February!

Alphonsus Academy

Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts is our parish school. AACA was one of a select few to win the prestigious Blue Ribbon award in 2019 and is consistently rated one of the best Catholic Pre-K-8th schools in the city.

AACA provides a rigorous education combining academic excellence, an arts-integrated curriculum, and a strong Catholic foundation. Our unique approach ensures the development of the whole child in a community that believes that who our children become is just as important as what our children achieve.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE DEFINED

In alignment with our Catholic beliefs and values, and our mission to educate the whole child, we define academic excellence as:

- Cultivating a climate of continuous improvement
- Teaching to clear learning goals for every student
- Building curriculum that is rooted in rigorous standards
- Developing social and emotional skills necessary for academic growth
- Challenging all learners to move forward on their own learning continuum.

For more information, visit our AACA website at https://www.alphonsusacademy.org/ or contact director of admissions and marketing, Mary Bodlak at mbodlak@aaca.school

At the Athenaeum

For over 100 years, the Athenaeum Theatre has stood as a cornerstone in the Lakeview neighborhood. It is Chicago's oldest continuously operating Off-Loop theatre. Management continues to bring in wide and varied lineups of talent in the performing arts ranging from stage actors, dancers, musicians, comedians, and podcast/ YouTube sensations. At The Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, we believe that beauty has the capacity to build up culture, transform society, and change lives. We hope to help you contemplate, encounter, and delight in beauty. **Check out all upcoming shows at the Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, visit athenaeumcenter.org/events/**

Safe Families For Children



General Supply Closet needs:

- Baby/toddler clothes sizes: 9mo, 18mo, 2T, 4T/4
- High chair
- Car booster seats (not expired)
- Baby/toddler coats, hats, & gloves
- All genders/sizes shoes & boots

If you can help provide any of these items (or equivalent gift card), please either leave the items in the narthex/ parish office Safe Families donation bins, or reach out to safefamiliesstals@gmail.com to coordinate a drop-off time. Thank you for your generosity!



Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Mouse Print

Often you will look at the writing on a product in a store and the information written on it will be so small that it is impossible to read. We can refer to it as "mouse print." If you do not have a jeweler's eyepiece with you, just take a picture of the product with your phone. You can then enlarge the picture and understand what the mouse print really says.

Walking With Purpose

Women's Group at St. Alphonsus—
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!

We live in a self-centered culture that all too often leaves us feeling empty and dissatisfied. A fuller view of God and His glory is the perfect antidote—find this during our journey through the **Beholding Your King** Bible study.

We'll study King David, select psalms, the temple, and many Old Testament prophets and see the ways in which they all point to the coming King of Kings, Jesus Christ. This Nine-Lesson Bible study is the second part of a two -part series and is ideally completed after *Beholding His Glory*.

**** Walking With Purpose is taking a break for winter. The new Beholding Your King bible studies will start up again on Tuesday February 7** Questions? Contact Susan Combes at suecombes@hotmail.com

St. Alphonsus Baptism

Choosing A Baptism Date - Most baptisms at St. Alphonsus are celebrated at 2:00 PM on Sundays. To request a date, please complete the Baptism Request form on our website (one form per child).

If your child is age 7 or older, please contact Erica Cook (ecook@stalphonsuschicago.church) for religious education classes.

Preparing For Baptism - First time parents are required to take our baptismal prep class. We hold this class once a month via Zoom, please rsvp in advance. Godparents are welcome to attend class at St. Alphonsus or at their local parish.

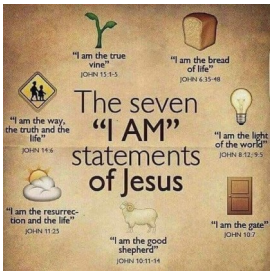
If you have already had a child baptized at St. Alphonsus, you need not attend the preparation session again, unless you would like to.

Godparent requirements - It is required to have at least one Catholic godparent who is confirmed and over the age of 16. Godparents are typically one male and one female. The maximum number of Godparents is two.

Contact **Kaitlin Holyk** for questions and inquiries.
weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church
773.525.0709

Time, Talent, Treasure

To carry out our mission that God has graciously invited us to participate in, we must be stewards of the temporal goods. By giving up our time, talent, and treasure, we are able to respond to the call of our why in our "whats" and "hows." This means, we baptize, we see others face-to-face, we draw in, we invite in, we create spaces of deep hospitality that we are able to accompany others as they seek to discover how God has been already present to them. In other words, as Henri J.M. Nouwen reminds us in, *A Spirituality of Fundraising*, steward-ship, fundraising, and generosity are all concrete ways we help the Kingdom of God come about. We invite you to join us in responding to the vocational call of our shared baptism. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/stalphonsusttt and consider the ways in which you may be generous with your time, talent, and treasure for the sake of the Kingdom of God and the mission with St. Alphonsus.



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **Happy New Years!** **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting 	**2** **Rectory Office Closed** **7:00 PM** AACA School Board Meeting	**3** **No Religious Education— Christmas Break** **4:00 PM** Webelos Boy Scouts **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting	**4** **7:00 PM** Young Adult Book Club	**5** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group	**6**	**7**
8 **Epiphany Sunday— Choir Reprise of Christmas Music Program** **Parish Blood Drive Sponsored by Knights of Columbus 9 AM- 3 PM in Festival Hall** **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA	**9** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **3:00 PM** Junior Scouts— 4th **6:00 PM** Women's Faith Group	**10** **4:00 PM** Webelos Boy Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education— Epiphany Service in Church **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**11** **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 2nd **7:00 PM** YAM Book Club	**12** **6:00 PM** Leonine Forum Chicago Mass **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Marriage Information Meeting	**13**	**14**
15 **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**16** **AACA No School— MLK Day** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Women's Faith Group	**17** **4:00 PM** Webelos Boy Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**18** **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 1st **7:00 PM** YAM Book Club	**19** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group	**20**	**21** **9:00 AM** YAM Mental Health Retreat
22 **1:00 PM** Samuel Group **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**23** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting	**24** **4:00 PM** Webelos Boy Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **6:30 PM** YAM Sister Jess Talk/Discussion **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum **7:00 PM** Parish Finance Council	**25** **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 3rd **7:00 PM** YAM Book Club	**26** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Group	**27**	**28** **TBD Time** First Reconciliation— Religious Education
29 **12:00 PM** Welcome Brunch— Adult Ministry **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA	**30** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Women's Faith Group	**31** **4:00 PM** Webelos Boy Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education	**6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum			

Contact

Sacramental Information

Contact our parish office (773) 525-0709 for information regarding celebrating sacraments including Baptisms (infant and adult), Reconciliation (confession), Eucharist (Communion), Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick. For information regarding Funerals, please first contact the funeral director of your choice to begin making arrangements.

How to Offer a Mass Intention

Did you ever notice that every Mass said here at St. Alphonsus is offered for a special intention? The entire congregation prays for that intention during the petitions (Prayers of the Faithful) when we say, "For those who have died, and for the intention of this Mass: (named intention)"

You can make a Mass Intention request here. Masses are often offered for family, friends and relatives that have died. Praying for the dead is a Spiritual Work of Mercy. Offering a Mass for someone that has died is an especially comforting gesture to the family. Mass can also be offered to commemorate joyful occasions and to give thanks to God for blessings received.

The customary offering for a Mass here is $15. However, any amount that you would like to offer is completely 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*

Our parish has received permission to once again host important sacraments. Please be patient as the pandemic created a scheduling backlog regarding Baptisms and Weddings. You can find more info at:

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/baptism

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/marriage

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.

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