# Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 12, 2025: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



*After all the people had been baptized*
*and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,*
*heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him*
*in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)*

## 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*

# Worship

## This Week's Readings

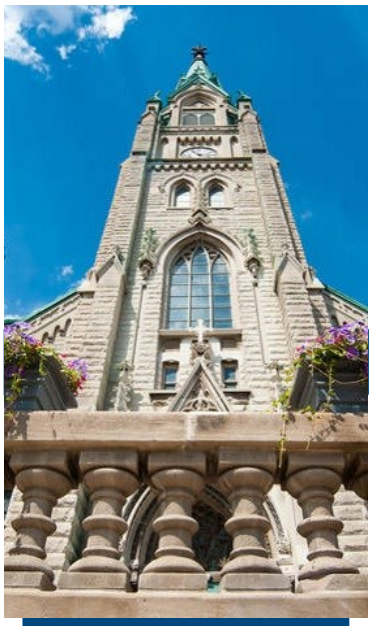
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

## Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
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
Carol Kania
Leslie Salimi
Jason Jamero
Rosemarie Cordero
Gary Masterson
Ramona Colon

**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.

**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 or more info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com



## WEDDING

**Lauren O'Connor and Nicholas Gallo**

## Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Lucas James Andracki

## At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Matthew Drew-Caffin
Lee Caffin

## MASS INTENTIONS

***Sunday, January 12***
9:00 AM +Sean Gibbons
11:00 AM +Gert Kosik
+Douglas Ogilvie
12:30 PM +Eduardo Navar, Sr., +Adela Navar, +Clemente Navar
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

***Monday, January 13***
8:30 AM +Duwayne and Pam Olson

***Tuesday, January 14***
8:30 AM Michael Gibbons (Health)

***Wednesday, January 15***
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

***Thursday, January 16***
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

***Friday, January 17***
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

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

***Sunday, January 19***
9:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
11:00 AM +Felix Espinosa
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

# Parish News & Events

## Sunday, January 26— 9 AM Family Mass & Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Our Alphonsus Academy will kick off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 26. Our 9 AM Mass will be a designated "Family Mass", where our parish AACA students will be involved in reading, bringing up the gifts, singing in children's choir, and more!

After this Mass, we will be having an admissions Open House for all parents interested in our school! You can sign up at AACA's Linktree at linktr.ee/alphonsusacademy






## Free Ice Sculpting Event— Jan. 26

In addition on Sunday, January 26, there will be a live ice sculpting event outside the veranda to liven up the weekend! From 12 PM-2 PM, watch master ice carvers make winter magic happen as they sculpt a block of ice into a beautiful creation of the audience's choosing! Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce will provide a food truck, offering complimentary beverages and bites to help keep attendees warm. This wonderful event is free of charge and all are invited!

## 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 Rev. Steven Bauer, sbauer@stalphonsuschicago.church

## Baptisms at St. Alphonsus



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

If you are interested in having your child baptized at St. Alphonsus, please go to the Baptism page on our website, www.stalphonsuschicago.org/baptism, complete the form on there and our Sacraments Ministry coordinator will be in contact to secure a date.

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

## Weddings at St. Alphonsus

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

## Legion of Mary



The Legion of Mary is now at St. Alphonsus! Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who serve the Church and their neighbor on a voluntary basis. The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. Members participate in the life of the parish through volunteering and evangelizing activities sponsored by the parish. ***Interested in becoming a Legionary? Meetings in English take place on Fridays at 5 PM in the rectory. For more info, please contact Emily Ember, eember@stalphonsuschicago.church***

¡La Legión de María ya está en San Alfonso! La Legión de María es una asociación apostólica laica de católicos que sirven a la Iglesia y al prójimo de manera voluntaria. La Legión considera como prioridad el bienestar espiritual y social de cada individuo. Los miembros participan en la vida de la parroquia a través del voluntariado y de actividades evangelizadoras patrocinadas por la parroquia. ***¿Interesado en ser legionario? Las reuniones en español se llevan a cabo los Lunes a las 6 PM en la rectoría. Para obtener más información, Padre Jesus Raya Custodio, jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church***

# Faith Formation




## Psalms Series— Monday Evenings at 7 PM

*He said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.'" (Lk 24:44)*

Our Young Adult Ministry is hosting a free series on the book of Psalms for young adults in their 20s and 30s to learn:

- how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms
- how to meditate on the Psalms using lectio divina
- how the Psalms foretell the life and mission of Jesus
- ...and much more!

On Mondays at 7:00 PM-8:30 PM through January, we will watch video materials from Ascension Press presented by Jeff Cavins, Tim Gray, and Sarah Christmyer, followed by a group discussion. No preparation or supplies are needed, though there is an accompanying workbook if you would like to go deeper, which can be purchased from Ascension Press. **The January 13 topic is: Psalms of Suffering and Lament**

If you are interested in attending, please contact Brendan at brendanmdaley@gmail.com

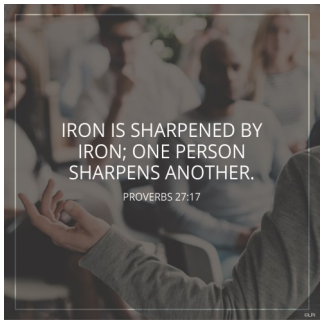
## St. Alphonsus Men's Group

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




***"Come to me all you are labored and burdened and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28***

## Walking With Purpose— Tuesday Women's Bible Study

God is meeting you right where you are. He is encouraging you to shift your perspective from your feelings, circumstances, and fears, and place them instead on the eternal truths He has revealed. Bring your angst, restless, and unsettled thoughts to Him. There is nothing He can't handle.

Walking With Purpose is a women's Bible Study group that meets on Tuesdays at St. Alphonsus. There is a morning session at 9:30 AM and an evening one at 6:30 PM. The group is on a short break at the moment, and will meet again starting January 21.



# More News and Events

## Join Us For a Parish Wide Eucharistic Consecration Jan. 1st - Feb. 2nd




This Consecration is an invitation to dedicate yourself to God. It is an act of unconditional surrender to Jesus in the Eucharist, an opportunity to set aside our distractions and selfishness, and promise to faithfully respond to God's grace in our life. Each day we will read ***33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*** on our own and then gather weekly as we journey together. The Consecration will be on February 2nd; a light reception will follow. Meetings in English are on Sundays at 12 PM in Festival Hall. Meetings in Spanish are on Fridays at 6:30 PM in the Rectory. These meetings are helpful but not required to participate in the Consecration.
The enemy of your soul will tell you that you don't have the time, that since you already missed a day you shouldn't even bother. But the Lord is holding His arms out to you, inviting you to draw closer to His Eucharistic Heart. Start today. Draw nearer to the Lord this New Year! Register with Emily Ember or Fr. Jesus Raya in the Parish Office.

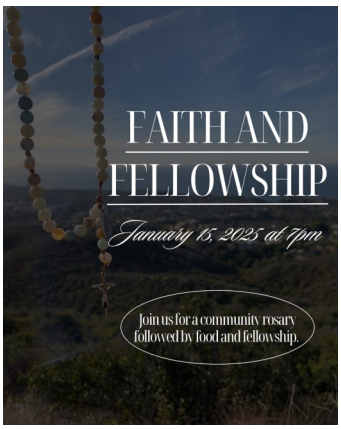
## Únase a Nosotros Para Una Consagracion Eucaristica Para Toda La Parroquia Del 1 De Enero Al 2 De Febrero

Esta Consagración es una invitación a dedicarse a Dios. Es un acto de entrega incondicional a Jesús en la Eucaristía, una oportunidad para dejar de lado nuestras distracciones y egoísmos, y prometer responder fielmente a la gracia de Dios en nuestra vida. Cada día leeremos 33 días hacia la gloria eucarística por nuestra cuenta y luego nos reuniremos semanalmente mientras caminamos juntos. La Consagración será el 2 de febrero; seguirá una recepción ligera. Las reuniones en inglés son los domingos a las 12 PM. en el Festival Hall. Las reuniones en español son los viernes a las 6:30 PM. en la Rectoría. Estas reuniones son útiles pero no obligatorias para participar en la Consagración.

El enemigo de tu alma te dirá que no tienes tiempo, que como ya te perdiste un día, ni siquiera deberías molestarte. Pero el Señor te tiende los brazos y te invita a acercarte a su Corazón Eucarístico. Comienza hoy. ¡Acércate más al Señor este Año Nuevo! Inscríbete con Emily Ember o con el padre Jesús Raya en la oficina parroquial.

# Young Adult Ministry

## Faith and Fellowship Prayer Series




Join us this **Wednesday, January 15th** in our parish rectory's 2nd floor Common room as we gather for prayer and fellowship!

This is a new series we'll be doing, delving into a type of prayer together each month, focusing on the rosary for January. If you've never prayed a rosary before or it's been a while, we'll start with a brief introduction to the prayer along with cards for how to pray a rosary. After prayer, stick around for some homemade goodies and we encourage you to bring some snacks to share.

Doors open at 7 PM and we will start at 7:30 PM. Hope to see you here!

## Praise and Adoration— January 24

On Friday, January 24th at 7:30 PM, spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration in the church. We'll spend the first 30 minutes in silent adoration, and then our musicians will lead worship in song. Confession will also be available! The hour will conclude with benediction, and a group will gather for fellowship and drinks at a local bar after!

## Sippin Social Happy Hour

Join us after the 5 PM mass on Sunday, January 26th, for some drinks and socialization. Find some of us in the back of church after mass and we'll head over to a local bar (location TBD). Invite some friends to come and stop by! Contact stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

## Young Adult Volleyball

Block out your Thursdays from February 20- April 10 for CSL's popular indoor volleyball league! Early bird rate is only $55 (after January 16th, regular rate $65). Sign up online at www.catholicsportsleagues.com

# FIESTA EN HONOR AL SEÑOR DE ESQUIPULAS

## El Cristo Negro



Desde 1595 Guatemala rinde devoción al Nuestro Señor de Esquipulas, también conocido como el Cristo Negro. La devoción se a extendido a otros países como México y Estados Unidos y llego a nuestra Parroquia de San Alfonso en los años 1980s. Desde entonces gran parte de la comunidad Guatemalteca en Chicago se reúne aquí para honrar al Cristo Negro.

### Join us in celebrating Señor de Esquipulas

Since 1595, Guatemala has honor Señor de Esquipulas, also known as the Black Christ. The devotion has spread to other countries such as Mexico and the United States and arrived at our Parish of St. Alphonsus in the 1980s. Since then, a large part of the Guatemalan community in Chicago gathers here to honor the Black Christ.

**MISA SOLEMNE—SOLEMN MASS**

**DOMINGO 12 DE ENERO**

**12:30PM**

Después de la Santa Misa, esta cordialmente invitado participar en la fiesta en Salón Parroquial
You are cordially invited to the Fiesta in Festival Hall after Mass

## LEARN MORE

At Alphonsus, we offer our students a 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 the school.

## OPEN HOUSE DATES

- Monday, January 13, 2025 at 9am
- Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 10:30am (immediately following the 9am Mass led by our school choir to kick off Catholic Schools Week)

AACA | Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts

Register Now!

**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

*It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

*Mark 1:9–11 (Gospel from Year B)*

## You Are My Beloved Son

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes for us the Christmas Season and transitions us into the beginning of Ordinary Time. From a Scriptural point of view, this event in Jesus' life is also a transitional moment from His hidden life in Nazareth to the beginning of His public ministry. As we commemorate this glorious event, it's important to ponder a simple question: Why was Jesus baptized? Recall that John's baptism was one of repentance, an act by which he invited his followers to turn from sin and to turn to God. But Jesus was sinless, so what was the reason for His Baptism?

First of all, we see in the quoted passage above that Jesus' true identity was made manifest through His humble act of baptism. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased," spoke the voice of the Father in Heaven. Furthermore, we are told that the Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. Thus, Jesus' baptism is in part a public declaration of Who He is. He is the Son of God, a divine Person Who is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. This public testimony is an "epiphany," a manifestation of His true identity for all to see as He prepares to begin His public ministry.

Second, by His baptism, Jesus' incredible humility is made manifest. He is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, but He allows Himself to become identified with sinners. By sharing in an act that was focused upon repentance, Jesus speaks volumes through His action of baptism. He came to unite



Himself with us sinners, to enter our sin and to enter into our death. By entering the water, He symbolically enters into death itself, which is the result of our sin, and rises triumphantly, allowing us to also rise with Him to new life. For this reason, Jesus' baptism was a way of Him "baptizing" the waters, so to speak, so that water itself, from that moment onward, would be endowed with His divine presence and could be communicated to all who are baptized after Him. Therefore, sinful humanity is now able to meet divinity through baptism.

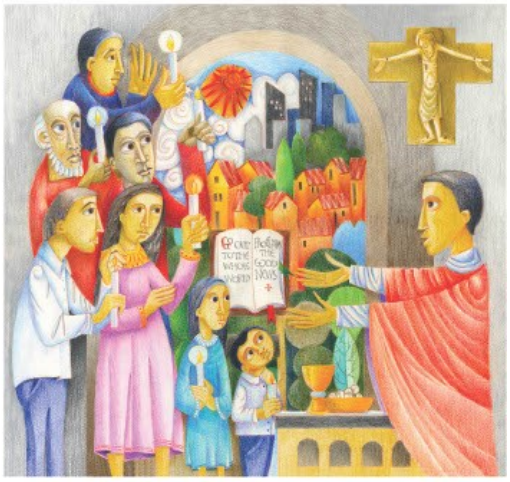
Lastly, when we share in this new baptism, through water that has now been sanctified by our divine Lord, we see in Jesus' baptism a revelation of who we become in Him. Just as the Father spoke and declared Him as His Son, and just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, so also in our baptism we become the adopted children of the Father and are filled with the Holy Spirit. Thus, Jesus' baptism gives clarity as to whom we become in Christian baptism.

*Lord, I thank You for Your humble act of baptism by which You opened the Heavens to all who are sinners. May I open my heart to the unfathomable grace of my own baptism each and every day and more fully live with You as a child of the Father, filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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

It is not too late to make your Christmas contribution for the 2024 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!

# HOW TO GET MORE OUT OF THE MASS



## BY PUTTING MORE OF YOURSELF IN IT

**When you are at Mass, do you sit, stand, kneel, speak the responses, and sing? That's only the beginning of how you can be fully involved.**

**You are an important part of the community of all God's priestly people. By learning how to be an active participant at Mass, and by praying through and with Christ, you can engage your mind, heart, body, and soul.**

LTP LITURGY TRAINING PUBLICATIONS

FROM MASS TO MISSION
Understanding the Mass and Its Significance for Our Christian Life

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## BEFORE MASS

- **Prepare** during the week by studying and praying the Mass readings. The Mass readings are easily found on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (go to www.usccb.org and click on "Bible," then on "Today's Readings").
- **Think** about what you are grateful for, or who or what needs prayer this week. **Bring** these needs with you to Mass.
- **Enter** the church, **greet** other members of the community with sincerity and affection, and then collect your thoughts and prayers in the silence before Mass.
- **Notice** what liturgical season the Church is celebrating by observing the seasonal colors and decorations around the church (banners, altar cloths, priest's vestments).
- Above all, be **mindful and intentional**; not passive or purely sociable in this time before the Mass.

## INTRODUCTORY RITE



- **Join** in the song as the ministers process to the sanctuary. **Admit** your sinfulness during the Penitential Act and **sing** the Gloria

# *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.

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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

## Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Offertory for 1/5: $16,033

The Christmas collection to date is $69,952.55

Left QR code for GiveCentral; Right QR code for Venmo

For Mass donations via Zelle, please submit to general parish email account, parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

with joy. You are here to praise and worship the Father through Jesus Christ—the community needs your voice.

- As the priest says "Let us Pray," **add** those intentions you reflected on earlier—your **thanks** or your **needed** prayers.




## LITURGY OF THE WORD

- **Give** the readings and homily your full **attention**. God's Word is alive and active—something that you hear today is meant for YOU. If you have looked at them ahead of Mass, this will be even easier. **Listen** actively; **reflect** during the silences; **try** to ignore distractions. The Holy Spirit is waiting to do the rest.
- **Sing** the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation with joy and conviction. This is Good News!



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- **Place** your monetary gift in the collection, **join** in the song, and as the bread and wine come forward "**send**" yourself in mind and spirit to the altar along with them.
- As the priest offers the bread and wine to the Father, **offer** yourself—your whole life—with all its joys, sorrows, and challenges. Your offering will become part of the Eucharistic "power that transforms the world" (**Catechism of the Catholic Church**, 901).
- When the priest says "Lift up your hearts," **imagine** you are holding up your heart and offering it to God with joy. **Continue** to offer yourself to God during the prayer and **join** fully in the sung or spoken responses.
- As the priest extends his hands over the bread and wine, calling down the Holy Spirit to change them, **feel** yourself being drawn spiritually into the change that occurs.
- **Remember** and **visualize** Jesus Christ at the Last Supper. **Call** to mind that you are **praying** with the entire Church around the world at all times and in all places as well as with the saints and angels who are praying in heaven. They are all present, right now, at this Mass.
- When the priest holds up the consecrated bread and wine, **be** mindful that Jesus Christ said "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood," and **know** his presence is truly in these gifts.
- **Pray** the Our Father fully mindful of each phrase and how it affects your daily life. **Be** grateful for the Bread of Life you are about to receive.
- **Come** forward and reverently **bow** before receiving the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine. **Let** your "Amen" be firm and heartfelt. You are saying yes, that you believe Christ is present in the Eucharistic species.
- **Go** back to your seat and **continue** to **sing** the Communion song. This is not time for "me and Christ" but to join with the praise of the whole community.
- After the song is over it is time to personally **thank** Christ.
- **Pray** that what you have received will change and strengthen you to carry out the part of the mission that God has entrusted to you in your family, your workplace, your school, and your community.



## CONCLUDING RITE

- When you stand and the priest says "Let us pray," **collect** yourself—and **listen**. These texts often provide guidance for how the Eucharist should affect us and our actions in daily life.
- **Receive** the blessing knowing that you are sent into the world to help bring about the reign of God through your daily actions—a mission given to you at Baptism and renewed each week as you are sent forth.
- **Go** forth singing with joy, feeling ready to face your week until you return to Mass to renew your covenant to be an important part of God's mission.

# January— Month of the Holy Name



El Greco's, ***Adoration of the Name of Jesus***

***In January, we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus.***

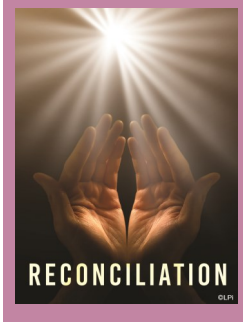
"Jesus means in Hebrew: 'God saves'. At the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel gave him the name Jesus as his proper name, which expresses both his identity and his mission (CCC 430). The angel that appeared to Joseph in a dream likewise told him, "you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21).

Jesus' name holds supreme power and truly is the "name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow" (Phil 2:9-10). "The evil spirits fear his name; in his name his disciples perform miracles, for the Father grants all they ask in this name" (CCC 434).

"The name of Jesus is at the heart of Christian prayer. All liturgical prayers conclude with the words "through our Lord Jesus Christ". The Hail Mary reaches its high point in the words "blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus." The Eastern prayer of the heart, the Jesus Prayer, says: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Many Christians, such as St. Joan of Arc, have died with the one word 'Jesus' on their lips" (CCC 435).

**Jesus, Eternal Wisdom, Infinite Goodness, Our Way and Our Life, Have Mercy on Us.**

**Amen.**




**Please pray one Hail Mary for all the Religious Education students who will be receiving First Reconciliation at the end of this month!**

## *Low Gluten Hosts Available*



If you are allergic to wheat or have celiac disease, or for any reason can't tolerate gluten, we have hosts available for you. Low gluten hosts are available at every Mass, even daily Masses. To receive a low gluten host at Mass, all you have to do is get in the Communion line for the celebrant, and then just point to the little ciborium that the priest sets on the communion rail. These hosts have 0.01% gluten. We can provide further information about their content upon request.

# 12 HOURS FOR LIFE



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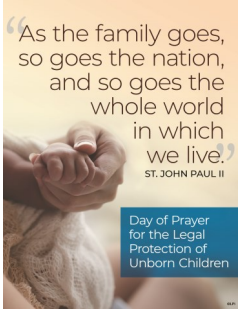
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1850 N. HERMITAGE AVENUE, CHICAGO

Join Bishop Bartosic and faithful from throughout the Archdiocese for 12 Hours for Life; 12 consecutive Holy Hours to be prayed from 7:00 p.m. on January 23 until 6:00 a.m. on January 24, 2025. Mass will be celebrated on Friday Morning at 6:00 a.m. RSVP to Ray Pingoy: (312) 534-8294 or rpingoy@archchicago.org

## Living the Gospel of Life!

Please join our pastor, Fr. Bauer, and some fellow parishioners for an hour of prayer for life as we will be covering the Midnight to 1 AM time slot. The scriptural passage that will be guiding and weaving through this overnight prayer vigil is *1Corinthians 13:4-8*, from St. Paul's great explication of love. Each hour will focus on a different phrase from that famous Bible passage. The line for our specific hour is "***love does not brood over injury***," and we will be praying that forgiveness, conversion of heart, and mercy be poured out on all those who have been involved with or affected by the abortion industry, that in and through Christ, they may come to seek eternal happiness.



# 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

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(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
***Emily Ember***, Coordinator of RE/Evangelization
***Brian Bloye,*** Director of Music and Organist
***Daniel Szymanski,*** Director of Operations
***Mario Serrano***, Parish Office Manager
***Kathryn Kibler***, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator/Parish Secretary

### School Staff

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