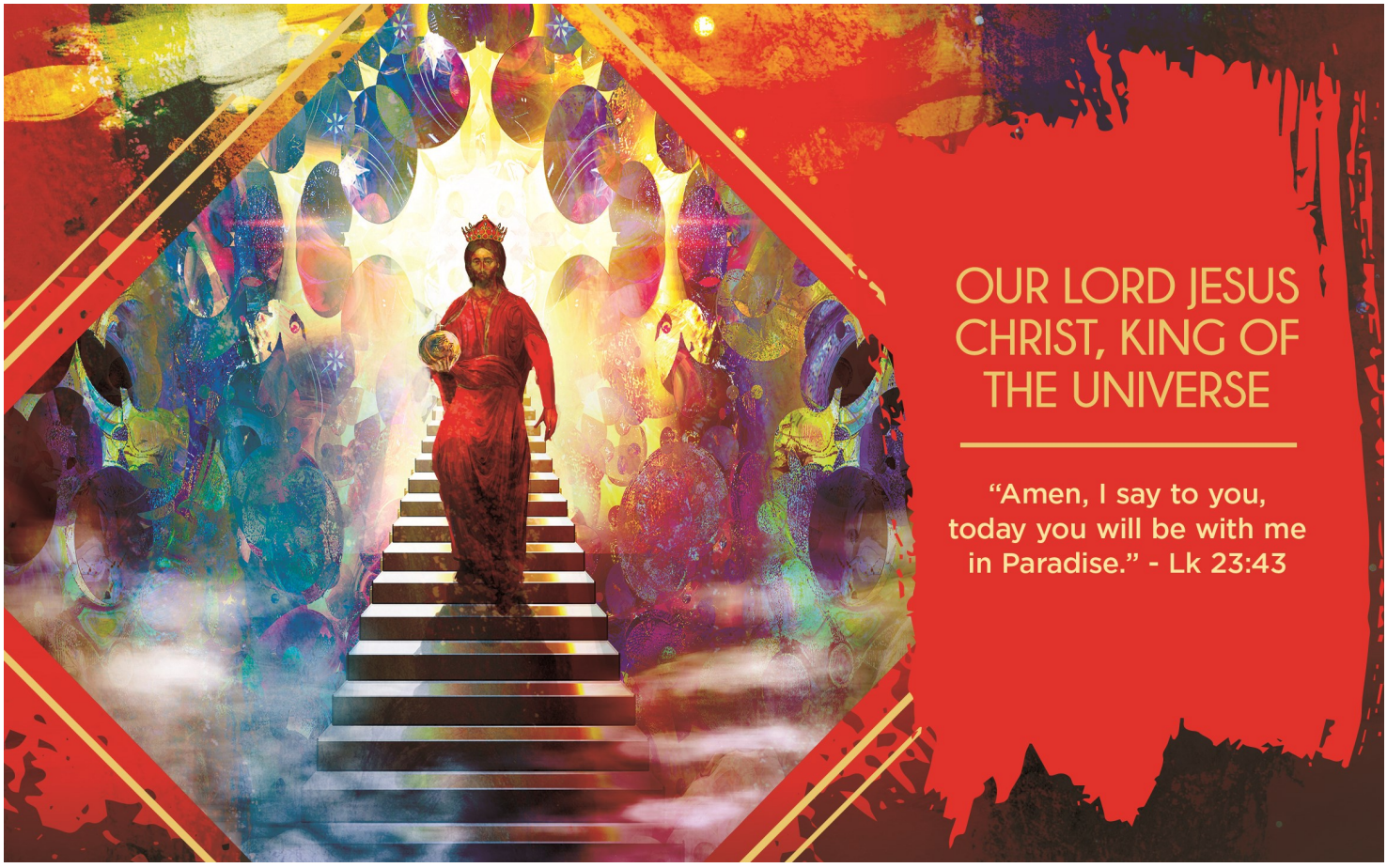
Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 23, 2025: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Happy Thanksgiving to Our Wonderful Faithful!



Our parish and Alphonsus Academy staff wish everyone an amazing Thanksgiving holiday! Mass on Thanksgiving, Nov. 27 will be at 9 AM, rather than the usual 8:30 AM time.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM

Confessions

Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM
Saturday	11:00—12:00 PM

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

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday	5:45 PM

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Please Pray for the Sick

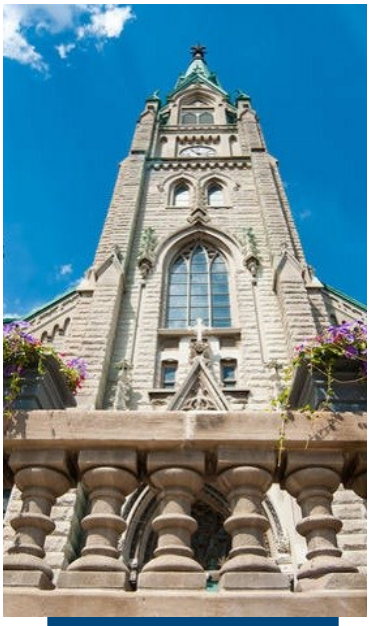
Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Richard Wagner
Frances Buscemi
Michael & Elizabeth Velten
Fidel Mercado Chavez
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Michael Aldape
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Brian Krembs
Margaret Nichols
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

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Mercy Sister JoAnn Persch

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Charlotte Jane Lischke



WEDDING

Michele DiNella and Joseph McManus

Wedding Banns

I. Lauren Lonergan and Robert Tonkovich

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, & 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. Contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 23
9:00 AM +Edmund Gobat Sr. & Leona Gobat
11:00 AM +Floro Espinosa
12:30 PM People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM Schenkel Family

Monday, November 24
8:30 AM People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, November 25
8:30 AM +Jesus y Aurora Hernandez

Wednesday, November 26
6:00 PM People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving)
9:00 AM +John Tanski

Friday, November 28
8:30 AM People of St. Alphonsus

Saturday, November 29
8:30 AM People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, November 30
9:00 AM +Ed & Mary Gobat
11:00 AM People of St. Alphonsus
12:30 PM +Emilio & Amalia Guaman and Luis & Aurora Naula
5:00 PM +Rosario Anzelmo



News and Events

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Our faith community is kicking off the holiday season in style with the annual lighting of the Lakeview Christmas tree this **Sunday, November 23 from 6-7:30 PM after the 5:00 PM Mass**! Enjoy carols performed by our Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts students, FREE hot chocolate from our wonderful neighbor, S&G Restaurant and more surprises! The festivities take place directly outside the veranda of the church on the corner of Lincoln/Wellington/Southport.



Sweets w/ Santa Sunday, Dec. 7

Our parish school is hosting a wonderful event for kids! Join us for light bites, Christmas crafts, and photos with Santa! All members of our community with small children are welcome, no affiliation with AACA required. For planning purposes, we ask to register online at our website.

Christmas Concert— Friday, Dec. 12

Camerata Chicago Orchestra & Choir: HANDEL'S MESSIAH
Family-friendly Christmas portion - sing-along Hallelujah Chorus! **December 12, 2 PM**
Use **coupon code SACC** for a 15% DISCOUNT
Tickets: www.cameratachicago.org/t/sacc-tx/
Enjoy the outstanding musical artistry of the Camerata Chicago Orchestra and Choir!

- Family friendly performance (approx. 1 hour)
- Hallelujah Chorus - Sing Along.
- Delta David Gier, guest conductor!
- Soloists: Emily Richter, Lauren Decker, Daniel Espinal and Laureano Quant.

After Discount: Adult $42.50; Senior $34; Students $8.50; Children 14 & Under $1.70





FREE Christmas Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, December 14th, 10 AM—2 PM

Our Pancake Breakfast is back! ALL are invited to stay after Mass on December 14th to enjoy pancakes, eggs, and delicious treats with St. Nicholas!

We Need Volunteers!

Help us serve breakfast, bring Christmas cheer, and get first dibs on the food! Shifts are 2 hours each. Contact us at parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

Immaculate Conception Mass

Worship on Monday, Dec. 8 for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be at 8:30 AM and 7 PM.

Gospel Reflection

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 22:42–43

Remember Me, My God and King

What powerful words these were. As Jesus hung dying on the Cross for the salvation of the world, He hung between two thieves. These thieves represent all of us. One of them wanted Jesus to save His earthly life by coming down from the Cross and saving him at the same time. The other thief made a prayer for eternal life, asking Jesus to remember him when Jesus entered His Kingdom. To the latter, Jesus granted his request.

Oftentimes we pray for earthly goods and pay little attention to eternal ones. Today, as we celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. On this day, we are invited to pray this prayer with the good thief, acknowledging that we are sinners deserving death, but hoping and praying for mercy and a share in the Eternal Kingdom of God.

Nothing makes the soul of our Lord more joyful than saving His children. He endured suffering and death out of love. He knew that His death would destroy our death if we cling to Him in hope. On the Cross, Jesus' gaze was on eternal, not earthly, redemption. He beheld the glorious throne that He mounted. It began with a cross but would end with glory, power and splendor beyond imagination.

As we honor Jesus as the great and glorious King of the Universe, we are encouraged to invite Him to establish His kingship in our lives more fully. Though Jesus' permanent, lasting and visible Kingdom will be established only in the future when He returns at the end of time, His Kingdom must begin now.

The Kingdom of God is established here and now every time you allow Him to exercise His kingship in your life. As a King, Jesus desires to order your life. He demands perfect submission of your will to Him. He demands complete obedience. And He demands that you embrace this kingship of His freely, of your own choosing. These are demands of perfect love that bring about a sharing in His eternal Kingdom. How well do you do this?

Throughout our world, there are many forms of governments. Democracies are thought by many to be the best form of government because no one person is capable of being the perfect king. Therefore a democracy is more of a safeguard against tyranny and abusive leadership. But when it comes to the end of time, the governance of humanity will take place by a King—the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is the only one Who is capable of governing humanity with justice and love. He is the only one under Whose leadership we will all flourish. He is the only one Who will be able to establish universal peace and harmony.



Reflect, today, upon the glorious end of the world when our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, will return in splendor and majesty to judge the living and the dead and to establish His permanent and unending Kingdom. Though we are not able to comprehend what this Kingdom will be at this time, we must believe in it with faith and have supernatural hope that we will share in it. Reflect, especially, upon your mission to allow that Kingdom of grace and mercy to begin now, within the depths of your own soul. Surrender all to Him. Invite Him to reign over your thoughts, will, body and soul. Do not hesitate. Trust in this one and only glorious King Who is worthy of our total obedience.

My Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, You and You alone are worthy of our total trust and surrender in all things. I do choose You as my King today. I join with the good thief and come to You with all my sin, praying that You will remember me when You come into Your glorious Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

Young Adult Ministry



Christmas Ball— Saturday, December 13

Celebrate the Christmas season with YAM!!! Dust off your dancing shoes and show off your best cocktail attire for the 3rd annual Christmas Ball! Don't let the cold deter; come out and join other young adults for a night of dinner, dancing, and fun holiday festivities!

As it is also the time of year for giving, especially to those most in need, we will be collecting charitable donations to put together blessing bags at the event as well. Suggested items are toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, socks, wet wipes, tissues, and non-perishables, such as applesauce or fruit cups, raisins, pasta, canned vegetables, etc.). This is just a short list of items, but please feel free to donate anything of your choosing along these lines. We're looking forward to constructing these packages together and donating them all to Catholic Charities!

Please signup to attend this event at www.givecentral.org/otp/42088

The price for this event will be $15 from October 29th to November 16th, $20 from November 17th to December 12th, and $30 at the door on the day of. Dinner and drinks are included in the cost of the event. Any questions, contact stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

St. Alphonsus Giving Tree

Please Take A Tag From the Tree

Celebration of Giving
Unwrap the Spirit



The Giving Tree is now up in the narthex! Catholic Charities' *Celebration of Giving* supports children and families throughout Cook and Lake counties, giving to those who otherwise would not have gifts for Christmas. Through our parish's generosity, many of our less fortunate brothers and sisters receive much needed gifts and Christmas cheer! New, unwrapped gifts should be placed under the tree **by December 7**. If you are unable to drop your gift off after a Sunday Mass, please bring it to the Rectory Office between 9:00 AM—5:00 PM, Monday-Friday
Contact Mario Serrano at *mserranostals@gmail.com* if you have questions.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- *Are these real names?* No, they are pseudonyms.
- *Why mention ethnicity?* It is to help inform your purchase of children's toys and books.
- *Why gift cards for fast food?* Those who are homeless have no place to cook. Also, some agencies use them as incentives.
- *Why do some of these items look like luxuries and not necessities?* Even those who are down on their luck appreciate a few items that are more to 'feed the soul' than to feed the body.

We appreciate the great generosity of the parish!

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.

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 11/16: $12,066

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

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

Support Our St. Vincent de Paul Society!

Your consistent support to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Chicago (SVdP Chicago) is deeply appreciated. Your generous assistance enables our members to reach out with kindness, compassion, and love to those in need. Thank you for remembering the poor. This summer, your gifts helped us keep people in their homes, feed the hungry, keep the electricity on, provide a family meal, a warm bed, much needed furniture and so much more for those who have nowhere else to turn without the help of SVdP Chicago. Your gift, no matter the size, helps us continue this vital work. Please consider making a donation this week. Thank you for your kindness. The poor box is located at the back of the church (in the narthex) just left of the main door (as you exit). You can also scan the QR code here to donate via our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society on GiveCentral.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection— November 23



This Sunday, St. Alphonsus will take up a second collection for the annual CCHD appeal. For more than 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has been supporting low-income communities as they address root causes of poverty and injustice through community organizing, leadership training, and economic development. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by awarding grants, educating about the root causes of poverty, and building bridges of solidarity in Cook and Lake Counties.

Each year this collection takes place the Sunday before Thanksgiving. It is the primary source of funds for grants to support community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education efforts.

Your participation helps further the work of the Gospel of peace and justice. Thank you for your support! To learn more, visit CCHDchicago.org

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

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9:00 AM– 7:30 PM Tues, Thur

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info@alphonsusacademy.org

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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

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