Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 23, 2023: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"'Let them grow together until harvest;
then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,
'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning;
but gather the wheat into my barn.'" (Mt 13:30)

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—12:00 PM

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

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/ Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
William Ahearn
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Judy Fredrickson
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania
Leslie Salimi

Welcome to the Parish!

Jonathan Cascone
MacKinzie Melton and Rocky Leffler
Christina & Daniel Schenkenfelder
Laurie Hamilton
Griffin Burris
Meaghan and George Milbourn
Andrew Sayer
Jayne Drew

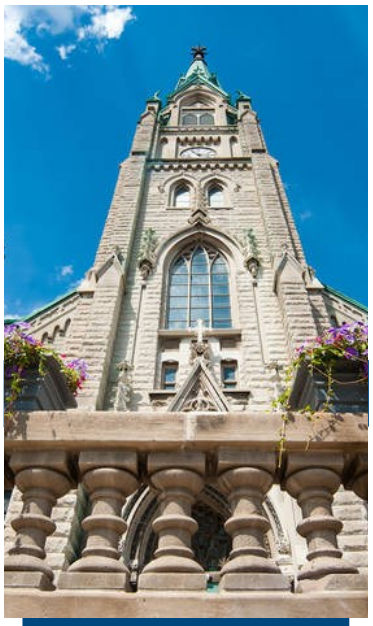
Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $14,890

Offertory for 7/16: $14,254

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





WEDDING BANNS

Jaclyn Cafarelli
and
Frank Servidio

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Rowan Neil Prom

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Most Rev. John Manz, auxiliary bishop emeritus Archdiocese of Chicago

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 23
9:00 AM +Dr. Anthony Caruso
11:00 AM +Betty Roberts
12:30 PM +Luciano Medina Hijos
5:00 PM +Edward Marsalek

Monday, July 24
8:30 AM Melina Joy Orillaza

Tuesday, July 25
8:30 AM +Ruth Rhode

Wednesday, July 26
6:00 PM +Claro Pena Aranda

Thursday, July 27
8:30 AM +Ronald and Barbara Dorsen
Frances Buscemi (102th Birthday Blessings!)

Friday, July 28
8:30 AM Susan Richard & Family

Sunday, July 30
9:00 AM +Ann Riffner
11:00 AM +Aurora Hernandez, Jesus Hernandez, Cayetano Rivas
12:30 PM +Manuela Nevárez
5:00 PM +Diane P. Bageanis

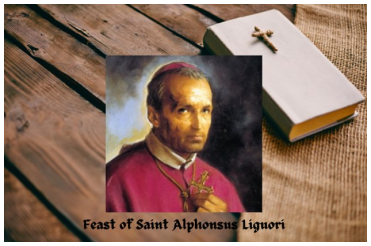
News and Events

Summer Missionary Co-op Appeal

This weekend a representative of From Mission to Mission will be speaking with our parish to share about their work in the mission field and its impact. From Mission to Mission serves missionaries, both lay and religious, in their time of preparation and during re-entry back into life and mission here in the U.S. For more than 40 years From Mission to Mission has been the only organization of its kind to assist missionaries upon return to the U.S. Missionaries face many challenges when they return "home". Whether missionaries have served for one year or for fifty, most find re-entry the hardest part of the experience. From Mission to Mission helps missionaries deal with this difficult transition and to find ways to bring what they learned in mission to life here in their home culture. Once described as the Wounded Warriors Project for Missionaries, From Mission to Mission also offers care to the many missionaries who experienced violence or trauma in mission.

A second collection for the work of From Mission to Mission will be taken during their visit. Your generosity will help them to be able to continue to care for missionaries, and they are grateful for your support. For more information go to www.missiontomission.org.

Feast of Saint Alphonsus— August 1



Next Sunday July 30, in honor of our parish patron saint, moral theologian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Alphonsus Liguori, we will host refreshments of coffee and donuts after 11 AM Mass.

On his actual feast day, Tuesday August 1, we will observe with worship at a special 7 PM Mass.

Ministry of Care

St. Alphonsus is blessed with wonderful volunteers who bring Holy Communion to parishioners that are sick or homebound on a weekly, biweekly, or monthly basis. Please call the rectory office (773) 525-0709 to arrange a visit for your loved one(s) who are unable to worship in-person at church and receive the Eucharist.

Volunteer as a RE Catechist!

Each year, St. Alphonsus joyfully educates the children of our parish in their Catholic faith. If you would like to spend more time with children, strengthen the faith bonds in our families or enjoy serving in our parish— please consider volunteering as a catechist for our religious education program! We'd love to talk to you and no experience is necessary :) There are training opportunities and support as you get started and throughout your time of service.
Contact our RE Coordinator Erica Cook, ecook@stalphonsuschicago.church for more info.



Serve as a Eucharistic 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.

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
Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday at 8:15-9 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, 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

Faith Formation

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation



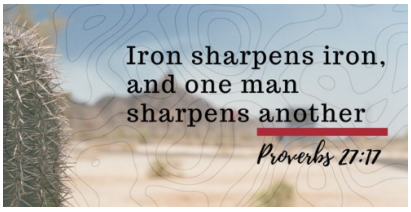
Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and *The Bible Timeline*, a twenty-four-part Bible study, makes it easy.

Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. In this revolutionary approach to Bible study, *The Bible Timeline* divides the Bible into twelve color-coded time periods that make it easier to follow its narrative thread. Using a unique color-coded chart, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

St. Alphonsus will offer *The Bible Timeline* **beginning on July 25th at 7 PM**. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church.

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 Men's Group at our new email, divineofficers@gmail.com

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

Special "Alumni" Men's Group Mass w/ Rev. Kevin Gregus, Daniel Korenchan, and Michael Mehringer Thursday July 27 at 7 PM.
Social to follow afterwards on Rooftop or Courtyard!

Samuel Group at St. Alphonsus

Starting in September; Register Now!

Do you ever wonder how to make a good decision according to God's will? Join us for a discernment group specifically geared toward young adults (ages 19–35). Here you will discuss all kinds of discernment – if you are called to consecrated life, married life or single life, to a certain career or city, and more. The goal of this group is to help you, and in some cases your significant other, know yourself, Jesus and your role within the Church. These discernment groups will take place monthly over the course of seven months. At each session, you will listen to talks, have time for small group sharing, and have the opportunity for Mass, Confession and Adoration. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet individually with a spiritual director during this program.

Cost: $45 per person. Register at bit.ly/3D9wQYl



Young Adult Ministry

BE SOCIAL
BE SPIRITUAL
BE CHARITABLE
BE INTELLECTUAL
BE CATHOLIC

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is one of St. Alphonsus' most active parish groups! YAM is led by a volunteer board and is guided by Pastoral Associate, Brooks Robinson. Stated simply, the ministry's mission is to help one another participate in Christ's mission, that we, as young adult Catholics, may be effective disciples, evangelists, and agents of charity in all that we do. YAM provides many social, intellectual, service, and spiritual opportunities for growth. Members range in age from 21-39 years old.

Our YAM group is made up of 4 main pillars, Spiritual, Intellectual, Service, and Social.

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



Theology on Tap— July 26
Catholic Femininity Panel

Drinks and Food at 6:30 PM; Talk Starts at 7 PM

This is a great way to connect with our St. Alphonsus community and dig deeper into your faith!

Please join us for the final discussion of our 2023 ToT series! The panelists for this event are Sr. Jess Lambert, Julia Hogan, Mary Kate Zander, and Maricela Fajardo who will discuss what it means to be a Catholic woman in various states of life.

Happy Hour Social This Sunday 7/23!

Meet at the back of church after 5 PM Mass and we'll walk over to a new cocktail bar close by St. Al's, called Olive Black, for drinks and socialization.

Praise and Adoration— Fri July 28



Friday, July 28th at 7:30 PM, spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration in the church. We'll spend the first 15 minutes in silent adoration, and then our musicians will lead worship in song. Confession will also be available! The hour will conclude with benediction w/ fellowship at Lincoln Tap after!

More Young Adult News & Events

Monday July 31, come celebrate and support Young Catholic Professionals Chicago's 7th Anniversary! Ticket includes food and plenty of raffle ticket prizes, such as Chicago Cubs tickets, S3 Leagues Fall Entry for Singles Skeeball, and Drunk Shakespeare tickets! Funds raised help support their mission and future events.
https://ycp.glueup.com/event/july-fundraiser-celebrating-7-years-of-ycp-chicago-82544/

Knights of Columbus

St. Alphonsus Knights Council Golf Outing—Saturday July 29



Our parish Knights of Columbus invites all to the annual summer classic golf outing! Tee time will start at 9:30AM on Saturday, July 29. The event course is at Indian Boundary, 8600 W. Forest Preserve Ave, Chicago 60634. There will be raffle prizes and a portion of proceeds will be donated to the Little Sisters of the Poor. For more info, please check for the full flyer in the St. Alphonsus parish E-Newsletter. Flyers will also be available on the main table in the narthex of the church. Contact Ray San Agustin, raysanagustin15158@gmail.com for more info.

Safe Families for Children



Volunteer with Safe Families for Children!

When a single parent experiences a crisis (hospitalization, loss of housing, unemployment, etc.) and has no support system to lean on for childcare, they can call Safe Families for Children.

Safe Families works by connecting families in crisis with compassionate, background-checked families to care for their children until the parent(s) are back on their feet.

Apply to be a "Host Family" or "Family Friend" today! https://sfcms.net/apply/

Learn more at safe-families.org or contact us at safefamiliesstals@gmail.com

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

When you do a dirty job like gardening, painting or auto mechanic it is often difficult to wash your hands afterword. Just use lotion before the job and it will be much easier to wash your hands after you are done with the job.

Around the Archdiocese



The Eucharist: Our Source & Summit Retreat

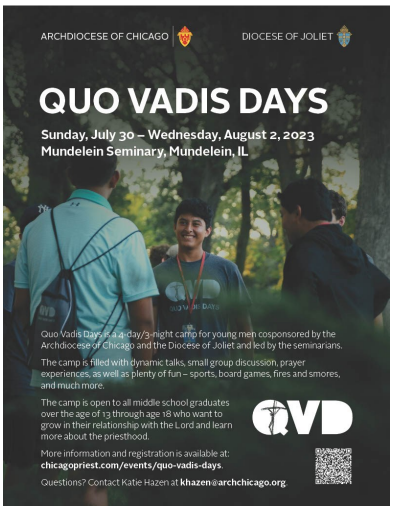
On Saturday, August 5 from 8:30-4 PM, all are encouraged to join in a day of fellowship, Mass, Adoration, Confessions and dynamic presentations from renowned speakers Dr. Scott Hahn and Dr. John Bergsma. Study scripture from the heart of the Church with highly respected scholars. Go deeper into the riches of our Catholic faith.
https://stpaulcenter.com/chicago2023/



Little Sisters of the Poor Trivinia 2023

Gather your friends for an outdoor evening of trivia fun! Saturday July 29 5:00PM – 8:00PM St. Mary's Home Garden, 2325 N. Lakewood Ave. Ticket Prices: $25 online, $50 at the door Bring your own picnic favorites & beverages; 50/50 raffle; Costumes optional but encouraged - a prize will be awarded for the best costume!
Trivia Rules 6-10 players per team, Trivia starts at 5:30 Questions? Contact dvchicago@littlesistersofthepoor.org 773-935-9600 littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org

Quo Vadis Days



Quo Vadis Days are a 4 day/3 night camp sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago Vocations Office and in collaboration with the Diocese of Joliet Vocation Office. This unique engaging event is 100% seminarian led.

Join us for Quo Vadis Days and experience dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experience, including Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, and Eucharistic Adoration. We have a dynamic and fun camp, with great food, basketball, volleyball, ultimate frisbee, campfires and much more.

This retreat is open to all young men who have graduated 8th grade, between 13 – 18 years old, who want to learn more about the priesthood. Those attending will have a life changing encounter with Christ while having the time of their life.

Our next Quo Vadis Days will be at Mundelein from **July 30 – August 2**. Visit vocations.archchicago.org/events/quo-vadis-days
Contact Katie Hazen, khazen@archchicago.org for questions.

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 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 Twitter 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 Tue, Thurs

School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
(P): 773-892-1397 |
www.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
Erica Cook, Coordinator of Religious Education
Daniel Szymanski, Director of Operations
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager

School Staff

Gerit McAllister, Principal
Angela Kladis, Assistant Principal
Madeleine Durkin, Director of Admissions
Kim Wallett, Secretary
Connie Del Toral, Administrative Assistant