# Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 23, 2022: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled,*
*and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 18:14)*

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Mass Schedule

***Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri*** 8:30 AM
***Wed*** 6:00 PM
***Sun*** 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (Spanish) and 5:00 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 AM—12:00 PM
**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: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

## Please Pray for the Sick

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

**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.

## Giving Update

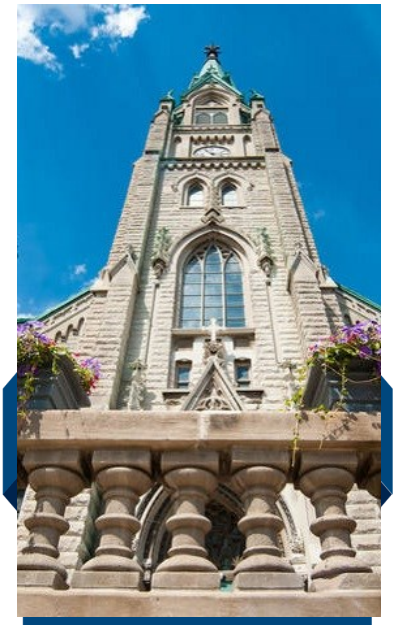
Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 10/16: $13,712

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

## At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Christian Kebr
Anna Reinberger
Eckhardt Blaumueller



## WEDDING BANNS

**Katherine Schlemmel and James Warning**

**Cailin Gillespie and Matthias Clark**

**Sarah Long and Anthony Miller**

## Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Weston John Gwinn
Kate Diane Bensko
Benicio De Jesus Carrasco
Ella Kai Diamond

## MASS INTENTIONS

***Sunday, October 23***
9:00 AM +Johnny McCormack
11:00 AM +Estrella Sahagun
12:30 PM +Emilia Flores Meza
5:00 PM Mary Evans Family

***Monday, October 24***
8:30 AM +Carroll Ray

***Tuesday, October 25***
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

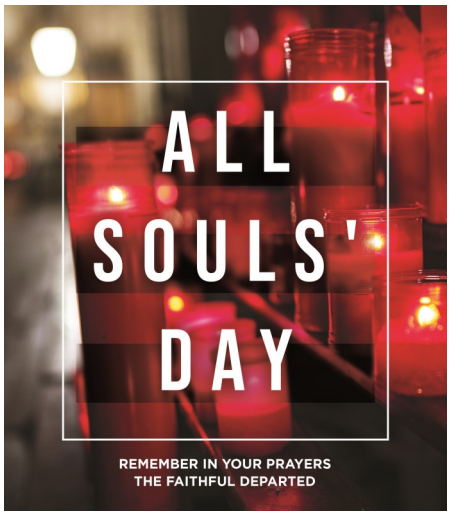
***Wednesday, October 26***
6:00 PM +John P. and Dolores Huffman

***Thursday, October 27***
8:30 AM +Maria Luisa Ortega

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

***Sunday, October 30***
9:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
11:00 AM +Edward Marsalek Sr.
12:30 PM +Manuel and Maria Naula
+Luis Aurora and Emilio Naula
5:00 PM +Ronglan Lu

## All Souls Day— Wednesday November 2 at 6 PM




November 2nd is a special day in the life of the Church as we take time to pray for our deceased family members and friends who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith. **St. Alphonsus will be holding a special Requiem Mass on Wednesday, November 2nd at 6 PM**, to pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died. Through the Sacred Liturgy, the Church invokes the forgiving love and abundant mercy of God, that He may receive all those we remember into His kingdom so they can come to know the fullness of life and peace of Heaven.

During the Requiem Mass a memorial candle will be lit for each person asked to be remembered. Additionally, our music director is arranging a special program with a men's schola singing chant in Latin and English from the traditional Requiem Mass of the Church. If you would like to honor a loved one who has died, go to: bit.ly/stals2022allsouls You can also write the names of your loved ones in the Book of the Names of the Dead, which will be available in the Church during November.

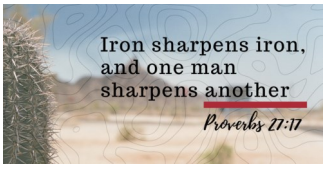
# *News and Events*

## 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 Fr. Bauer.

## 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.

## Return Baby Bottles This Sunday



Thank you for participating in The Baby Bottle Project supporting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland! **Please return your bottle this weekend to a basket in the narthex**. The Women's Center is a non-profit organization that directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies.

## AACA— Trunk or Treat




Our parish/school parking lot on Oakdale will be blocked off this Friday, October 28 from 4 -8 PM for our AACA Mother's Club Trunk or Treat event.

## Natural Family Planning

Interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning (NFP) and the different method options? Looking to be connected with instructors? Stephanie Sullivan can help you navigate these questions! She knows from personal experience that it can be overwhelming to choose a method and figure out the best option for you as a couple. She is available to help couples discern this process and connect you with instructors and other NFP resources. NFP can help couples achieve or avoid pregnancy in addition to helping identify and treat health concerns. Contact Stephanie Sullivan at stephanie.lazar523@gmail.com.

# Faith Formation

## Register Your Child(ren) for Religious Education!



Our Religious Education program is currently underway for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact Erica Cook, ecook@stalphonsuschicago.church or visit our Religious Ed page, www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education for more information.

## 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

# 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!

As we look at Old Testament people and events, we'll encounter problems that only Christ will solve, needs that only He will satisfy, and promises that only He can deliver.

**Beholding His Glory**, a nine-lesson Bible study, reminds us how all Scripture points us to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We will learn to recognize and appreciate God's plan for our own lives, His awe-inspiring majesty, and His desire for personal intimacy with each one of us.
Questions? Contact Susan Combes at suecombes@hotmail.com





Preschool through 8th Grade  Arts Integration  Social-Emotional Learning  Extended Care  TOTS Program (2yr)

**Now accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year.**

We inspire and develop the whole child in an enriching environment combining academic excellence, an arts-inigrated curriculum, and a supportive Catholic family.

*Register for a monthly in-person Open House, Virtual Tour, or individual tour on our website under the Admissions tab. New applications are also accepted online*

Learn more by contacting Mary Bodlak at 773-819-7655 or mbodlak@alphonsusacademy.org or on our website www.alphonsusacademy.org

# 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*

## Trivia Night!



Are you the friend whose schtick is sharing random factoids? Or, the one with the most fun party conversations? Well, calling all you trivia fans and friends, alike, to come join us, in the St. Alphonsus' Festival Hall (basement), on **Saturday, Nov 5th from 5 PM-8 PM** because St. Al's YAM Trivia is back!

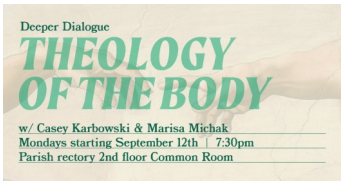
The cost of tickets is $25 per person (it is a fundraiser!) 😉 Teams of 5-6 people can register individually or together at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/31462 For anyone registering as a team, simply list the names of everyone in the "Comments" section of the GiveCentral link, during your purchase. Light refreshments, beer and wine are included in the event cost. We will have prizes for 3rd, 2nd and 1st place winning teams.

Don't know anyone or don't have 6 people on your team? Fear not! You may also register individually or in a smaller group (2-4 people). We will assign you to a team. All are welcome!

***Please note:** pre-registration with payment through the GiveCentral link is required to attend. **No walk-ups will be allowed** since we have teams. For any questions or concerns, please reach out to the YAM social team at stalsyamsocial@gmail.com!

## Deeper Dialogue—Theology of the Body

### Monday evenings at 7:30 PM




Immerse yourself in a deeper form of conversation surrounding JPII's Theology of the Body. Led by Casey Karbowski and Marisa Michak, the group will examine excerpts from the book as well as other related materials to break up the content into more digestible and easily understandable elements for discussion. No need to have a hard copy of any Theology of the Body books as all materials and discussion points will be provided on a weekly basis.

## Young Catholic Professionals St. Joseph Saturday Retreat— December 3




Join us on Saturday, December 3rd for the annual St. Joseph Saturday Retreat! This retreat is a FREE half-day retreat (open to all young adults in their 20s and 30s), where young adults are encouraged to "look upon work with the eyes of faith" and see God's presence in their vocations and professional lives. The retreat will include talks, group discussion, and prayer, and it will be a time to reflect on the life of YCP's patron saint, St. Joseph the Worker.

**This retreat is being sponsored by YCP Chicago, St. Mary of the Angels Young Adult Ministry, St. Alphonsus Young Adult Ministry, St. Clement Young Adult Community, and Holy Name Cathedral Young Adults.

This retreat will be hosted at St. Mary of the Angels, 1810 N. Hermitage Ave. from 9 AM to 1 PM. Morning Mass/Reconciliation available. To register and for more info, visit bit.ly/ycpdec2022

# Safe Families For Children







**Volunteer Roles Needed**

- **Safe Families "Host Family"***
  - Host local children in your home
- **Safe Families "Family Friend"***
  - Volunteer babysitting / parent's helper
  - Provide transportation
- **Other**
  - Donate lightly-used items
  - Help cover the financial cost of hosting a child
  - Provide meals
  - Sort donations
  - Pray for Safe Families community

*** Role requires Safe Families application, training, and background check**

## Ministering God's Love to Families in Need

Safe Families for Children is a national, Christian nonprofit which connects local families in crisis with "safe families" who volunteer to watch their children while parent(s) get back on their feet. This is a great opportunity to show Christ's love and compassion for local families, often young single moms with no support system, in a tangible and meaningful way.

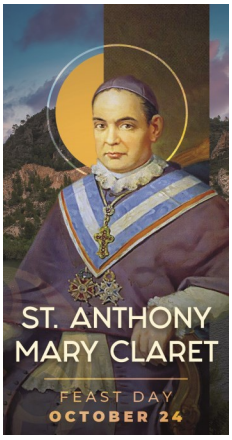
Interested in learning more? Reach out to safefamiliesstals@gmail.com

## Ministry Enrichment Gathering— Saturday Nov. 5

Liturgical ministers, catechists, parish leaders, and volunteers are invited to a Ministry Enrichment Gathering on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 AM-2:30 PM. Held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Hyde Park and sponsored by Liturgy Training Publications, we will explore the theme: **Anointed for Mission: Exercising Your Baptismal Call**. By reclaiming the power of our baptismal identities (priest, prophet, and king), we will work to build up our parish communities. The cost is $25 per person.

# Know Your Saints

## Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Oct. 24




Saint Anthony Mary Claret is also known as the "spiritual father of Cuba." He was born in Salient in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807. He became a weaver, like his father, and was very talented. But he studied in his spare time to become a priest and was ordained in 1835. In 1849 the saint founded the Claretians, a religious institute of missionaries, and a companion order of women religious who served as teachers for girls.

From 1850 to 1857 he served as Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, where he worked diligently to reform both clergy and laity. He opposed concubinage and instructed black slaves, and championed family-owned farms instead of the mass farming of a sugar cash crop. These stances were vehemently opposed by many, and Saint Anthony was the target of assassins.

He was recalled to act as Queen Isabella II's confessor, a duty he reluctantly agreed to, with the exceptions that he would reside away from the court, attending the household only to hear confessions and instruct the children. While in Spain he founded the Religious Publishing House and wrote or published 200 Catholic books and pamphlets. He went into exile to France with the Queen's household during the Spanish Revolution of 1868.

The saint returned to Rome to Participate in Vatican I where he defended the infallibility of the Pope. He died in France in 1870 and was canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.

# Gospel Meditation




There is a thing called "false piety." It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God's attention. Forming an exclusive "club," they divide things between "mine" and "yours" and "us" and "them." They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game's name.

The requirements for "club membership" are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of "status" or "salvation," they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to "my beliefs," "my parish," "my way of thinking," they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered "least" in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you're joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly "pious." They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It's only between you and God. It is nobody else's business.

# At the Athenaeum

### Dante 360— Nov 18-20




Join us for a journey through the Divine Comedy, from Inferno to Paradiso. Featuring art historian, Elizabeth Lev, this event will explore the significance of the world's most famous epic poem and its author, the illustrious Dante Alighieri. Experience the depth and complexity of Dante's vision through a series of recitations, displays of visual art, and music provided by the vocal ensemble Schola Antiqua, which carry the soul alongside the pilgrim in his ascent to Paradise.

Support our parish and enjoy an evening of uplifting entertainment! Use our parish's promo code **ALPHONSUS**; get 10% off your ticket and 10% of your purchase will be donated to our parish community.

**Tickets: www.athenaeumcenter.org/dante or (312) 820-6250.**

# Stewardship— First Fruits

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many already support St. Alphonsus with your time, talent and treasure.

Thank you again for your continued support of our church! Your spirited generosity ensures our parish continues our mission and good works throughout our community and beyond for years to come!

**Sign up at *www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/527***

**You can also text *Sunday* to (773) 570-7600**

# STEWARDSHIP

## The Three T's and More



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We sometimes use the phrase "time, talent, and treasure" to describe the ways in which we are called to give as stewards. The phrase is helpful in broadening our understanding so that we do not always equate stewardship with the plea to give financial resources. Yet, even as we think of the three t's, we can easily find ourselves immersed in a fourth "t," temptation. We become tempted to say to ourselves, "I gave an afternoon to help with the parish coat drive last year," or "I put a few dollars in the collection basket," and then consider ourselves finished with stewardship. Yielding to this temptation not only shortchanges the service, ministry, and care that would benefit from our giving; it prevents us from more closely following Jesus Christ and expressing our faith more readily in our daily lives. Let us think about the call to be good stewards of our time, talent, and treasure, and from that find meaning, purpose, and spiritual growth.

**Time:** Imagine for a moment that today was your final day of life on earth. What would you do? With whom would you spend time, talk, linger? Where would you go? What would you most treasure? We never know when our final day of earthly life might be. We should not take for granted the seconds, minutes, and hours we are given. Time is a precious gift.

**Talent:** What do you do best? What comes naturally easy to you? These qualities, which have been part of you since the day of your birth, are your talents. You might think of your talents as the way you naturally interact with the world. Each of us has particular gifts and talents, unique combinations of these qualities. Your talents are your "special something."

**Treasure:** We all know that when we hear the word treasure as part of the three t's, we mean money. Money enables us to purchase things that are necessary for our daily living. Notice that the word can also mean something that is valuable, a treasure. Using the word in this way invites us to be mindful of the value we place on money and the acquisition of it in our lives.

### STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN SERIES

- Week 1 – A Way of Life
- Week 2 – Biblical Basis
- Week 3 – More than Money
- ➤ Week 4 – The Three T's

### STEWARDSHIP AS A SPIRITUALITY

When we recognize that all good things are gifts from God and grow in our desire to use the gifts well, we begin to understand the spiritual side of stewardship. The call to share our time, talent, and treasure with others is not just a request from our pastor or parish to give, it is an invitation to see God working in our lives. When we make a commitment to give, our commitment is to Christ, our giving is to God.



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## PRAYING WITH THE SAINTS AS STEWARDS



O Lord my God, teach my heart this day where and how to see you, where and how to find you. You have made me and remade me, and you have bestowed on me all the good things I possess, and still I do not know you. I have not yet done that for which I was made. Teach me to seek you, for I cannot seek you unless you teach me, or find you unless you show yourself to me. Let me seek you in my desire, let me desire you in my seeking. Let me find you by loving you. Let me love you when I find you. Amen. — Saint Anselm

## GROWING AS GOOD STEWARDS

Spend time in prayer, asking the Lord to show you how your time, talent, treasure, and other gifts might be of benefit to others, especially those most in need. Be mindful of the ways you do or do not steward your gifts well at this time in your life. Challenge yourself to not waste time or money, to turn away from selfishness, and to be more willing to share in service of God and others. Make a commitment to grow as a good steward; share your commitment with another and ask him or her to kindly hold you accountable in fulfilling this commitment.

## OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

It's important to share our gifts from God generously with our Church. But stewardship is much more. Stewardship entails a commitment to care for our time, talent, and treasure, as well as care for our life and our vocation, our family, our natural resources, our environment. Giving time, talent, and treasure to the Church is not a complete practice of stewardship.

Stewardship is about our relationship with God. Yes, an important part of that relationship is helping our Church and those it helps, but it also is important how we take care of every other aspect of our life.

Stewardship then becomes a privilege rather than a burden; we see abundance all around us, rather than viewing life through the perspective of scarcity; we recognize that we are free to co-create with God through the use of our gifts and freely give in grateful response.

"Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work" (2 Cor 9:6–8).

We are stewards of all we are, have, and will be. We are already stewards, even if we are not aware of it, or do not intentionally consider the call to stewardship in our lives. We can always grow in the ways we steward our gifts so that our use of time, talent, and treasure becomes a statement of our faith and trust in God.

Stewards use time wisely and give time in service and ministry; stewards share their talents, understanding that if we do not do what we can in the world, something is missing; stewards give of their material and financial resources and in doing so contribute to the mission of Christ to show and share God's love. The U.S. bishops explain in "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response" that a Christian steward "receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."

## Did you miss Parts 1-3 of this Stewardship Bulletin Series?

Fret not! You can go back and read all parish weekend newsletters/bulletins at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/newsletter-archive

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## *World Mission Sunday*




Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our Baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel to every creature! The collection today benefits the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, which supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Please pray for the Church's worldwide missionary efforts and give generously. Please place a donation in the collection basket or you can make a donation online at [wearemissionary.org/wms](wearemissionary.org/wms)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we join Catholics worldwide in the annual Eucharistic celebration of World Mission Sunday. We remember our common call to both live the mission that is entrusted to us and proclaim the person of Christ and His message. Pope Francis reflects on this year's theme: "*You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8)*. He emphasizes the call to every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Beginning in 1822, the universal fund of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith provided approximately seven million dollars in help to the new and growing Church in the United States. Blessed Pauline Jaricot began this work 200 years ago and established a network of prayer and collections for missionaries so that the faithful could actively participate in the mission "to the ends of the earth". Her vision would lead to World Mission Sunday, which helps the Pope support global missionary activity.

Your prayers and generous support today sustain communities of faith in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor. When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you provide for the formation of our seminarians and religious men and women. You assist in building the schools and orphanages that care for children in places few visit. Missionaries can build churches in areas with scarce resources. Priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay leaders can buy food and the bare essentials that make it possible to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

In this bicentennial anniversary year, I encourage your generosity on World Mission Sunday. Your prayers remain your greatest gift, and your financial support is life-giving to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities. Wishing you every blessing, with kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago




## Run w/ Team OLA in the 2023 Marathon!

Mission of Our Lady of the Angels (via the Franciscans of the Eucharist) provides **hope to the poor** on the west side of Chicago via food pantries supporting 3000 families a month, afterschool programs, seniors programs, community meals, and much more. **Consider running to support Mission OLA in the**....
Bank Of America Chicago Marathon (Oct 8, 2023)
Registration is OPEN!
Limited # of Guaranteed Entries- SIGN UP TODAY!
Benefits of joining:
-Guaranteed entries into the race!
-T-shirts, pre-race Mass & dinner, place to stay the night before the race, and more...
-Sr. Stephanie (2:53 marathoner, NCAA D1 cross-country and track athlete, as featured in Runner's World) can write a training plan for you
- (hopefully) Complimentary subscription to the Hallow App so you can pray while you run!
-Each team member will be paired with a member of the prayer team to pray for them!
-Please see [missionola.com/marathon.html](missionola.com/marathon.html) for details

# 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.

# *Directory*

### Parish Office

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(P): 773-525-0709 | (F): 773-525-3238
www.stalphonsuschicago.org
parish@stalphonsuschicago.church

### Parish Office Hours:

***9:00 AM— 4:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri***
***9:00 AM— 1:00 PM Tue, Thurs***

### School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
(P): 773-892-1397 | (F): 773-348-4829
www.alphonsusacademy.org

### School Office Hours:

***8:00 AM– 3:00 PM***

# *Staff*

### Parish Staff

***Rev. Steven Bauer,*** Pastor
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***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
***Kaitlin Holyk***, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator

### School Staff

***Gerit McAllister,*** Principal
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***Caroline Jordan,*** Advancement Director
***Kim Wallett,*** Secretary
***Connie Del Toral,*** Administrative Assistant