Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 3, 2022: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Into whatever house you enter, first say,
'Peace to this household.'
If a peaceful person lives there,
your peace will rest on him." (Lk 10:5-6)

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: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10//Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 {9}/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Please Pray for the Sick

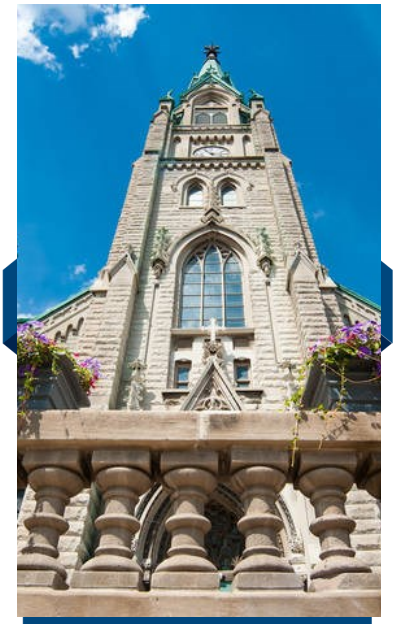
Dorothy Bonds
Joanna Ravelingeen
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
Tessa Sergent
Carolina Goldie
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
Rachel Schopp
Mike Madigan
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Magdalena Gonzalez
Michael Aldape
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Mary Perisin
Edward Marsalek
Rita Longnecker
Cheryl Nester-Detweiler
John Adams

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 6/26: $13,196

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



WEDDING BANNS

Alison Jung

and

Stephen Clemons

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. That 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.

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Maya Angelina Terranova
Henry Thomas Hartnett
Elias Juarez
Greyson Scott Anderson

Joining St. Alphonsus Parish: St. Alphonsus welcomes all community members on their faith journey! Just moved in the area? Coming back to practicing our Catholic faith? You will want to learn about all the events going on at our parish. If you are not receiving our weekly parish newsletter in your email, contact Mario Serrano at mserranostals@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 3
9:00 AM +Christian Diaz
11:00 AM Wasik Family
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM Marisca, Albert, Mares & the Stiopei Family

Monday, July 4 (Independence Day Holiday)
9:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, July 5
8:30 AM John Foster

Wednesday, July 6
6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, July 7
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

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

Sunday, July 10
9:00 AM +Jose Santos Baingan, +Elizabeth Santos Baingan
11:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
12:30 PM +Ranulfo Avelar-Lopez
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Statement of Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, archbishop of Chicago, on the Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturns the court's tragic 1973 decision that removed legal protection for unborn children. We welcome this important ruling and the opportunity it creates for a national conversation on protecting human life in the womb and promoting human dignity at all stages of life. This moment should serve as a turning point in our dialogue about the place an unborn child holds in our nation, about our responsibility to listen to women and support them through pregnancies and after the birth of their children, and about the need to refocus our national priorities to support families, particularly those in need.

The Catholic Church brings to such a conversation the conviction that every human life is sacred, that every person is made in the image and likeness of God and therefore deserving of reverence and protection. That belief is the reason the Catholic Church is the country's largest provider of social services, many aimed at eliminating the systemic poverty and health care insecurity that trap families in a cycle of hopelessness and limit authentic choice.

We also come to this dialogue as Americans, knowing that the principle that all human beings are endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights is enshrined in the Declaration of Independence, and that first among these is the right to life.

Make no mistake, because this ruling regrettably will have little impact on abortion in Illinois, as there are virtually no restrictions here, we will continue to advocate strongly for legal protections for unborn children. And we will redouble our efforts to work with all to build a culture that values the inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all.

This ruling is not the end of a journey, but rather a fresh start. It underscores the need to understand those who disagree with us, and to inculcate an ethic of dialogue and cooperation. Let us begin by examining our national conscience, taking stock of those dark places in our society and in our hearts that turn to violence and deny the humanity of our brothers and sisters, and get to work building up the common good by choosing life.

+ Blase J. Cupich

Gospel Meditation



Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

Faith Formation

Spring Your Kids Into Totus Tuus Summer Camp!



Now that summer is here, we've got the perfect thing for your children to do: the Archdiocese is bringing the Totus Tuus summer camp back to St. Alphonsus, **July 10-15.** It's like a week-long vacation Bible school, only way more fun and active! Each session is limited to only 50 participants. All safety protocols will be followed to ensure the health & safety of all participants and volunteers. For more information, please visit: https://vocations.archchicago.org/events/totus-tuus/what-is-totus-tuus

The price is only $60 per child for an entire week!
Register on our parish website Religious Education page at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education

Any parent or parishioner interested in volunteering with Totus Tuus should contact Erica Cook, ecook@stalphonsuschicago.org



Nights of Mercy

Archdiocese of Chicago Vicariates II and III and the Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago invite you to join us for Nights of Mercy this summer and early fall. Each evening will include Adoration, Music, Reconciliation, and street evangelization from 6 – 8:30 PM at the following locations:

Friday, July 15 – St. Alphonsus

Friday, August 26 – St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church, 2823 S. Princeton Ave. Chicago, 60616

Friday, September 23 – Bl. Carlo Acutis Parish at St. Hedwig, 2226 N. Hoyne Ave. Chicago, 60647

We are in need of volunteers to make Nights of Mercy possible. If you are able to volunteer or if you have questions about volunteering, contact our Pastoral Associate Brooks Robinson brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.org

Walking With Purpose— Summer Prayer Group



Are you looking for a way to refuel and be refreshed, make authentic connections with other women, and learn more about God? It's time to come back to community! Our mission at Walking With Purpose is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies.

Walking With Purpose summer group will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of the month (July– Sept) at 9:30 AM in the St. Alphonsus Common Room in the rectory. We will come together to share our intentions and pray the rosary. All women are welcome! Please join us on July 12, August 9 and September 13 to pray in community. For more info, contact suecombes@hotmail.com

Low Gluten Hosts Available



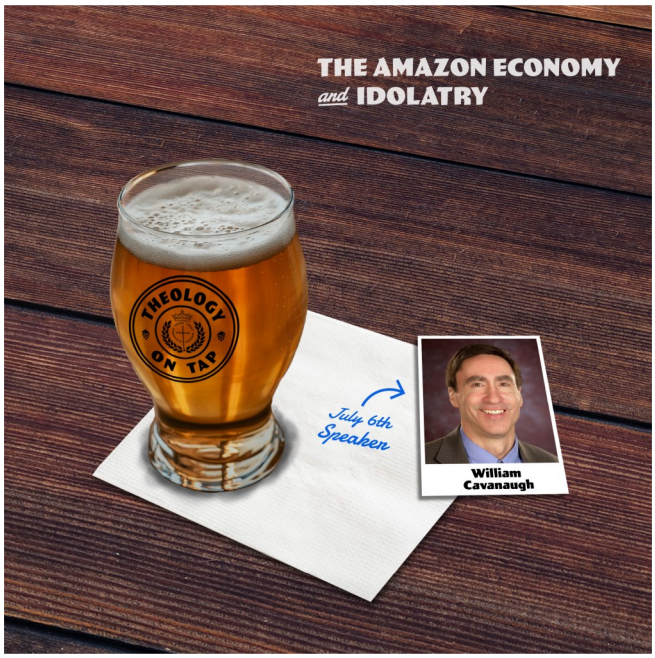
If you are allergic to wheat or have celiac disease, or for any reason can't tolerate gluten, we have hosts available for you.

To receive a low gluten host at Mass, please come to the sacristy at least ten minutes before mass begins, so that one can be prepared for you. Then, be sure to get into the communion line to receive from the priest.

Young Adult Ministry

Theology on Tap— July 6 Speaker— William Cavanaugh

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



Join us on Wednesday, July 6th for our first speaker in the Theology on Tap series where William Cavanaugh will be talking about ***The Amazon Economy and Idolatry.***

Sociologist Max Weber famously said that the modern world is disenchanted, heartlessly rational and secularized. Others say that consumerism is our new religion and capitalism our new god. Who's right? Using Amazon.com and the biblical concept of idolatry to explore this question.

William is a professor of Catholic studies and director of the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology, a research center housed in the Department of Catholic Studies at DePaul University and focusing on the Catholic Church in the global South—Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

July Theology on Tap Speakers

July 13: Marriage Panel w/ Lawrence and Katie Joy Daufenbach and Evan and Alexandra Lutomski
July 20: Liz Meenan— "**Gesundheit– The Last Great Conversation Starter**"
July 27: Julia Hogan— **"Tools To Discern God's Plan for Your Life"**

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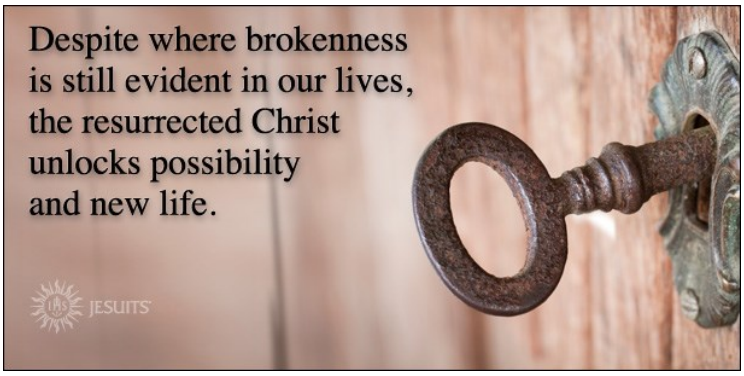




THANK YOU, St. Alphonsus Parish, for participating & praying the St. Alphonsus Corpus Christi Procession!

CONGRATULATIONS to our recently elected KofC officers and well done, Parish Knights, on achieving Star Council! Incoming Officer Installation will be on SUN, July 17, at the 5 PM Mass, with parish reception to follow.

The KofC was founded by Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney to support our Pastor, our Parish and those in need, as well as to support strong marriages & families. If you are interested in learning more about our St. Alphonsus Parish Council #15158, then please contact parishioner Paul Gillespie, pgillespie15158@gmail.com
Join online at online exemplification



News and Events

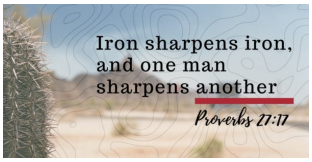
Happy Independence Day!



St. Alphonsus Parish wishes everyone a wonderful and safe holiday! Please note that due to the holiday, daily Mass this Monday will be at 9:00 AM instead of the usual 8:30 AM.

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.

Recovery Programs at St. Alphonsus

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

Stewardship—First Fruits

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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

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

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

Stewardship Reflection

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few…'" Luke 10:2

As Catholics we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given "charisms" otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God's Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your charisms. Say "yes" to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Now that the weather is nice, you may want to spend more time in the back yard. But what to do about those pesky mosquitoes? Here are some ways to get relief.

If you spray the area with Listerine it will work to keep them away. Just pour the Listerine into a spray bottle and spray the table, deck, lawn chairs, etc. It will last a couple of days. It is a lot cheaper than the commercial bug spray. EARTH FRIENDLY.

Here is another way I learned in Vietnam, where there are lots of mosquitoes. String a clothes line around the perimeter of the back yard. Attach clear plastic bags of water to the line about 18 inches apart. This will scare away mosquitoes. How does it work? When the plastic bag has water in it, the shape becomes convex. The convex shape gives a reflection that is quite large. The mosquito comes flying along and then sees an immense mosquito heading toward it. It then scampers away and leaves the humans alone. This really works. EARTH FRIENDLY TOO. Do not wear perfume, after shave or scented deodorant. The scent attracts them. Make sure that there is no standing water. Mosquito larvae develop in water. Also, fans help. The fans blow them away.

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PROJECT RACHEL

A Journey of Hope and Healing for Those Suffering the Effects of Abortion

What is Project Rachel?

The Archdiocese of Chicago invites you to contact Project Rachel, a path to healing and reconciliation for those injured by abortion. Project Rachel is a sensitive, private, free and confidential experience with a network of specially trained priests and caring people who understand the painful road back from abortion. It is open to Catholics and those of other faiths.

How does Project Rachel work?

The Church, through its sacramental life, offers those who have been traumatized by abortion a powerful way to encounter the healing and reconciling love of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and especially the Eucharist. Your meeting with the priest or counselor will focus on preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Forgiveness in the Catholic tradition is not forgetting what happened. Nor is it simply relief from guilt or punishment. Rather, it means being restored by the One who knows and cares, and being transformed in our heart and created anew. Although the journey of forgiveness can be painful and frightening, each step that you make toward home is ever more freeing and life-giving. Forgiveness for the parents of an aborted child will take place with God, with others who were a part of the decision, with the child, and finally with oneself.

How do I get started?

To begin your healing journey, simply call Project Rachel for a referral to a priest, counselor or support group. In your meeting with the priest, he will guide you toward the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Generally, the process will include counseling, prayer and scripture. We also offer periodic retreats, overnights, days of prayer and healing, and special gatherings.

1.312.337.1962 | 1.888.456.HOPE | projectrachelchicago@gmail.com

You are not alone!

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord let His Face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

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PROYECTO RAQUEL

Un camino de esperanza y sanación para aquellos que están sufriendo los efectos del aborto

¿Qué es el Proyecto Raquel?

La Arquidiócesis de Chicago lo invita a contactar Proyecto Raquel, un sendero a la curación y la reconciliación para aquellos heridos por el aborto. El Proyecto Raquel es una experiencia sensible, privada, libre y confidencial con una red de sacerdotes especialmente entrenados y personas amorosas que comprenden el camino doloroso debido al aborto. Está abierto a los católicos y aquellos de otras religiones.

¿Cómo trabaja Proyecto Raquel?

La Iglesia, por su vida sacramental, ofrece a los que han sido traumatizados por el aborto una manera poderosa para que se encuentre con la sanación y reconciliación y especialmente la Eucaristía. Su reunión con el sacerdote o el consejero se centrará en preparación para el Sacramento de Reconciliación. El perdón en la tradición católica no es olvidar lo que sucedió. Ni es simplemente alivio de la culpa ni el castigo. Más bien, significa ser restaurado por el que sabe y ama, y para ser transformado en el corazón y creado de nuevo. Aunque el camino al perdón pueda ser doloroso y miedoso, cada paso que usted hace hacia la casa de Dios libera más y es una experiencia que renueva la vida. El perdón para los padres de un niño abortado sucedará con Dios, con otros que formaron parte de la decisión, con el niño y por último consigo mismo.

¿Cómo empiezo?

Para empezar su viaje curativo, llama simplemente al Proyecto Raquel para una referencia a un sacerdote, consejero o grupo de apoyo. Se habla español. En su reunión con el sacerdote, él le indicará hacia el Sacramento de Reconciliación. Generalmente, el proceso incluirá consejos, oración y escritura. Nosotros también ofrecemos retiros periódicamente, de noche, días de oración y sanación, y reuniones especiales.

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¡No estás solo!

Que el Señor te bendiga y te proteja; que el Señor te mire con agrado y te muestre su bondad; que el Señor te mire con amor y te conceda la paz.

Números 6:24–26









girl scouts | Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Do Something Big.

Join BBBS Girl Scouts!

Little Sisters in our mentoring program are busy, independent, self-confident girls and teens, and they deserve to be a part of something larger: Girl Scouts! Thanks to our new partnership, Bigs and Littles will have the opportunity to enjoy independent or preplanned activities once a month—and Girl Scouts will waive all membership and program expenses.

Why Join?

This will be a chance to meet other Bigs and Littles in the Girl Scouts program at monthly meetings, earn badges, and attend free council-sponsored events. Littles will gain leadership experience, build their social skills through fulfilling friendships, and participate in a well-rounded Girl Scout experience by engaging in multiple activities and programs.

You're invited...

to come out to meet other girls and mentors and join in on the fun! There will be a fun activity, snacks, giveaways, and an opportunity to learn more about the Girl Scouts and the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Chicago partnership.

Who: All girls in fifth through eighth grade and their guardian(s)

Where: Athenaeum Center for Thought & Culture (2936 N Southport Ave, Chicago, IL 60657)

When: July 7th 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Save your spot today!

bit.ly/BBBS-GSGCNWIPaint

www.bbbs.org/girl-scouts

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

1429 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
(P): 773-525-0709 | (F): 773-525-3238
www.stalphonsuschicago.org

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

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Rev. Patrick Gorman, 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
Kaitlin Holyk, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator

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Kim Wallett, Secretary
Connie Del Toral, Administrative Assistant