Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 20, 2022: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will perish as they did!" (Lk 13:5)

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—7:00 PM
Saturday	11:00—11:30 AM

**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: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Joanna Ravelingeen
Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
Rita Gerich
Tessa Sergent
Carolina Goldie
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
Rachel Schopp
Mike Madigan
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Doug Tally
Jeff De La Cruz
Stacy Strickland
Tim Dooling
Spencer Lyles
Magdalena Gonzalez
Christopher Bibat
Michael Aldape
Fidel Mercado Chavez
J.J Keils
Janet Horvat
Lauren Macias
Sara O'Connor
Frank G. Bauer

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 3/13/2022: $11,665

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

During the 11 AM Mass on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sunday's of Lent we will be celebrating the Scrutinies. These rites mark the final preparations for the Easter Vigil, where our elect and candidates receive their Sacraments of Initiation. The rites celebrated petition for a spirit of repentance, an understanding of sin, and are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect. Concurrently strengthening what is upright, strong, and good in their hearts. Finally, these rites complete the conversion of the elect while strengthening their resolve to hold fast to Christ and their love for God above all else. Please continue to join us in praying for the elect and candidates as they prepare to receive their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Find Peace in the Middle of the Week: 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 to 9 PM in the sanctuary.

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

June Catherine Keating
Jane Geraldine Fotsch

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 20
9:00 AM +Frank Kotz
11:00 AM +Kenneth George MacDougall
12:30 PM +Magda Castañeda Ramirez
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Monday, March 21
8:30 AM +Barbara Elliston

Tuesday, March 22
8:30 AM +Dante Pagalunan
+Rosita Pagalunan
+Bartolome Pagalunan Jr.
+Bartolome Pagalunan Sr.

Wednesday, March 23
6:00 PM +Alfredo Narea

Thursday, March 24
8:30 AM Jennifer Orillaza (Birthday Blessing)

Friday, March 25
8:30 AM +Richard Beckman

Sunday, March 27
9:00 AM +Daniel Brusstar
11:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
12:30 PM +Magda Castañeda
5:00 PM +Richard Bazzanella

A Message From Our Pastor

What We Can Do To Help Ukraine



All of our hearts are breaking for the people of Ukraine, especially when we see the images of the bombed out buildings, smoldering rubble, and refugees fleeing to somewhere else, anywhere else. As we listen to the news of Vladimir Putin's war machine ravaging cities, we feel helpless when facing that kind of evil. Despite the distance, our empathy causes us to ache; we don't like the frustration of feeling helpless.

There is a story In the Gospels where the disciples were frustrated that they unable to cast a demon out of a boy who was possessed. After Jesus had healed the boy, He explained, "*this kind can only come out through prayer and fasting" (Mt 17:21).*

In the face of great evil – like an unjust war – we so often feel frustrated and helpless. However, with this Gospel story in mind, it is possible to apply the same united principle of prayer *and* fasting, imploring Jesus to drive out the evil intentions of Putin and his henchmen to bring an end to the violence. Prayer and fasting are two of the three characteristic disciplines of Lent, the third being almsgiving. Inspired by stories in the Gospel and applying the principles of Lent, I would like to invite parishioners to join me in weaving together three-fold disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving into one event to imploring God's grace to flow into country and people of Ukraine.

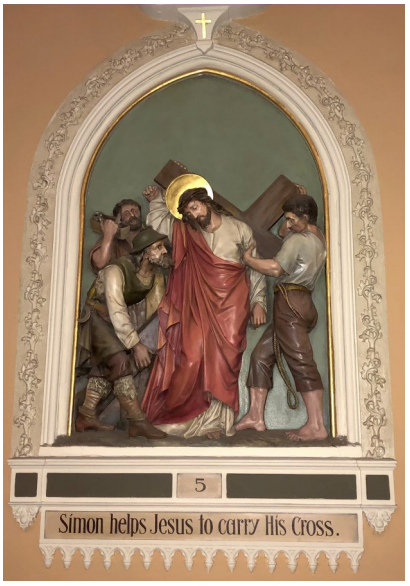
Specifically, the invitation is for **Wednesday, March 23rd:**

• **Prayer:** attend the **6 PM Mass** and the following Eucharistic **Holy Hour from 6:30 – 7:30,** during which the Rosary will be recited.

• **Fasting:** during that day, fast strictly on only bread and water in solidarity with the refugees and their children. Challenging, yes, but it still may be more than what they get to eat.

• **Almsgiving:** guesstimate whatever you would normally spend on food that day, and make a donation in that amount to provide assistance to the refugees. Donations can be submitted electronically at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/33507 , or in person at a collection during the Mass, and will be directed to Catholic Relief Services, which already has refugee support networks in place in Ukraine, Poland, and bordering countries.

Participating in this event of fasting and prayer for Ukraine may be an uncomfortable sacrifice for some, but the amount of suffering we will willingly undertake next Wednesday is quite small in comparison to that of the refugees. Additionally, any sacrifice of prayer, fasting, or almsgiving (or all three) undertaken during Lent brings us closer to Jesus. Through our willingness to enter into His Passion in this way, we come to recognize Jesus present in the Ukrainian refugees, and then become like Simon of Cyrene as we help them to carry their crosses. And through this participation in the Cross, we pray that our merciful God may guide us through this dark night and give to the world a new light of hope to end this suffering and bring about restoration, peace, and new life.



Holy Week & Easter Schedule



Palm Sunday, April 10
Mass times: Sunday 9:00, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (Spanish) and 5:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 14
8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 15
8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours
3:00 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 16
12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, April 17
9:00 AM
11:00 AM
12:30 PM

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24
3:00 PM Holy Hour & Confessions



We Are Made for More.

A Q&A with Christopher West and Mike Mangione

As parishes and families try to keep up with a fast-moving world where the definition and purpose of our humanity seem to constantly change, an eye-opening and breathtakingly beautiful national touring event called **Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land** is coming to **St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 1429 W. Wellington Ave. Chicago, IL 60657, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022.**

"Where do we come from and where are we going? If we don't have compelling answers to these questions, we have no orientation in our lives." says Christopher West, world-renowned teacher of St. John Paul II's liberating vision of human life and love called "Theology of the Body."

The event, led by West and internationally touring folk/Americana musician Mike Mangione, will dive deeply into life's deepest questions and provide both grounding and great hope.

"This is not just a lecture or a talk," insists West. "It's an evening of beauty and reflection that weaves music, video, images and the spoken word into a message of hope that there really is a banquet of love that corresponds to the deepest hunger of our hearts."

West and Mangione recently spoke to the media about some of these clues and much more, including the transformation they hope takes place in those who attend Made for More. **The evening is hosted by St. Alphonsus Parish.**



Christopher West (left) and Mike Mangione.

What is Made for More? Why is this your focus?

Christopher West: We call it Made for More because we yearn for so much more than what the world is telling us. The world understands that we are creatures of hunger and passion, but they lead us to what I call "the fast food gospel," which is the promise of immediate gratification for that hunger. Many people think Christianity, on the other hand, is an invitation to a "starvation diet." No! That's not the Gospel. Christianity is an invitation to an infinite feast of life-giving love, and that's what this event is all about.

Mike Mangione: It's a presentation meant to meet you where you are and bring you to a place of communion. It is the culmination of Christopher's 25 years in this work, my 15 in music and our friendship. It is a conversation through sight and sound about how God reveals himself through creation and how our desires are meant to draw us closer to Him. It is a special and unique opportunity coming to your area.

It is my focus because it addresses the question of what it means to be human, Christian, Catholic right at a crucial moment in our history. We really need to look at these questions before we lose ourselves and slip into a stale state of indifference as a culture.

How is it different from other Catholic presentations?

MM: It is broad and relevant to all types of people. "Catholic talks" tend to be more on a specific element of the Catholic tradition/faith. This talk will be focused on the human heart no matter where it has been before. This presentation uses sight, sound, video, music, and images to reveal, teach and enable us to experience something communally as a group.

CW: Catholicism is a sensual religion – meaning, we experience the divine in and through our bodies, through our senses. And this event is designed to engage your senses, to wake them up and enable a new way of seeing, of hearing, of experiencing the world.

Mike, what is your role in the event? What are you trying to convey through your music?

MM: I am a co-creator as well as the musician for the event. My goal is to facilitate an experience that is communal between presenters, recipients and the Holy Spirit. I call it the Holy Campfire experience ... where we can all gather around and discuss the deepest mysteries of what it means to be human and be part of the human mystery. It is sometimes easier to achieve this with music because, like most art forms, it is often felt first and understood later. My aim is to create an event that brings the audience into the experience rather than just simply watching a talk.

Christopher, what are you trying to convey through your presentation?

CW: We're taking people on a journey through some particular words of Christ. We start with: "They look but do not see." So we've been trained to look at the world, but not see it; to look at the human body, for instance, but not see it. All of creation has a message, and Jesus says, "Come and become one who sees." He's in the business of giving sight to the blind.

The great battle between lightness and darkness is particularly intense in the world today. The meaning of our humanity is being eclipsed. The goal of this event is really to help turn the lights on for people, so they can see the mystery of God revealed through all of creation, and especially through our own humanity, our own bodies as male and female. Through that "coming to see," our eyes are opened in stunning new ways to God's plan for creation and for our own lives.

Mike, what is the "dance" between your music and Christopher's presentation?

MM: There are places music can go that the spoken word cannot. There is so much happening at once: lyrics, melody, instrumentation etc. All of these things can combine into a potent force that can pierce the heart. Sometimes the spoken word can tease out very clear ideas in a way that music never can. Combined, if done correctly, you can create a full head and heart experience. We try to create an experience where Christopher sets up a thought or a vision and then the music helps to prayerfully reflect upon it.

Is Made for More just for adults and parents? Or can youth attend?

MM: Made For More is for everyone who is ready to ponder the questions "Who am I, what am I, and where am I going?" This event is for married, single, celibate, Catholic, non-Catholic, devout, skeptic, youth and ... experienced.

Why is art and beauty essential to the event?

CW: Art is the language of the heart and the heart is wired for beauty, but, sadly, a lot of us are anesthetized in the modern world. "Anesthetized" actually means "numb to beauty." We want to wake people up to beauty, and through that, help people get in touch with their deepest yearnings. That's where we discover the great mystery we are all part of.

How can Made for More transform a parish? How can it help the priest and parish leadership?

MM: Made for More can tenderize the hearts and dig the furrows for the Holy Spirit to drop seeds and cultivate. We provide post-event resources that help those seeds take root and potentially grow into something beautiful and life-giving. Any seeds dropped in the right conditions can provide an abundant harvest.

What would you like attendees to come away feeling?

MM: Empathy, affirmation and hope.

CW: That they're not crazy to yearn for more than what this world offers. They're not crazy to want to be loved and affirmed as they are, behind the masks, warts and all. They're not crazy to imagine a world where every tear is wiped from the eye and every cry of the heart is answered. It's called "the promised land," and we want to give people a vision of it.

FOR MORE
VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7 p.m.
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
1429 W. Wellington Ave.
Chicago, IL 60657
Tickets: $25 available at:
DOWNTOWNCHICAGO.EVENTBRITE.COM

News and Events

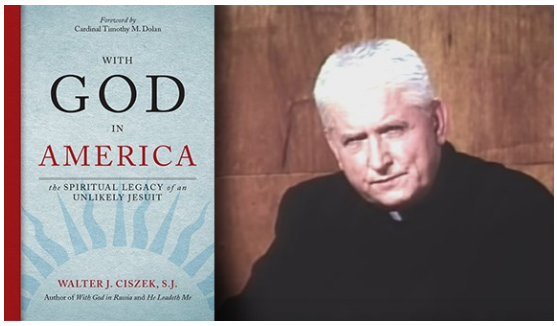


Made For More— Tuesday April 5

An evening of live music, visual beauty, and reflection

Where do we come from and where are we going? These questions are DECISIVE for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfillment. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie clips, YouTube videos, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instill in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive… Ticket sales are at www.eventbrite.com/e/made-for-more-chicago-downtown-tickets-78664111475 or through the parish office.

Spirituality and Spirits— Sunday March 27 at 6 PM



Join us after the 5 PM Mass on Sunday March 27 as professor John DeJak will enlighten all about the incredible story on the life and faith of Fr. Walter Ciszek, S.J., a 20th century missionary to Russia who spent more than 20 years in Stalinist prisons and survived arrest, imprisonment, and Siberian labor camps. This presentation is based off Ciszek's posthumous book, *With God in America: The Spiritual Legacy of an Unlikely Jesuit*. This event is free of charge; drinks and refreshments will be served. You can read a review of the book at www.catholicworldreport.com/2016/12/26/the-holiness-of-fr-walter-ciszek-s-j/

Save the Date!! Lenten Fish Fry— Friday April 8 at 6 PM

Truly a highlight and staple of Lent, St. Alphonsus will be hosting one grand Lenten Fish Fry this year. This event is sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council to benefit charitable projects of the parish. The 2022 Fish Fry details will be up soon on www.stalphonsusknights.com/fishfry/

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Sign-up to volunteer at bit.ly/stalsffvolunteer

Contact Paul Gillespie, pgillespie15158@gmail.com for more information.

AACA Art & Soul Fundraiser— Reach For The Stars



Our parish school's biggest fundraiser, Art & Soul is Saturday, April 2 from 6:30 to 11:30 PM. The event will be held at Ravenswood Event Center, 4043 N. Ravenswood and includes a silent and live auction, dinner, drinks, and dancing! Tickets are $175 and will sell out. For more info and to purchase tickets, you can go to https://e.givesmart.com/events/g4P/

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.

Faith Formation

Women's Bible Study Meetings– Tuesdays at St. Alphonsus



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.

Women of the Old and New Testaments were as flawed and broken as we can be, yet the power of God worked in their lives. Learn from their experiences in *Discovering Our Dignity*, a 22 lesson Bible Study.

Through their stories recorded in Scripture, women of the Bible reach out to touch our "present" in a tender, honest and loving way— woman to woman— with ancient wisdom, sage advice, and insights from sorrowful failures and emotional wounds.

Walking With Purpose meet on Tuesdays at the St. Alphonsus Common Room in the rectory.
Meetings are from 9:30 AM to 11 AM or 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. For more info, contact suecombes@hotmail.com

Gospel Meditation



Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Linguine with Garlicky Clams and Peas

1 (9-ounce) package fresh linguine
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 1/2 teaspoons minced garlic
3 (6 1/2-ounce) cans chopped clams, undrained
1 cup organic vegetable broth
1/4 cup dry white wine
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
1 cup frozen green peas
1/2 cup (2 ounces) shredded Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil

Cook pasta according to package directions, omitting salt and fat. Drain; keep warm.
Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add garlic to pan; sauté 1 minute. Drain clams, reserving clams and 1/2 cup juice. Add reserved clam juice, broth, wine, and pepper to pan; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add clams and peas to pan; cook 2 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Add pasta to pan; toss well. Sprinkle with cheese and basil.

More News and Events



Scout Sunday at St. Alphonsus

The Scouts of St. Alphonsus thank the parish for its support over the last 100 years! On Sunday, February 27, some of our Scouts helped to lead prayers and serve as ushers observing Scout Sunday!

As we prepare to celebrate 100 years of Scouting at St. Alphonsus, let us know if you have memories, pictures, or other memorabilia from your years of Scouting in our community, at tbrusstar.scouting@gmail.com

Donation Item Requests!

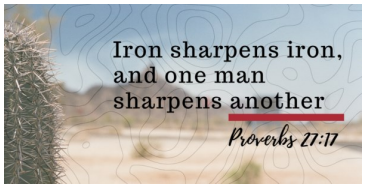
Now Collecting Donations for Kolbe Ministry



Men and women detained in jail often lack even the most basic self-care necessities. This Lent, parishes in the Archdiocese are asked to collect items for those in jail. The items we are collecting are men's white crew socks, standard sized white washcloths, and travel-size (1 oz.) bar soap. Please bring your donations to Mass by Sunday April 10. You can drop them off in the food pantry bins near the exits. Thank you!!

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.

St. Alphonsus Book Club

Join our Young Adult Book Group this Lenten season! We meet on Wednesdays at 7 PM in the rectory office and occasionally virtually. *"Lord of the World"*, by Hugh Robert Benson will be read one more week, concluding on March 23. For more info, please contact Leora Wallace, lwallac2@alumni.nd.edu

"Open Gym"

Saturday Morning Kids Play Time



Looking for a chance to get out of the house and for your kids to run around? Please join us Saturday mornings in Festival Hall (below the church) for a chance to spend time with other St. Als families and for the kids to play together. Please bring your own coffee, snacks, and any toys your kids would like to play with. Enter through the West door closest to the parking lot (by the Mary Altar). Saturdays 8:30 AM-10:30 AM. For questions, please contact Monica Cloghessy at (630) 347-3028 or monica.mccormack15@gmail.com.

Baptisms



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

If you are interested in having your child baptized at St. Alphonsus, please contact Kaitlin Holyk at weddings@stalphonsuschicago.com.
For adult baptisms contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.com

Marriage at St. Alphonsus



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

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 the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (LUKE 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

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CCHD's Virtual Art and Variety Show

Builders of Peace in Our Communities

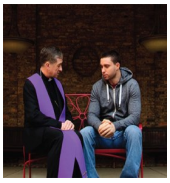
The Archdiocese of Chicago is excited to stream CCHD's Virtual Art and Variety Show: Builders of Peace in Our Communities on Friday, March 25 at 4 p.m.

The youth of the Archdiocese of Chicago were invited to submit creative works that explore U.S. poverty and related issues such as affordable housing, workers' rights, and racial justice — all in the context of their faith. Our Virtual Art and Variety show will feature keynote speaker Michael Okinczyc-Cruz from CSPL, creative works from our contestants, as well as announcements on our local contest winners.

Please join us virtually on Friday, March 25 at 4 p.m. on our Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity's Facebook page at **facebook.com/ohdschicago**.



Coming to Confession



Lent is a traditional time to 'take stock' and discover the ways in which we can turn more fully toward the Lord and away from the sin that weighs us down. It is a great season in which to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.
The sacrament is Reconciliation is regularly offered twice each week: Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 PM; Saturday from 11:00 to 11:30 AM. You may also contact the rectory office and schedule an appointment with a priest.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 6:30 PM on Fridays before Stations. If you need a refresher on how to pray the chaplet, you can go to www.catholic-link.org/how-to-pray-the-divine-mercy-chaplet-your-step-by-step-visual-guide/

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross are prayed at 7 PM. This prayer allows us to meditate on Christ's Passion and death while walking the "Way of the Cross." It is a wonderful way to grow in one's knowledge of being a disciple of the Lord. ** **Please note there will be no Stations of the Cross on March 25 due to Confirmation at 7 PM****

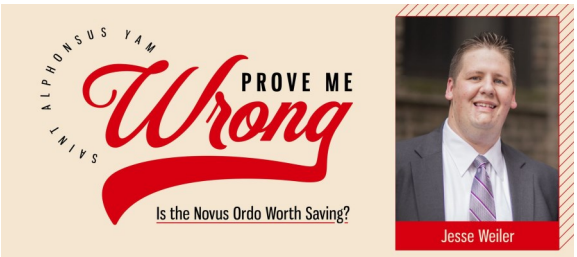
Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

Our Mission

As members of St. Alphonsus Young Adult Ministry, we walk alongside one another in faith. Our community is focused on:

- Meaningful worship, careful discernment, and prayerful reflection
- Curiosity and a thirst for the truth
- Service to one another, our church, and our city
- Lasting friendships and an invitation to fellowship and meaningful participation

Prove Me Wrong
Tuesday March 29 6:30 PM



Join us on March 29th for the next event in the Prove Me Wrong series, "***Is the Novus Ordo Worth Saving?"*** The conversation will be with Jesse Weiler, director of The Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, and co-host of the award-winning Catholic podcast, *"The Liturgy Guys."*

He has produced multiple digital projects including “Elements of the Catholic Mass,” the Adoremus Bulletin Author Podcast, and weekly live interviews for the Institute on Religious Life.

If you'd like to know anything in particular or have any questions pertaining to this topic , there is a Google Form you can fill out on this event’s Facebook page.

YAM 3X3 Basketball Tournament
Saturday April 2 starting at 2 PM



3-on-3 Basketball is back!! Come join St. Alphonsus’ Young Adult Ministry (YAM) for its annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament. It’s been three years since we’ve been able to crown a new champion so dust off your basketball shoes, grab some friends and join us for one of our most exciting events of the year!

The tournament will be a round-robin group play followed by a single elimination tournament for the top 6 teams. Each team is guaranteed 3 games in the group play. There is not a separate tournament for men and women so teams can be co-ed. There will be a limit of 16 teams, so sign-up before all of the spots are full!

Full details and sign-ups are on the St. Alphonsus GiveCentral event page:

www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/33435

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
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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
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www.alphonsusacademy.org

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

Rev. Steven Bauer, Pastor
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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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Caroline Jordan, Advancement Director
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