Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 16, 2025: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

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

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*

See page 3 for our schedule of Holy Week liturgies

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Lk 9:28b-29)



Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next 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
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bonds
Jamie Wallett
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Tessa Sergent
Diane Mareci
William Ahearn
Emilia Hurtado
Michael and Elizabeth Velten
Fidel Mercado Chavez
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Michael Aldape
Janet Horvat
Frank G. Bauer
Al Corleone
Tracy Duda
Jacob Duda
Dorothy O'Brien
Ryan Meadow
Danny Browder
Carol Kania
Leslie Salimi
Jason Jamero
Rosemarie Cordero
Gary Masterson
Ramona Colon
Michelle Renee Moya
Vera Wilkinson
Ernest Nora
Albert Meier

Eucharistic Adoration: A Source for Peace:
Sometimes our weeks can be quite hectic, making it hard to find quiet time to pray. If this sounds familiar, join us for Mass on Wednesdays at 6 PM, followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 6:30-7:30. This can be a great way to re-center yourself in God and experience the peace that only Christ can give.

Men's Vespers– WED evening
Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday from 8-9 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door) It's a great way to take your spiritual life a step further as we enrich our knowledge of the faith, encourage each other in life's challenges, and grow in fortitude together. We chant the Liturgy of the Hours and share reflections on the upcoming Sunday gospel reading, followed by a social with refreshments, fellowship, and conversation. All men of the parish are invited. Questions or more info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com

Welcome to the Parish!

Mery Rodriguez & Javier Cruz
Anna Rice
Michael Smigiel
Amanda Ori & Scott Monfre
Patricia Cushing
Ricky Torres
Martin Manzares
Austin Hutchison
Peter & Jaclyn Amaro
Carmen & Guerrero Del Toro
Christopher & Maria Prado



Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Loretta Jean Lord
Luke Christian Ford

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 16
9:00 AM +Carol Richard
11:00 AM +Mary Pond
12:30 PM +Gustavo Medina Jr.
5:00 PM +Mike Blumenthal

Monday, March 17
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, March 18
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, March 19
6:00 PM +Charles & Shirley Feeney

Thursday, March 20
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, March 21
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Saturday, March 22
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, March 23
9:00 AM Rosi Graham (Birthday Blessings)
11:00 AM +Ed & Mary Gobat
12:30 PM +Julita Luciano y Fidel Medina
5:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Holy Week & Easter Schedule



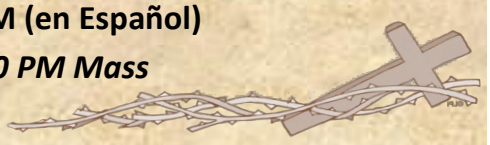
Palm Sunday, April 13
Mass times: Sunday 9:00, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (Spanish) and 5:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 17
8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 18
8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours
3:00 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 19
12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM,
1:00 PM (en Español)
No 5:00 PM Mass



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27
Mass times: 9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 PM (en Español) and 5 PM
3:00 PM Holy Hour & Confessions

Lenten Fish Fry Dinner— Friday, March 28

Truly a highlight and staple of Lent, St. Alphonsus will be hosting our last Lenten Fish Fry event on Friday, March 28. These fun events are sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council to benefit charitable projects of the parish.

Dates and Time: March 28 6:30 PM—9:00 PM
Where: 1429 W. Wellington, Chicago in Festival Hall, beneath the church
Featuring the Trinity Irish Dance Troupe around 7 PM.

Cost: $20 for adults. $10 for kids 5-12. Free for 4 and under.

Tickets for March 28 here: www.givecentral.org/otp/42836
Children tickets for March 28: www.givecentral.org/otp/42878

Menu: Fried Beer Battered Cod, Macaroni and Cheese, Coleslaw
For Sale separately: Mini-cupcakes, Brownies and other treats
BYOB Alcohol only. Water and other non-alcoholic drinks will be available.
For the kids: Multiple kids games and prizes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Sign-up to volunteer at our KoC Fish Fry website page, www.stalphonsusknights.com/fishfry/ **The links for tickets are also on our website.**

Contact Ray San Agustin, raysanagustin15158@gmail.com for sponsorships and questions!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children ages 4-7 are invited to join us during the 9 AM Sunday Mass for Children's Liturgy of the Word! The children will hear the Word of God proclaimed in a way that they can understand, enter into prayer, and learn how to actively participate in the Mass! No sign up required. Children will be called up to the front of the Church near the beginning of Mass for a blessing, and Parents may accompany shy/ hesitant children to make them feel more comfortable.

Upcoming CLOW Dates are March 30th, May 4th, June 1st. Questions? Contact Emily at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church



Faith Formation

Walking With Purpose—Women's Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 AM; Evenings at 6:30 PM

Come as you are. You are welcome here. Make authentic connections with other women. Refuel and refresh. Learn more about God!

Become a true , dynamic disciple of Jesus Christ.

Passionate Discipleship is a Bible study focused on equipping women to know Christ and to make Him known. Study 2 Timothy verse by verse as we immerse ourselves in Paul's last and deeply personal letter to his beloved friend and mentee, Timothy.

walking with purpose

Come learn how to live as disciples of Christ, living with Him as the center of our lives and entrusting this message to others who can pass it on as well.

Meetings take place every Tuesday on the 2nd Floor Common Room in the parish rectory. For questions and more info, please contact Marianne at mariannek36@yahoo.com

CATHOLIC MEN IN A SECULAR WORLD

NAVIGATING SHAME & MANHOOD



VIRTUAL

MONDAYS 6:30-7:30PM

starting March 17th

Vita Optimum Counseling Clinical Intern, Joshua, creates space for supportive brotherhood and open, honest conversations with men ages 18 and up around the following topics:

- Anxiety & Stress Management
- Trauma experiences
- Societal expectations
- Value exploration
- Shame
- Depression
- Loneliness

Sign up for more information or contact Joshua directly

✉ joshua.chinlee@vitaoptimumcounseling.com

St. Alphonsus Men's Group



St. Alphonsus Men's Group meets Thursday nights to pray the liturgy of the hours, have fellowship, and to propose challenging topics to discuss.

When great conversations happen, synergy that creates connections and helps values be shared develops. *Proverbs 27:17* describes this as two iron tools being sharpened and made more effective. The same applies with friends coming into contact, sharpening and encouraging each other to greater service.

We meet every Thursday night at 7 PM in the rectory. Food and drinks provided. All men are welcome, with most men being in their 20s and 30s. Access can be gained at the west facing rectory door in the parking lot.

For questions or more information, contact Men's Group at our email, divineofficers@gmail.com

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

Lenten Teaching Mass— Saturday, April 5



Are you looking to learn more about the Mass in this season of Lent? Have you ever wondered where certain parts of the mass come from and how the mass as it is now became to be? Have you ever wanted to ask why the priest adds water to the wine? What does the sign we make before the Gospel mean? Now is your chance to learn and ask questions! Our Pastor Father Steve will be hosting a Teaching/Explanatory Saturday Vigil mass.

The event begins at 5:00 PM and will begin with a brief explanation of the history of Mass. We will then have a Saturday Vigil Mass, but Father Steve will stop at appropriate times during the mass to explain what he is doing and why. After mass, we will open the floor to questions you may have that were not covered. All questions are welcome. This is a great time for everyone to learn more about mass and I guarantee at least one other person is wondering the same thing you are! Depending on what time we finish, we will be having a social afterwards. This is a unique event, so be sure to come!

Coming to Confession During Lent



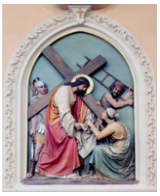
Lent is a traditional time to 'take stock' and discover the ways in which we can turn more fully toward the Lord and away from the sin that weighs us down. It is a great season in which to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

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 6:40 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 6 PM (en Espanol) and 7 PM (in English). 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.

Catholic Relief Services— Rice Bowl



Like prayer and virtue, charity is not just for Lent. However, the time of Lent has always been set aside to help us show more concern for the poor and to make that concern part of our daily habits.

Make a resolution to do something positive for others. Just as we resolve to 'give up', add a resolution to do something for the peace and welfare of the world. It can take many forms - from walking instead of driving for short errands, to making the time to spend with someone who is lonely or elderly.

Contribute to CRS Rice Bowl. Rice Bowl is a program sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. You can collect the money in a small bowl placed on your table to remind yourself. Add to it any money you save from fasting as well as your spare change. At the end of Lent, bring your savings back to the parish in the form of a check or cash. Learn more at www.crsricebowl.org

Stewardship— First Fruits

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

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

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Offertory for 3/9: $18,533

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

Left QR code for GiveCentral; Right QR code for Venmo

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

Stewardship Reflection

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

Choosing to be Catholic

During Lent, we focus a great deal of energy on the idea of *conversion*. We have in front of us icons (examples) in the people who have chosen this Lent to prepare to be baptized or to become full members of the church. For the rest of their lives, they may describe themselves as "converts."

The *Rite of Election* is celebrated at the beginning of Lent at the Cathedral. The catechumens (those asking for baptism) and candidates (those who are baptized and asking for full communion with the church) were prayed for and 'sent' with our blessing. At the Cathedral, the bishop "elects" or chooses those who are asking for the Easter sacraments.

This rite reminds us that God has chosen each one of us. The choosing is reciprocal. Those who are chosen must also respond by accepting God's call and membership in Christ's church.

As you keep Lent, please remember to pray for our Elect and candidates.

Being baptized, confirmed and receiving the Eucharist:

Devon Flowers
Ana Walton

Being received into the church, confirmed and receiving the Eucharist:

Laura Arnold
Emily Sziky
Ally Alexander
Christine Garces
Arumeh DeGeorge
Christie Pipkins
Kyle Rafferty
Brandon Banner
Timothy Blegen
Lauren Killough
Tristan Lopez

Pop Quiz!





Question: This photo was taken on campus. *What is it?*
a.) Al Capone's vault
b.) the tomb Jesus was buried in
c.) the school's detention dungeon
d.) Fr. Bauer's office
e.) the underside of the veranda stairs

Answer: Years ago Al Capone's secret vault was discovered, and was supposed to have been filled with treasures greater than Brandon Johnson's gift closet, but alas, the vault was empty. But it wasn't on our campus, so we can rule out answer A. We can also easily rule out B as an answer because Jesus' tomb was obviously not in Chicago. Thankfully we can also rule out C as an answer because the school hasn't made use of detention dungeons for something like at least fifteen or sixteen years now, maybe more. Answer D is a little more difficult to rule out because that may have been his temporary office when he first arrived (or it may have looked like that back then), but we know for a fact that his office has more windows in it. Which leaves answer E — the underside of the veranda's south staircase.

But why this "quiz"? Because...

More Parish News & Events

Red Cross Blood Drive— Sunday, April 6 in Festival Hall

GIVE BLOOD
You can make a difference.
American Red Cross

Please consider donating life-giving blood in our Festival Hall on Sunday, April 6 from 9 AM— 2 PM! Appointments at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive and you can type in **StAlphonsusChurch** to find available time slots or you can scan the QR code here as well. All donors will receive a $15 gift card via email!

Baptisms at St. Alphonsus



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 Kathryn Kibler at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church
For adult baptisms, contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Weddings 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 Kathryn at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. Luke 9:32–33

Becoming "Fully Awake"

As we are presented with this glorious event of the Transfiguration this Sunday, there are numerous lessons we can learn from it. The passage above presents us with two particular lessons.

First, Peter and his companions were overcome by sleep while Jesus was transfigured in glory and conversing with Moses and Elijah. This line could suggest many things. It could mean that Peter was weak and more concerned with his human condition than he was with attentiveness to the important journey he was invited to take with our Lord. It could reveal a kind of spiritual sloth. It is easy in life to become weary of the journey and to become drowsy at the times that we should be most attentive to our Lord. For example, think about any time when you knew you should pray but instead, sat daydreaming or distracted, or chose to fill that time with something mindless. Peter and his companions, therefore, teach us that it is easy for us in our fallen human nature to "doze off" during those times when God wants to speak to us, especially while at Mass.

Another interpretation of this line comes from the Church Father, Saint Ambrose. He suggests that this sleep of Peter and his two companions was primarily a result of them encountering "the incomprehensible brightness of the Divine nature." As Jesus was transfigured, the initial vision was too much for them to comprehend, and so this vision began with them asleep as a symbol of the fact that we are all incapable of seeing the glory of God in our weakened state. But then they became "fully awake," which implies that it took time for them to open their eyes to see the glory of God. This lesson teaches us that we all must wake up and work to become fully awake if we are to see the glory of God as He reveals Himself to us.

After becoming fully awake and encountering the incomprehensible brightness of the divine nature, Peter says, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." The Gospel writer then goes on to say that Peter "did not know what he was saying." Again, if we turn to Saint Ambrose, he points out that Peter's experience is commendable because he not only had earnest feelings but also took the initiative of good deeds. He wanted to build three tents so that Jesus, Moses and Elijah would remain with them. But another Church father points out that Peter "did not know what he was saying" because he did not, at that time, realize that it was indeed his mission to build a dwelling place for Jesus, the Law and the Prophets. It was his mission to build the Church, which was to be the future dwelling place of God on earth and the place in which we will encounter God throughout life.



You, too, are entrusted with the responsibility of building up the structure of the Church on earth so that many may encounter the full glory of God. This will only happen if you continually seek to become fully awakened to the glory of God as He reveals Himself to you and, in the joy of that encounter, go forth to build up God's Church by your earnest desire and intentional acts of charity.

Reflect, today, upon Peter and his two companions, James and John. Prayerfully ponder them asleep as Jesus was transfigured in glory. Reflect upon them waking up and beginning to realize what was taking place before them. Consider Peter's excitement and amazement and the effect that had on him. And then ponder how these disciples eventually did go forth to build the Church, the house of God, so that they and many others would come to meet Christ. Pray that the witness of these disciples will inspire you to follow in their footsteps.

My Transfigured Lord, the glory that shone forth from Your divine face in radiance must have been beyond human description. Your true glory in Heaven is something that I hope to one day behold. Please instill in me a desire to more fully understand Your glory and to work tirelessly to be an instrument of that glory to all I meet. Jesus, I trust in You.

Young Adult Ministry



Faith & Fellowship Prayer Night— Wednesday, March 19

Join us in the St. Alphonsus Rectory's 2nd floor common room as we gather for prayer and fellowship!

This is a new series we'll be doing, delving into a type of prayer together each month. This month we are going to reflect with Lectio Divina followed by a group Rosary.

After prayer, stick around for some homemade goodies and we encourage you to bring some snacks to share.

Doors open at 7:15 PM and we will start at 7:30 PM. Hope to see you here!



Praise and Adoration— Friday, March 21 at 7:30 PM

On Friday, March 21st, spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration in the church. We'll spend the first 30 minutes in silent adoration, and then our musicians will lead worship in song. Confession will also be available! The hour will conclude with benediction, and our Young Adult Ministry will lead a group for fellowship and drinks at a local bar after!



Volunteer w/ Habitat for Humanity— March 29

Join us on Saturday, March 29th from 1-4 PM in partnership with Habitat for Humanity at the ReStore donation center (6040 N. Pulaski Rd)! Projects may include merchandise staging and arranging, warehouse organizing, cleaning, or donation assembly. Volunteers will need to make an account and sign up using the link--there will be a waiting list for this event as there is a max number of volunteers, and we will coordinate appropriately should there be changes. Carpool will be arranged leaving from St. Alphonsus; please visit the YAM Facebook event for that Google link! Get started with this Volunteer link: https://vhub.at/StAlphonsus_HabitatChicago

More Young Adult Events

Young Catholic Professionals Lenten Retreat at St. Alphonsus Saturday, March 29; 9 AM– 2:30 PM

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS CHICAGO

Join YCP Chicago on Saturday, March 29th from 9 AM to 2:30 PM for a Lenten Retreat ***Celebrating The Eucharist, From Adoration to Action!*** This retreat is a 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. Sister Mary Ann Spanjers will be a guest speaker.

This event will be FREE for YCP Members and $25 for non-members.
Register NOW at ycp.glueup.com/event/ycp-lenten-retreat-136423

NET Missionary Housing and Food Donations Needed!



Invest in the faith of our next generation! A perfect tithe for your Lenten Almsgiving! Help provide either shelter or food for NET Missionaries who are coming to St. Alphonsus to hold retreats for our 7th & 8th graders!

We are hoping to find 3 families to provide:

- **A Space for 2-3 Missionaries to Sleep April 10th-12th** (*they have their own sleeping bags so floorspace, couches, or air mattresses are fine)*
- **Shower Access**
- **Continental Breakfast** *(like cereal, yogurt, or fruit)*

We are also looking for families to help provide meals for the missionaries *(either home cooked or gift cards like Chipotle/Panera, etc).*

During this Jubilee Year, you can receive an indulgence for performing a work of mercy! Please help us to host these missionaries that will help to spark the faith in our youth! Email any questions to Emily Ember at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church

Faith at the Movies



The Last Supper, a new movie depicting the ultimate act of divine love and sacrifice told through the eyes of those who walked alongside Jesus Christ. Mauro Borrelli, a Catholic, served as the film's writer and director and award-winning Christian artist Chris Tomlin was the film's executive producer, marking Tomlin's first time stepping into theatrical filmmaking. This reimagining unveils untold perspectives, offering a deeply human and spiritual exploration of the moments that shaped history and faith. Through the diverse voices surrounding Him, the story invites audiences to witness a powerful and intimate portrayal of redemption and grace. Embark on an extraordinary cinematic journey where a timeless story comes to life, faith finds new depth, and the power of belief unfolds in a way you've never experienced before.

The Last Supper is now exclusively in theaters. Find where it is playing in the Chicago area and get tickets at www.thelastsupper.movie

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

How to Make Stainless Steel Nonstick

Heat a stainless - steel skillet over medium or medium-high for 2 minutes. Add enough vegetable oil to coat the entire bottom of the pan with a ⅛ inch of oil. Heat the oil until wisps of smoke begin to appear, about 6 minutes. When the oil begins to smoke, remove the skillet from the heat and cool the oil completely. Once the pan has cooled, pour out the excess oil and wipe up the remaining oil in the skillet using a paper towel. You want a glossy sheen left in the base of the pan—that's your nonstick surface.

A few notes: It's important to use an oil with a high smoking point, such as canola oil, to coat the pan. And you should avoid washing the pan if you can—just wipe it clean between uses. When the pan gets really gross (and it will, eventually), wash it with soap and water, but know that you'll lose the nonstick coating and have to season the skillet again.

Contact

Sacramental Information

Contact our parish office at (773) 525-0709 for information regarding celebrating sacraments including Baptisms (infant and adult), Reconciliation (confession), Eucharist (Communion), Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick. For information regarding Funerals, please first contact the funeral director of your choice to begin making arrangements.

How to Offer a Mass Intention

Have you ever noticed that every Mass said here at St. Alphonsus is offered for a special intention? The entire congregation prays for that intention during the petitions (Prayers of the Faithful) when we say, "For those who have died, and for the intention of this Mass: (named intention)"

You can make a Mass Intention request here. Masses are often offered for family, friends and relatives that have died. Praying for the dead is a Spiritual Work of Mercy. Offering a Mass for someone that has died is an especially comforting gesture to the family. Mass can also be offered to commemorate joyful occasions and to give thanks to God for blessings received.

The customary offering for a Mass is $15. However, any amount that you would like to offer is acceptable. You can request Masses by visiting the Parish Office during office hours or calling the Parish Office at (773) 525-0709.

You can ***register in the parish*** by coming to the rectory office or going online at *www.stalphonsuschicago.org*. The advantage to registering is that we know who you are and can better plan our programs by knowing whom we serve.

Want *to find out what is happening in the young adult community?* Join the St. Al's Young Adult Listserv. We send out monthly emails to let people know about our upcoming events. To register for the listserv, contact *stalphonsusyam@gmail.com*

The ***Knights of Columbus*** are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. For more information, visit *www.stalphonsusknights.com*

St. Alphonsus Social Media

Choose to participate in meaningful engagement! Having an attitude of engagement challenges us to love our digital neighbor as ourselves. You can find St. Alphonsus' Facebook and Instagram by going to the parish website and clicking the icons at the footer of the page.

Directory

Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM– 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
9:00 AM– 7:30 PM Tues, Thur

School Office

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info@alphonsusacademy.org

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

Rev. Steven Bauer, Pastor
Rev. Jesús (Chuy) Raya, Associate Pastor
Brooks Robinson, Pastoral Associate
Emily Ember, Coordinator of RE/Evangelization
Brian Bloye, Director of Music and Organist
Daniel Szymanski, Director of Operations
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager
Kathryn Kibler, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator
Margaret Piery, Parish Secretary/Sacristan

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