Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 1, 2023: THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God before you." (Mt 21:31)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

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

Alphonsus Academy & Center For the Arts

Friday	8:30 AM or as announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM

Confessions

Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM
Saturday	11:00—12:00 PM

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

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Please Pray for the Sick

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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $14,890

Offertory for 9/24: $15,108

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

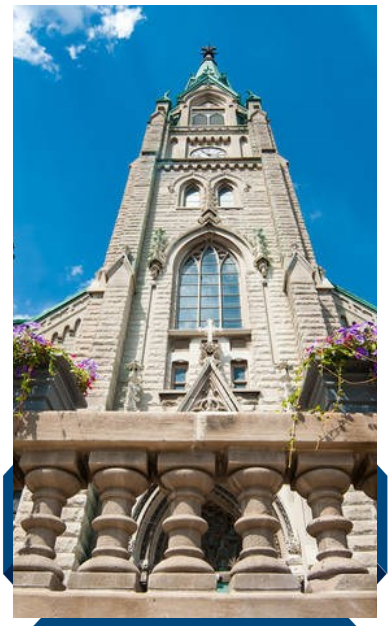
Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Daniel Ledford Hart
Camden Torrison Corlette
Theodore Joseph Wywrot
Peter Hoffman Navin

At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Guadalupe Gijon
Theodore Woodrow Kinzer
Mercedes Osorio





WEDDING BANNS

Theresa Izquierdo
and
Peter Medina

Natalia Arias
and
Rodrigo Martinez

Heather Huna
and
John Pircon

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 1
9:00 AM +Thomas Mulcahy
11:00 AM +Richard Meindl
12:30 PM +Felipe & Roberto Rodriguez
5:00 PM +Nadine M. Grandi

Monday, October 2
8:30 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, October 3
8:30 AM +Luanna Wyatt

Wednesday, October 4
6:00 PM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, October 5
8:30 AM +George Gheorghian

Friday, October 6
8:30 AM +Frances Zajczenko

Saturday, October 7
8:30 AM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, October 8
9:00 AM +Christian Kebr
11:00 AM +Rev. Erasmo Ramirez, OP
12:30 PM +George Gheorghian
5:00 PM For the People of St. Alphonsus

Vielen Dank for a Wunderbar Oktoberfest!



Our annual Oktoberfest weekend has come to an end. Some of you may be heaving sighs of relief at that, some of you might already be gearing up for next year! Whatever your feelings may be, ours is one of immense gratitude. This past weekend was a huge success and raised necessary funds to help our parish, school, and community. We could not have asked for better weather for our Gemütlichkeit and the turnout was spektakulär. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who lent their time and talent to ensure Oktoberfest was a success. We truly could not have achieved this without you. We especially want to thank all our volunteers – you are the backbone of Oktoberfest, and without your help, Oktoberfest wouldn't happen. We look forward to celebrating YOU at the Volunteer Party soon.

Thank you to all of our families and parishioners who attended the Fest. We hope you had as much fun as we did, especially at Kinderfest! This was our best Kinderfest ever, and it made us so happy to see the kids (and some adults) playing and enjoying the train and activities. We love when our school community and parish community come together and celebrate being a part of St. Alphonsus, and we are blessed that you all are a part of our Gemeinschaft!

So, vielen Dank an alle for your support and prayers, and we look forward to an even better Oktoberfest next year! Prost!

Volunteers should check their email for details about the upcoming volunteer party, and everyone should **mark their calendars for Sept 27, 28 and 29 of 2024 for the next great installment of Oktoberfest.**

News and Events

Return of 8:30 AM Saturday Morning Mass!



Our parish is happy to announce that once again we are able to offer 8:30 AM morning Mass on Saturday mornings for our faithful. This will go into effect starting **Saturday, October 7.**

St. Francis Day and the Blessing of Pets



Saint Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) is famous for many things, the most popular things of which were his love for Jesus, care for the poor, founding the a religious order referred to as the Little Brothers (a.k.a., the Order of Friars Minor), his love for the beauty of God's creation and the ability to preach to animals.

To celebrate his feast day, we will be having special outdoor prayer services with a Blessing of Pets this week on **Wednesday, October 4th,** one after school at 2:00 PM for our AACA school families in the parish/ school parking lot **and one at 5:30 PM** on the Veranda of the Church before 6 PM Mass that evening. Make sure that all pets are appropriately leashed (or caged), and "walked" before arriving, please and thank you!

Serve Your Parish as an EMHC!



We are looking for parishioners who are interested in serving our ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The requirements to serve as an EMHC: persons must have received Confirmation, be attending Mass weekly, have an active prayer life, be a Catholic in good standing in the Church, and above all, have an understanding of and a sense reverence for our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Contact Fr. Steven Bauer for more info.

Faith Formation

Register Your Child(ren) for Religious Education!

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

Contact our RE Coordinator Oksana Kuzma, okuzma@alphonsusacademy.org for more info.

Our Religious Education program is currently underway for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in registering your child, please visit www.stalphonsuschicago.org/religious-education for more information.



Are You Ready To Become Catholic?

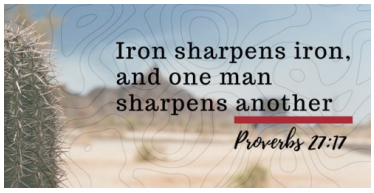
Registration is open for The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA program is the study of the Catholic Faith and the process of introduction into the faith community.

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

St. Alphonsus Men's Group — Thursday Evenings



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

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

We meet every Thursday night at 7 PM in the rectory. Food and drinks provided. All men are welcome, with most men being in their 20s and 30s. Access can be gained at the west facing rectory door in the parking lot. For questions or more information, contact Men's Group at our new email, divineofficers@gmail.com

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

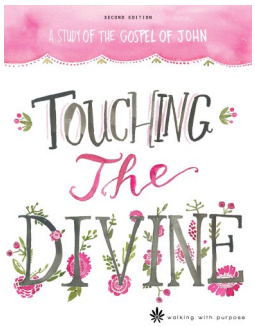
Men's Group Holy Hour Friday Oct. 6 at 7:30 PM

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

Wednesday Evening Men's Vespers
Men of the parish are invited to attend our Communio prayer group each Wednesday at 8:15-9 PM in the rectory chapel (come to the rectory side door) It's a great way to take your spiritual life a step further as we enrich our knowledge of the faith, encourage each other in life's challenges, and grow in fortitude together. We chant the Liturgy of the Hours, share reflections on the upcoming Sunday gospel reading, followed by a social with refreshments, fellowship, and conversation. All men of the parish are invited. Questions or more info, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com

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!

The **Touching the Divine** Bible study focuses on qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality.

Saint John referred to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved," and as we study, John will teach is how much Jesus loves us and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls. Questions? Contact Susan Combes at suecombes@hotmail.com

Tips for Parents & Guardians

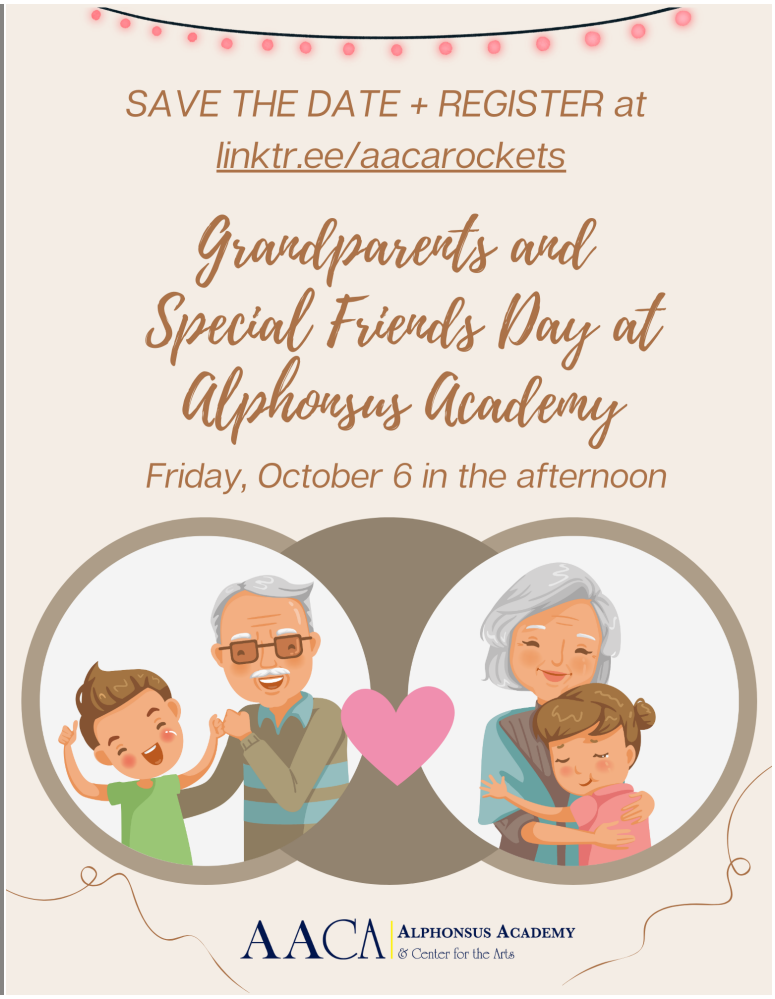


Parents need to establish *clear expectations* with teens and check-in regularly to be sure those expectations are being met. As much as possible, try to have an adult at home when teens are there and always know where they are and who they are with.

Archdiocesan Office for the Protection of Children & Youth *protect.archchicago.org*

Alphonsus Academy





Living the Gospel of Life

Support "The Baby Bottle Project"

Pick Up Your Bottle This Sunday



This October, our parish will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting Aid for Women. Aid for Women was founded over 42 years ago on the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church. Aid for Women operates four pregnancy resource centers throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. Services include pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams and confidential counseling. Aid for Women's residential programs, Heather's House and Monica's House, help women whose decision to choose life is further complicated by lack of adequate housing.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you this weekend. Fill it with your spare change and return it to church in October. The bottles may be found at the exits as you leave Mass. Thank you!

October Respect Life Reflection

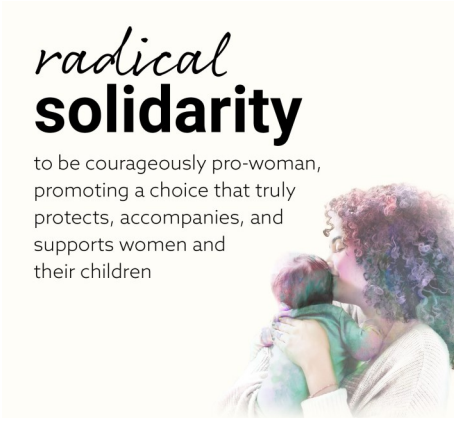
In the Gospel of John, shortly before he is to suffer his Passion, Jesus proclaims to his disciples: *"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another"* (Jn 13:34). And it is love for one another that Jesus says will be the identifying characteristic of his disciples.

The Church's entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value: "Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives." As disciples of Christ, we are called to make a sacrificial gift of ourselves for the sake of our neighbor, for "to love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it."

Fulfilling Christ's command to love one another takes shape in our practice of solidarity. Solidarity is the means by which we put our love for others into action, making the good of others our own. Solidarity "is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people… On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good…to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all."

In reaction to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, some areas of the country now protect the child in the womb, while others are doing all they can to increase access to abortion. At this critical moment, we have been entrusted with new *opportunities* and new *responsibilities* to build a civilization of authentic love. Our culture claims to offer women so-called "choice," but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. We must lead the way in showing the alternative: "*In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. …* The only honest stance, in these cases, *is that of radical solidarity with the woman*. It is not right to leave her alone."

Experience shows that when a mother is supported, "she is even capable of heroism." Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.



Radical solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*." A culture of radical solidarity "gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives… and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others." We each have our particular gifts, role, and obligation within the Body of Christ to help build a culture of life. We must honestly ask ourselves, "What radical, out-of-the-ordinary, actions have I taken to help a pregnant or parenting mother in need, or to proactively contribute to a culture of life in some other way?"

Inspired by Christ's own example of love, may we "enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep." May we work together to bring about a culture of life through radical, sacrificial, Christ-like love.

To learn more about the call to radical solidarity—including ways that you can help support pregnant and parenting women in your community—visit respectlife.org/radical-solidarity

Young Adult Ministry

Trivia Night— Saturday Oct 21



Are you the friend whose schtick is sharing random factoids? Or maybe the one with the most fun party conversations? Well, calling all you trivia fans and friends alike to come join us in St. Alphonsus' Festival Hall (basement), on Saturday, October 21st from 5 PM-8 PM because St. Al's YAM Trivia is back!

Sign up at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/38222

The Early Bird cost of tickets is $20 per person (it is a fundraiser!). Teams of 5-6 people can register individually or together. 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. Ticket price moves to $25 starting Oct. 11.

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.

If trivia isn't your thing, but still want to join us, consider volunteering as well!

A Google Doc form can be found at linktr.ee/stalphonsusyam

For bonus points to your team's final score, bring 2 unopened, unexpired, non-perishable food items! All items will be donated to Nourishing Hope- the Lakeview food pantry! They especially need pastas, jams and jellies, canned beans, rice, and canned goods with pop-tops!

For any questions or concerns, please reach out to the YAM social team, stalsyamsocial@gmail.com

County Line Orchard Trip— Saturday October 14

Sign up online!



Hay there, St. Al's YAM community! St' Al's YAM will be going to County Line Orchards on Saturday, October 14th. The orchard has apple picking, pumpkin patch, farm, corn maze and train. So pumpkin spice up your life and come along with us to this appletastic event.

Cars will leave from the St. Alphonsus Oakdale parking lot around 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 14th. Please let us know in the sign-up form if you're able to drive. We will be carpooling to County Line Orchard in Indiana, 200 S County Line Rd, Hobart, IN 46342, about a hour and a half drive. We will stop at some point as a group to have lunch at the kitchen/grill onsite at the orchard. Expect to return to the city around 5PM/leave the orchard to come back around 3 PM.

Please sign up in the Google Form in the recent YAM Newsletter so we know who all to expect and can coordinate rides if needed. We're looking for a handful of people to volunteer to drive so people can carpool as well.

Talk w/ Fr. Rob Ryan— Monday Oct 9

The Second Vatican Council and the Universal Call to Holiness



Monday, Oct 9th 6:30-8:00 PM in St. Alphonsus Festival Hall
Join us as Fr. Rob Ryan gives a survey of the circumstances leading up to Vatican II, its structure, major documents, and the fruit of the council as a roadmap for the church and our call to be saints in the third millennium. Drinks and light appetizers provided.
This event is free admission; free-will offerings accepted.

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

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

SAINT ALPHONSUS WEDDING MINISTRY

Serve as a Wedding Coordinator!

Are you someone who would consider themselves organized and a hopeless romantic, looking to get more involved in our parish? St. Alphonsus is currently looking for wedding coordinators to join our team. Weddings are joyful and jam-packed events filled with lots of details—it's an all-hands-on-deck ordeal! Being part of the Wedding Ministry is a rewarding opportunity as we help couples enjoy their special and Sacramental day. All volunteers receive a stipend for their time. **For more information, contact Priyanka Golwala weddings@stalphonsuschicago.church**

Scouting at St. Alphonsus



Cub Scout Registration Open Through October 6!

The BSA Scouting community from Troop 889 and Pack 3889 are grateful for the support of St. Alphonsus parish.

Registration for scouting with Pack 3889 is open for all participants grades 1-5 for the 2023/2024 year. Register at bit.ly/stalsscout23

We have many fun adventures planned and we are in need of a parent Den Leader for our 3rd Grade Bears Den! We would love you to give Scouting a try! Please contact the Pack at pack3889@gmail.com with any questions! Thank you

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

CLEANING TIPS

Use microfiber cloths to clean glass.
Vinegar is an acid, so it can cut through dirt and can kill bacteria, but only if you use it at full or nearly full strength. The acids in vinegar can damage natural stone and wood surfaces.
Allowing any cleaning solution to sit on the surface for 2 to 3 minutes. Always follow the directions on the product's label. Some solutions, like disinfectants, need a full 10 minutes to truly kill bacteria.
Bleach actually doesn't 'clean' anything—because it doesn't remove soil. It can lighten stains, making things look cleaner, and it kills bacteria, so it's better as a sanitizer than as a cleaner.
Baking soda is a good choice for a garbage disposal. It's also mildly abrasive, and because it's a base, it will counteract all the smelly acids that we put down the drain.

More News and Events

Altar Server Training

This month we will be offering another training for students fourth grade and up who would like to become altar servers. Children who are trained to become altar servers will be able to serve on Sundays and school Masses. Experienced servers can also serve at weddings and funerals (which includes a $10 stipend). Please contact Associate Pastor, Rev. Jesus Raya Custodio, jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church for details.

Donate Shoes for Refugees

Our St. Vincent DePaul chapter is accepting shoe donations for all the refugees currently staying at the Chicago Police District on Addison near Halsted. You will find bins marked for the shoe collections at the back of the church and at the rectory. There is a particular need for children's shoes at this time. Shoes dropped off at the rectory should be done during regular business hours. Thank you for your kind generosity!

Register as a Member of St. Alphonsus!

St. Alphonsus is blessed to welcome many visitors each year. If you worship at our church, you are invited to formally join our faith community! Register at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors If you have moved and would like to update your address, contact Mario Serrano, mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.church

Volunteer with Cleaning Angels!



All parishioners are invited to join us on **Saturday October 28 from 9 AM to 10:30 AM** as we help to clean and beautify our Saint Alphonsus campus! It is our duty as good Catholics to be of service to our faith community and our local parish! The focus area will be on the rectory instead of the church this month. Contact Coordinator Kelly Lovewell at kjlovewell@gmail.com for questions.

October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **6:00 PM** Young Adult Ministry Board Meeting **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**2** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** AACA School Board **7:00 PM** Bible Timeline Study Group **7:00 PM** Knights of Columbus Meeting	**3** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **4:00 PM** Cub Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**4** **1:45 PM** Brownie Girl Scouts—3rd **7:00 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**5** **3:00 PM** Tigers Cub Scouts **6:15 PM** Leonine Forum **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group **7:00 PM** Women's Faith Group	**6** **1:00 PM** Grandparents Day— AACA School Mass **5:00 PM** Oktoberfest Volunteer Appreciation Party **7:30 PM** Men's Group Holy Hour	**7**
8 **8:00 AM** Team MOLA Chicago Marathon Cheer Team **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**9** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:30 PM** The 2nd Vatican Council & the Universal Call to Holiness Talk w/ Fr. Ryan **7:00 PM** Bible Timeline Study Group	**10** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **4:00 PM** Cub Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**11** **7:00 PM** AACA H.S/ College Prep Fair **7:00 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**12** **8:00 AM** AACA Rocket Run Pre-K & K **3:00 PM** Tigers Cub Scouts **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group **7:00 PM** Women's Faith Group	**13** **8:00 AM** AACA Rocket Run 1st through 8th	**14** **9:00 AM** YAM-County Line Orchard Day Trip
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15 ***Shepherds of Bethlehem Holy Land Artifacts Sale at Masses*** **1:00 PM** Samuel Group **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**16** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **7:00 PM** Bible Timeline Study Group	**17** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **4:00 PM** Cub Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**18** **1:45 PM** Brownie Girl Scouts—2nd **6:30 PM** Baptismal Prep Class **7:00 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**19** **3:00 PM** Tigers Cub Scouts **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group **7:00 PM** Women's Faith Group	**20** **7:30 PM** Praise and Adoration	**21** **5:00 PM** Trivia Night
	AACA Scholastic Book Fair in Festival Hall MON-THUR					
22 ***World Mission Sunday Collection*** **12:00 PM** Knights of Columbus Pumpkin Carving **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**23** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **7:00 PM** Bible Timeline Study Group	**24** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **4:00 PM** Cub Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**25** **7:00 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**26** **10:00 AM** Blessings In A Backpack **3:00 PM** Tigers Cub Scouts **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group **7:00 PM** Women's Faith Group	**27** **4:00 PM** AACA Trunk or Treat **7:15 PM** Church Tour for IL Landmarks Commission	**28** **9:00 AM** Cleaning Angels
29 **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**30** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** First Communion Seminar **7:00 PM** Bible Timeline Study Group	**31** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **4:00 PM** Cub Scouts **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum				

Scheduling at St. Alphonsus

The monthly calendar in the bulletin only shows all current parish events/activities. It does not indicate all sacraments such as weddings and baptisms. You can view the entire parish calendar on our website at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/calendar If your group's events are not listed in our calendar, please contact Mario Serrano at mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.church

Contact

Sacramental Information

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

How to Offer a Mass Intention

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Alphonsus Social Media

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

Directory

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Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon- Fri

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Parish Staff

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