# Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 5, 2023: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*"You are the light of the world.*
*A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.*
*Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket." (Mt 5:14-15)*

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Mass Schedule

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| ***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

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| ***Friday*** | 8:30 AM or as announced |

### Eucharistic Adoration

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| ***Wednesday*** | 6:30—7:30 PM |

### Confessions

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| ***Wednesday*** | 6:30—7:30 PM |
| ***Saturday*** | 11:00—11:30 AM |

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

### Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

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| ***Wednesday:*** | 5:50 PM |

# Worship

## This Week's Readings

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

## Please Pray for the Sick

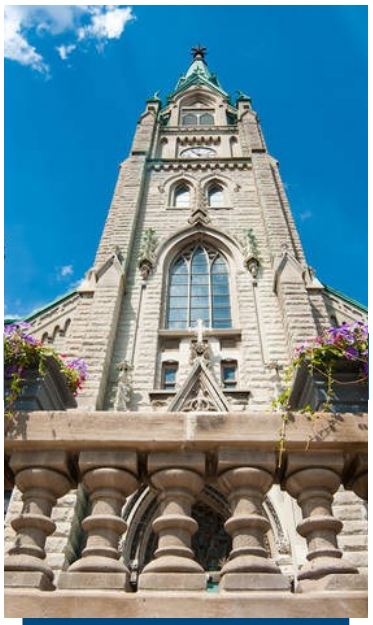
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Jamie Wallett
Sandra Wilson
Monica Alexis Rios
Margaret Nichols
Maria Eisler
Tessa Sergent
Carolina Goldie
Diane Mareci
Fidel Mercado Chavez
Emilia Hurtado
Bernard Zapp
Rachel Schopp
Mike Madigan
David Birks
Celeste Soult
Carol Reckwerdt
Magdalena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

## Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 1/29: $13,940

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



## WEDDING BANNS

**Elizabeth Ptrovic**

**and**

**Peter McHugh**

## Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Ava James Knight

Michelle Therese Mahren

## At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Coach Frank J. Amato of Loyola Academy

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

**Wednesday Evening Men's Vespers** All men in the parish are invited to pray with us every Wednesday evening from 8:00-9 PM in the sanctuary.



## MASS INTENTIONS

***Sunday, February 5***
9:00 AM +Patricia Van Osdale
11:00 AM Jonathan Gilana (Birthday Blessings)
12:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM +Jimmy Kuprianczyk

***Monday, February 6***
8:30 AM John Holyk (Birthday Blessings)

***Tuesday, February 7***
8:30 AM +Peter Marsalek

***Wednesday, February 8***
6:00 PM +Francis Cogan Fulton

***Thursday, February 9***
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

***Friday, February 10***
8:30 AM +Jose Romeo Gonzalez

***Sunday, February 12***
9:00 AM +Nancy Marconi
11:00 AM +Marty Collins
12:30 PM +Jose Nevarez
5:00 PM +Emma Negele
+Senzi and Josef Mueller

# News and Events

## Safe Families for Children

**Volunteer Roles Needed**

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

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

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

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

## Knights of Columbus News

FEB 24-25, - St. Alphonsus Parish Men's OVERNIGHT RETREAT led by Fr. Patrick Gorman at Joseph & Mary Retreat House, University St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, IL; retreat will begin about 8 PM FRI evening and finish mid-afternoon on SAT, permitting return back home by SAT evening; will include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, talk(s), rest, leisure time to walk around the lake. Fee of $128 includes dinner (available for late arrivals), one night's stay in individual room, breakfast & lunch. Open to Men's Group, Parishioners, YAM, AACA Dads & Friends all men are welcome! Please sign up at tinyurl.com/FEB-24-MENS-RETREAT

## Volunteer with Cleaning Angels!

All parishioners are invited to join us on **Saturday February 11 from 9 AM to 10:30 AM** as we help to clean and beautify our Saint Alphonsus Church! It is our duty as good Catholics to be of service to our faith community and our local parish! You can sign up at bit.ly/feb23stalsclean

## Tuesday Evening Philosophy Group

Join us on Tuesdays for weekly philosophy discussions and digging deeper into the greatest thinkers of all time. Get in touch with our Philosophy group coordinator Evan at esadasiv@alumni.nd.edu for info.

## CPD 19th District Council Election

Concurrent with the Mayoral election on February 28, the voters will be electing 3 members to the newly created Police District Councils. The Councils will serve as a bridge between the Community and the Police, developing and implementing community policing and restorative justice initiatives, hold monthly public meetings and meet regularly with other Police District Councils. **Meet the Candidates on:** Tuesday, February 14 at the Athenaeum Center, 2936 N. Southport at 7 PM sharp, doors open at 6:30PM
Sponsored by The South Lakeview Neighbors

## St. Alphonsus— Polling Place

Pope Francis offered during a 2013 homily: *"Good Catholics meddle in politics, offering the best of themselves, so that those who govern can govern..."*

On Tuesday February 28 from 6 AM to 7 PM, our parish Festival Hall will be utilized as a polling place. Chicago voters can cast their ballots for mayor, alderpeople and police district council members.

## *Ash Wednesday is February 22!*

***Ash Wednesday Schedule***

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| **7:00 AM** | **Service,** with distribution of ashes (English) |
| **8:30 AM** | **Mass w/ AACA** |
| **12:00 PM** | **Service,** with distribution of ashes (English) |
| **3:30 PM** | **Service,** with distribution of ashes (English) |
| **6:00 PM** | **Mass (Español)** |
| **7:00 PM** | **Mass (English)** |



**There are traditional practices for Lent which help us to engage in the penitential nature of the season.**

***Fasting*** All adults from the age of 18 until their 59th birthday are asked to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means eating only one full meal that day. One can eat at two other times, but the total food should not equal a full meal. This does not apply to those who are ill, pregnant or nursing.

# Faith Formation

## Walking With Purpose Women's Group

### Tuesday mornings/evenings



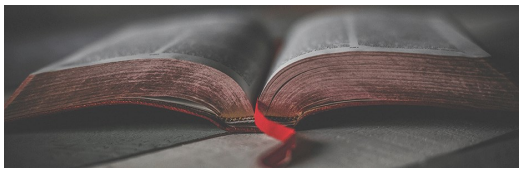

Come as you are. You are welcome here. Make authentic connections with other women! Refuel and Refresh! Learn more about God!

We live in a self-centered culture that all too often leaves us feeling empty and dissatisfied. A fuller view of God and His glory is the perfect antidote— find this during our journey through the Beholding Your King Bible study.

We'll study King David, select psalms, the temple, and many Old Testament prophets and see the ways in which they all point to the coming King of Kings, Jesus Christ. This Nine-Lesson Bible study is the second part of a two-part series and is ideally completed after Beholding His Glory.

Our new Beholding Your King bible studies starts this Tuesday February 7. Our group meets Tuesdays from 9:30—11 AM and 6:30—8 PM. Questions? Contact Susan Combes at suecombes@hotmail.com

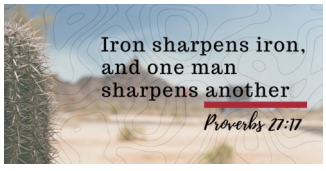
## Religious Education at St. Alphonsus



Our Religious Education program is a ministry to support children & families in deeper formation of our Catholic faith! We currently serve children in grades 1st - 8th. Two consecutive years of enrollment is required to participate in First Communion and Confirmation! Our program relies on the time & talents of volunteer parishioners to serve as catechists to our students. **We are currently looking for an additional 2nd grade catechist(s) to serve February - May 2023!** If you have any questions, please reach out to: ecook@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 Matt Duff at mduff527@gmail.com.

## USML Paluch Lecture Series




Join University St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, 1000 E. Maple Ave. Mundelein, IL 60060 on February 15 at 7 PM, as they start the USML Paluch Lecture Series with Dr. Deborah Kanter, author of "*Chicago Católico: Making Catholic Parishes Mexican*".

Dr. Kanter served as the John S. Ludington endowed professor of history and department chair at Albion College, and is the author of *Chicago Católico*, a book filled with stories about the unique evolution and relationship between Chicago and the Mexican Catholic community. The book completes her 20-year project to chronicle Mexican Catholic parishes in Chicago. She said, "I wanted to write a book that friends could give their moms for Christmas. I wanted to write a book for the general public."

**The lecture is free and open to the public, but registration is required.**
**Books will be available for sale!**
**www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-usml-paluch-lecture-series-featuring-dr-deborah-kanter-tickets-458972889267**

## Catholic Retreat for Mid-Life Singles

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein on March 3-5. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is $285 for meals and a single room. Visit www.reflectretreat.com, email reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

# 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.

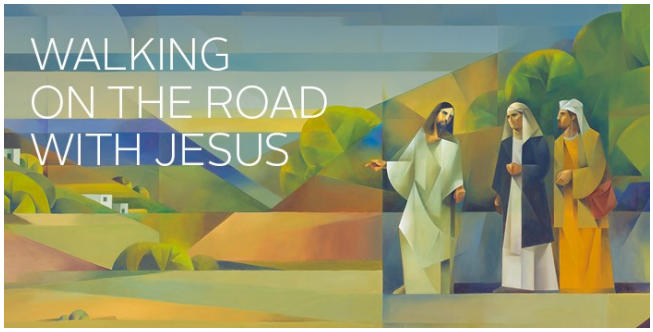
**Sign up at *www.givecentral.org/location/39***

# Annual Catholic Appeal

## Annual Catholic Appeal Feb 11-12

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call ***"Walking on the road with Jesus."*** In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here at St. Alphonsus. When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

**You can make a contribution at**
**www.annualcatholicappeal.com**




# Youth Free Throw Competition

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level for the 7th annual Free Throw Championship sponsored by the St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus. The local competition will be held on **Sunday, February 26, 2023 in the St. Alphonsus parish gym starting at 1:00 PM**. Space is limited so reserve your spot today at ***www.stalphonsusknights.com/freethrow***

**COMPETITION FORMAT:**
Each contestant receives three warm-up tosses followed by 15 consecutive Free Throw attempts from the appropriate age-designated foul line. To break a tie, contestants take a second round of five free throws. No warm-up tosses are permitted for the tie-breaker rounds. Successive rounds of five free throws each continue until a winner emerges.
The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.9 million members in 17,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated over 70 million volunteer hours and $170 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, culture of life, families and youth.

**RULES:**
- All children must be pre-registered in order to compete.
- ONLY GYM SHOES are allowed in the gym, no marking shoes are permitted.
- VIRTUS trained adults will be on staff to run the event
- No food or drink allowed on basketball court.

# Alphonsus Academy

## Art & Soul Fundraiser— Friday March 10




Tickets are now on sale for our parish school's biggest fundraiser, Art & Soul, which will take place Friday March 10 at Rockwell on the River, 3057 N. Rockwell. The gala includes a silent and live auction, dinner, dancing, and a paddle raise for a specific project benefiting all our students. *"Plant the Seed for Tomorrow"* is the theme this year! Volunteers needed!

Get your tickets, sign up to volunteer and learn more about this amazing annual event at www.aaca.school/artandsoul

## AACA- Volleyball Coaches Wanted!

Our parish school's Athletic Program is looking for volleyball coaches for the upcoming spring season. If you are interested or know anyone that would be, please contact Angela Kladis, akladis@alphonsusacademy.org.



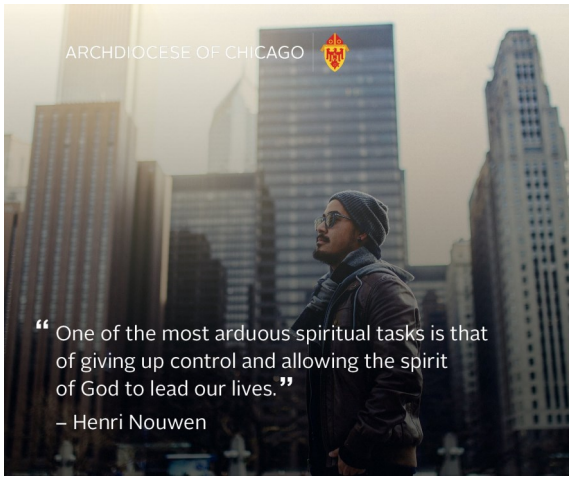




## Pope Francis February Intention

**For Parishes**

**We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.**




## Building Community

Jesus didn't say, "Alright, now everybody listen to my words but then do your own thing and don't get in each other's way". He assembled a community, gave it a mission and leaders to guide it. A strong community has many aspects, including teaching imperfect people to resolve conflicts. A strong community:

- Prays for and With You
- Celebrates Spiritual Milestones with You
- Guides Your Conscience on Important Personal and Social Issues
- Accompanies You on Your Faith Journey
- Benefits from your Gifts and Contributions
- Gives you Opportunities to Step into Leadership Roles
- Teaches You

Wherever you are on your faith journey, God Bless You!

# Young Adult Ministry

**BE SOCIAL**
**BE SPIRITUAL**
**BE CHARITABLE**
**BE INTELLECTUAL**
**BE CATHOLIC**

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is one of St. Alphonsus' most active parish groups! YAM is led by a volunteer board and is guided by Pastoral Associate, Brooks Robinson. Stated simply, the ministry's mission is to help one another participate in Christ's mission, that we, as young adult Catholics, may be effective disciples, evangelists, and agents of charity in all that we do. YAM provides many social, intellectual, service, and spiritual opportunities for growth. Members range in age from 21-39 years old.

Our YAM group is made up of 4 main pillars, Spiritual, Intellectual, Service, and Social.

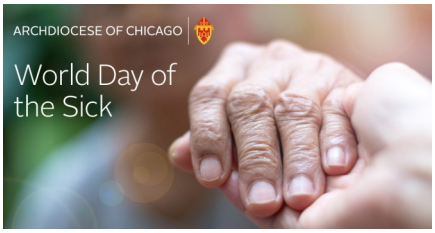
Visit the St. Alphonsus YAM Facebook page, *www.facebook.com/AlphonsusYoungAdult* or contact the YAM board at *stalphonsusyam@gmail.com*

## YAM Game Night
### Saturday February 18 at 7 PM




Come one come all to our Young Adult Ministry Game Night! This event will be a "stock the bar" theme. To gain admittance, please bring a beverage you enjoy (alcoholic or not - beer, seltzers, wine, soda, or soda water) to enjoy and leave behind to help us stock our YAM drink supply for future events. We will have tables set up in festival hall (the large gathering space under the church) and board games, card games, puzzles, and bingo for everyone to enjoy. Please consider joining us for a night of fun that will help us supply drinks at future YAM events!

## Saint Social
### Saturday February 11 at Noon




Young adults across the Archdiocese of Chicago periodically celebrate feast days at rotating parishes. All are encouraged to meet more of your brothers and sisters in Christ at the next Saint Social, at St. Mary of the Angels, 1850 N. Hermitage, on February 11th celebrating Our Lady of Lourdes. Mass will be held at noon with a social, including food and drinks, taking place afterwards in the Museum Room.

## 3v3 Basketball Tournament
### Saturday April 1 at 10 AM




3-on-3 Basketball is back!! Come join St. Alphonsus' Young Adult Ministry (YAM) for its annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament. 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. Teams are limited to 5 players. If you do not have a team and want to sign up individually without a team, we will place you with other individual sign ups to create a team. Please specify "Individual" in the team category at the registration link. Sign up here: www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/33435

As part of the event, we will provide snacks and drinks. All are welcome to come and watch the event for free if not part of a team. For those watching the event who are not part of a team but would still like to partake in the food and drink we ask that you make a $5 donation. After the event we will be heading to a bar (TBD) to socialize and watch the Final Four for March Madness

Date: April 1st, Location: St. Alphonsus Gymnasium Time: Starts at 10:00 AM, Cost: $15 per person; each player must sign-up individually.

## Please Silence Your Cell Phones Upon Entering St. Alphonsus Church



While we love that you choose to worship with us at St. Alphonsus, please don't be THAT person and have your phone go off during the liturgy. It is distracting and disrespectful to our fellow faithful.

# Gospel Reflection

## Called to Be Salt and Light

*You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.*
—Matthew 5:14-16

Were you afraid of the dark as a child? Are there little ones (or even "grown-ups") in your life who can't stand being left in a room with no lights?

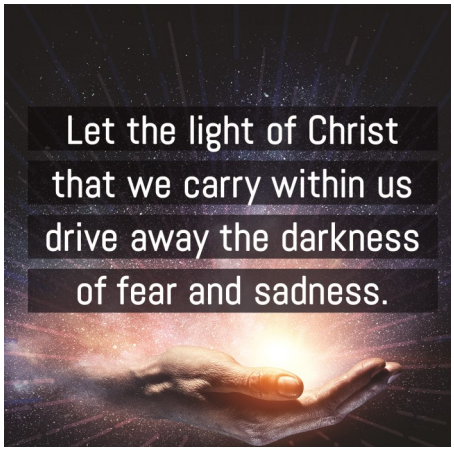
If so, you might be happy to know that science now has some insights to offer.

Centuries and millennia ago, our ancestors lived in a world in which darkness was a time when people were especially vulnerable. In order to stay safe outside of the small ring of light that a fire or, later, a lamp might provide, human beings developed what would become an innate fear of the dark. It's perfectly reasonable, if we stop and think about what was at stake. While there have been numerous studies and articles about this in the last decade, science writer Josh Hrala summed things up in an article for sciencealert.com: "Our ancestors were constantly on the look-out for predators that wanted nothing more than to chow down on human sandwiches. To make that even scarier, most of these predators hunted at night — a time of day when we are especially vulnerable to attack because of our relatively poor eyesight." He continues, "Over the years, this nightly fear became instinctual, and we still experience it today as a form of mild anxiety."

This danger of darkness remained in force until the modern era when streetlights and flood lights began to push away the darkness more effectively than anything that we ever had before. But there still remains, in each of us, a certain fear of what may be lurking just beyond the reach of the light or hiding in the shadows.

Ultimately, fear of the dark is a fear of the unknown.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of salt and light to remind his followers of what they — we — are called to be in and for the world. Part of this means that we are called to live lives that, like salt and light, enhance the "flavor" of the world and dispel the darkness of fear and doubt.




We can see what this looks like when we think of so many of the great saints of our faith tradition. Saint Francis of Assisi certainly embodied this ideal in his willingness to commit his life wholeheartedly to living out the demands of Gospel poverty and joy in an age when the Church was becoming more and more mired in bureaucracy and the quest for power. With his band of "Lesser Brothers," the light of Francis' faith and the "salt" of his joy brightened and enhanced the world in which he lived.

At the heart of Jesus' message and Francis' mission is love.

Certainly, this means our experience of God's love and our love for God. But, on a more practical level, this means the love that we show to one another. The first reading this Sunday brings this point home, as we hear these words from the Prophet Isaiah:

*Share your bread with the hungry,*
*shelter the oppressed and the homeless;*
*clothe the naked when you see them,*
*and do not turn your back on your own.*
*Then your light shall break forth like the dawn…*
*If you remove from your midst*
*oppression, false accusation and malicious speech,*
*if you bestow your bread on the hungry*
*and satisfy the afflicted;*
*then light shall rise for you in the darkness,*
*and the gloom shall become for you like midday.*

This is what love looks like and when we reflect on all of the acts of mercy Isaiah describes, we can see how these good works — expressions of our love — can help drive away the ugliness, fear, and, yes, darkness that brings grief, despair, and death into the world.

In the end, the liturgy this Sunday is reminding us that we don't have to be afraid of the dark any longer. If we have love — and live that love — then the light of Christ that we carry within us will drive away the darkness of fear and sadness.

# At the Athenaeum

## The Stations

### World Premiere Art Exhibition by Lucas Reiner Feb 22– April 16




Athenaeum Center for Thought & Culture is pleased to present the world premier of Lucas Reiner's The Stations. This collection engages the profound capacity of art to embody a universal human longing to comprehend suffering, loss, and the passage of time.

In the wake of his mother's death in 2008, over a period of seven years Reiner produced a series of watercolor studies, fifteen dry point etchings, and fifteen large-scale, chromatically variegated canvasses, each of which is comprised of multiple layers of raw tempera pigment, marble dust, dispersion, water and wax resulting in a subtle luminosity that rises to meet the viewer's gaze at the painting surface.

Offering a contemporary contemplative visual space to reflect on the timeless path of transformation, *The Stations* paintings transcend religious affiliation to embrace an expanded vision of empathy in peaceful accord with nature, engaging the profound capacity of art to embody a universal human longing to comprehend suffering, loss, and the passage of time. ** Check out more upcoming events at athenaeumcenter.org/events/

## Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Everybody likes a joke and often you will get a joke e-mailed to you by a friend. Because you are a nice person you want to share the humor with other friends, so you hit "Forward" and send it on its way, right? WRONG. By forwarding it to a number of friends you are disclosing the e-mails of all of your friends to each other as well as the e-mail of the person who sent it to you. So, what do you do? Open a new e-mail and send it to yourself. Then put all of the people to whom you want to send it in the "bcc" line. Then copy the joke and paste it into the new e-mail and send it. The recipient will only get your e-mail and not anyone else's.

# Around the Archdiocese




Join Catholic youth from the Chicago area for a day of activities, conversations and action planning focused on Care for Our Common Home.

**Students will gain**

- Knowledge and information from professionals in Church and environmental leadership
- Opportunities to develop action plans to better care for our common home
- Skills to become more effective environmental stewards, leaders and advocates

Register by February 15, 2023 at **forms.office.com/r/GQrDSge4rX.**

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## VOCATIONS EVENTS

Do you think you might have a calling?

Fr. Tim Monahan, Vocations Director, wants to connect with you.

**High school** men are invited:
St. John Vianney College Seminary visit, Feb. 16–18
Quigley Discerners event, Feb. 25

**College** men are invited:
Seminary Sprint in Mundelein, Mar. 10–11

**Scan for details and sign up!**

### Take Advantage of the Highest Payout Rates in a Decade!

The archdiocesan rates for charitable gift annuities have increased again. When you establish a charitable gift annuity with the archdiocese, not only will you receive fixed payments for life, but you can designate our parish, school or ministry – such as the Annual Catholic Appeal – as the remainder beneficiary. Learn more at giving.archchicago.org/cga







## Honor the Past, Celebrate the Present, Build the Future

Thursday, February 16, 2023
6 to 9 PM
Cocktail Party Attire

Union League Club of Chicago
65 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604

Reception with live music, appetizers and drinks
Featuring a full bar, heavy appetizers and cake. Cocktail piano music by Fr. Robert Hutmacher, OFM. Live soul-jazz performance with dancing by Lucca and the Sons of Chicago.

Ministry Information Stations
Learn from staff and volunteers at stations about in-jail programming, reentry services, family ministry, parish engagement, history of Kolbe House, art and writing of incarcerated persons.

For more information and to register, please visit events.archchicago.org/KH40thAnniversary. If you cannot attend but would like to support Kolbe House with a donation, that option is available in registration.

Call Sandra Botello at (773) 247-0070 ext. 223 for sponsorship opportunities or with any questions. Discounted parking is available next door at 318 S. Federal St.




## *Faith and Justice Internship— 2023-2024 Academic Year*

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the official anti-poverty social justice program of the U.S Catholic Bishops, working to promote systemic change, leadership development and empowerment of low-income communities through grants and transformative education.

Intern will work with staff to promote CCHD throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago including outreach, education, communication, marketing, grantmaking, research and community partnerships projects.

Requirements:

- Work 15 hours/week at a rate of $15/hour
- Attend a training in Washington, DC (all expenses paid) from May 31—June 2, 2023
- Commitment to your Catholic faith and passion for addressing root causes of poverty through the lens of Catholic social teaching.

**Apply by Friday, March 31 at 11:59 PM (CST) at CCHDchicago.org**
For more information, contact Danielle Bodette at dbodette@archchicago.org

# Contact

## Sacramental Information

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

## How to Offer a Mass Intention

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our parish has received permission to once again host important sacraments. Please be patient as the pandemic created a scheduling backlog regarding Baptisms and Weddings. You can find more info at:

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/baptism

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/marriage

## St. Alphonsus Social Media

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

# *Directory*

### Parish Office

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

### Parish Office Hours:

***9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri***
***9:00 AM— 7:30 PM Tue, Thurs***

### School Office

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

### School Office Hours:

***8:00 AM– 3:00 PM***

# *Staff*

### Parish Staff

***Rev. Steven Bauer,*** Pastor
***Rev. Patrick Gorman,*** Associate Pastor
***Brooks Robinson,*** Pastoral Associate
***Brian Bloye,*** Director of Music and Organist
***Erica Cook,*** Coordinator of Religious Education
***Daniel Szymanski,*** Director of Operations
***Mario Serrano***, Parish Office Manager
***Kaitlin Holyk***, Sacrament Ministry Coordinator

### School Staff

***Gerit McAllister,*** Principal
***Angela Kladis***, Assistant Principal
***Mary Bodlak,*** Director of Admissions
***Caroline Jordan,*** Advancement Director
***Kim Wallett,*** Secretary
***Connie Del Toral,*** Administrative Assistant