Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 30, 2022: THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Today salvation has come to this house
because this man too is a descendant of Abraham.
For the Son of Man has come to seek
and to save what was lost." (Lk 19:9-10)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

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

Alphonsus Academy & Center For the Arts

Friday 8:30 AM or as announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 6:30— 7:30 PM

Confessions

Wednesday 6:30—7:30 PM
Saturday 11:00 AM—12:00 PM
**Or call one of the priests for an appointment*

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesday 5:50 PM

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/
Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Please Pray for the Sick

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

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.

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,218

Offertory for 10/23: $12,903

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

Welcome to the Parish!

Anthony Griglione

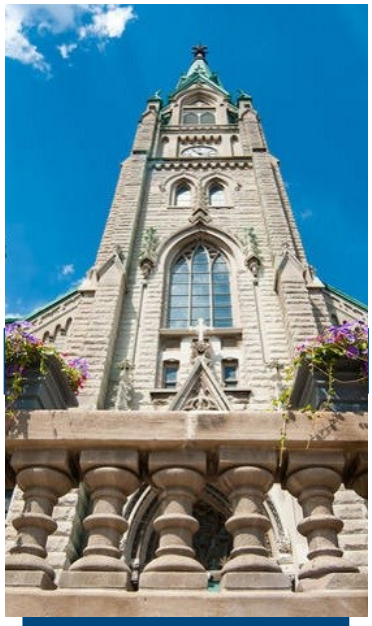
Kiernan Quarton and Kimberly Ryznal

Belen Garcia & Gino Martinez

Ekua Norkett

Madelyn Nelson

Mary Kapsch



WEDDING BANNS

Krysell Azcona

and

Max DeJulio

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Nora Cunningham Flattery
Lydia McGinley Schott
Gabriella Katherine Waller
Anderson Joseph Waller
Hudson Matthew Kopp
Leona Josephine Burgard

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 30
9:00 AM The People of St. Alphonsus
11:00 AM +Edward Marsalek Sr.
12:30 PM +Manuel and Maria Naula
+Luis Aurora and Emilio Naula
5:00 PM +Ronglan Lu

Monday, October 31
8:30 AM +Lorraine Demerath

Tuesday, November 1 (All Saints Day)
8:30 AM Justine Orillaza (Birthday Blessing/Healing)
6:30 PM For All the Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 2 (All Souls Day)
6:00 PM For All the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, November 3
8:30 AM +Melvin Soult

Friday, November 4
8:30 AM +Christian Kebr

Sunday, November 6
9:00 AM Thaddeus and Sharon Pellino
11:00 AM +Christian Diaz
12:30 PM +Manuel and Maria Naula
+Emilio and Amelia Guaman
5:00 PM +Ernesto P. Tafur

Reflection from our Pastor

Dressing Up and Climbing Up



Dressing up for Halloween has been a fun tradition for children for many years, and some adults even enjoy coming up with creative costumes, too. As kids, my brother and I would dress up and canvas our neighborhood trick or treating. To be honest, I think we were more interested in the loot we would acquire rather than the costumes we would wear. The goal was to hoard up enough sweet goodies to last us to Christmas, or at least until the start of Christmas cookie season.

Dressing up on Halloween can be a lot of fun for kids and adults, too, especially with parties, trick or treating, creative costumes, and pumpkin-spice flavored everything everywhere. However, over the years the way in which the day is celebrated has evolved. While the origin stories of where Halloween came from vary, the name by which we now call the day is a compounding of the original name for the evening of October 31st: "All Hallow's Eve." It was a precursor to the holy day of obligation of All Saints Day, and a special celebration of those who are hallowed, or holy, and among the commemorative customs of the evening was having children dress up as saints, which gradually expanded to include other people who have died. Depictions of skeletons or ghosts may have trickled in from other cultures as families or communities looked ahead to All Souls Day on November 2nd, which was known as Day of the Dead in some cultures. From its foggy origins to now, the way Halloween is celebrated has morphed.

Many of the Halloween traditions people enjoy are fun and innocent. But some are not. Late October inevitably brings new rounds of horror movies predictably featuring evil monsters, guts & gore, comic violence, and adrenaline-pumping terror. Additionally, TV shows, video games, and movies routinely get extreme makeovers with CGI-enhancements and then stream through our electronic devices into our imaginations. It's all intended to shock (or entertain) for profit, or simply for the "fun" of it. Which means each successive year has to be scarier, uglier, and more visually intense than the previous year for people to keep consuming it. But it's impossible to unsee these images, especially for children who have brains like sponges.

Because the human person is an integration of mind, heart, soul, and body, we need to be discerning about what verbal or visual content our imaginations are exposed to. There are certain movies or activities associated with Halloween whose content or storyline appears to be a celebration of violence, or a sexualizing or glamorization of evil. Even if the intention is "entertainment," those things have a detrimental effect on our heart and soul. Many of those kinds of things are objectively sinful because they stand in diametric opposition the First Commandment because they "entertain" people with works of darkness, violence, occult or evil – or in some cases, invites people to participate in darkness. But that kind of "entertainment" leaves in the mind a foreboding sense of fear, anxiety, spiritual doubt, mistrust, not to mention frightening imagery or bad thoughts that linger in a now overstimulated imagination.

And so it is necessary that Christians exercise a little prudence and discernment of spirits as we approach this day. Consider: what message does our Halloween activity communicate about our faith, about our love for Christ, and the kind of person we want to be? As Catholics, we strive to be guided by the Holy Spirit, the fruits of which are charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.

Written into the human person, created in the image and likeness of God, is a natural desire for these spiritual fruits. To receive and cultivate these fruits in ourselves, we look to the Tree of Life, which is Jesus on the Cross, who transforms death into life by giving His life away as a gift.

Today in the Gospel, the tax collector Zacchaeus climbed up a tree to see Jesus as He was traveling around. Being short and easily lost in the crowd, climbing up the tree changed his life as Christ invites Himself to the tax collector's house. Zacchaeus, turning away from any corruption he may have been affiliated with, he commits himself to restoration of past wrongs and new-found integrity. In a sense, he dresses himself up with a new life of faithfulness, as evidenced by our Lord's response: "Today salvation has come to your house." That declaration must have been the sweetest spiritual goodness Zacchaeus could possibly have heard.

Let us then employ our imaginations, seeing Jesus travel around, and coming to knock on your door. But instead of you giving Him a treat, He wants to give you a gift that is a thousand times sweeter than your mind could possibly imagine. His Sacred Heart filled with love for you, which calls us to conversion, new life, and a joy that lingers on forever.

Faith Formation

Register Your Child(ren) for Religious Education!



Our Religious Education program is currently underway for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact Erica Cook, ecook@stalphonsuschicago.church or visit our Religious Ed page, 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

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!

As we look at Old Testament people and events, we'll encounter problems that only Christ will solve, needs that only He will satisfy, and promises that only He can deliver.

Beholding His Glory, a nine-lesson Bible study, reminds us how all Scripture points us to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We will learn to recognize and appreciate God's plan for our own lives, His awe-inspiring majesty, and His desire for personal intimacy with each one of us.
Questions? Contact Susan Combes at suecombes@hotmail.com



Preschool through 8th Grade Arts Integration Social-Emotional Learning Extended Care TOTS Program (2yr)

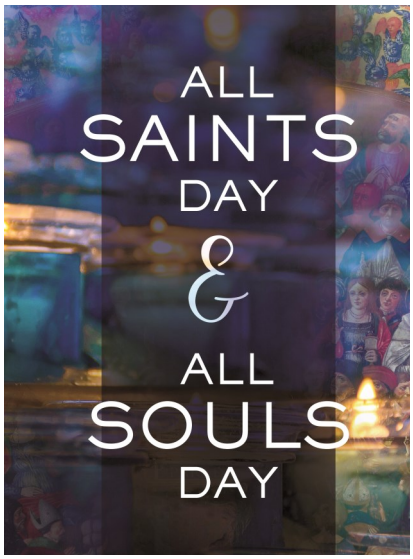
Now accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year.

We inspire and develop the whole child in an enriching environment combining academic excellence, an arts-inigrated curriculum, and a supportive Catholic family.

Register for a monthly in-person Open House, Virtual Tour, or individual tour on our website under the Admissions tab. New applications are also accepted online

Learn more by contacting Mary Bodlak at 773-819-7655 or mbodlak@alphonsusacademy.org or on our website www.alphonsusacademy.org

All Saints Day Tues Nov. 1 — All Souls Day— Wed. November 2 at 6 PM



All Saints Day is Tuesday November 1 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. **Mass will be at 8:30 AM and at 6:30 PM**.

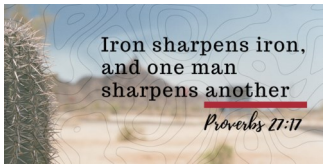
November 2nd is a special day in the life of the Church as we take time to pray for our deceased family members and friends who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith. **St. Alphonsus hosts a special Requiem Mass on Wednesday, November 2nd at 6 PM**, to pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died. Through the Sacred Liturgy, the Church invokes the forgiving love and abundant mercy of God, that He may receive all those we remember into His kingdom so they can come to know the fullness of life and peace of Heaven.

During the Requiem Mass a memorial candle will be lit for each person asked to be remembered. Additionally, our music director is arranging a special program with a men's schola singing chant in Latin and English from the traditional Requiem Mass of the Church. If you would like to honor a loved one who has died, go to: bit.ly/stals2022allsouls You can also write the names of your loved ones in the Book of the Names of the Dead, which will be available in the Church during November.

News and Events

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.

Cleaning Angels— Fall Service Event



Please join us on Saturday Nov. 19 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!

- Adopt-A-Shrine: Your opportunity to serve the Lord in a unique way. Select a Shrine, Keep It Tidy and Clean, On Your Schedule or During Scheduled Cleaning Angels Events

Sign up at bit.ly/nov22stalsclean

Contact Coordinator Kelly Lovewell, kjlovewell@gmail.com for questions.

Holy Land Artifacts Sale Nov. 6



St. Alphonsus hosts representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land who will be displaying handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles. Due to the political conflict and Covid19 results in the reduction of tourism, the Catholic community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles abroad to survive. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect faith and love for the Lord.

Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you. The handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles will be available for purchase in the narthex after Masses.

Red Cross Blood Drive

GIVE BLOOD
You can make a difference.
American Red Cross

St. Alphonsus will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday November 6 in the Festival Hall. Please consider donating life-saving blood! Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time (scroll through dates until you get to Nov. 6)

Note: Donating has perks! Come give blood and receive a $10 e-gift card of your choice!

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

Our Mission

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

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

Trivia Night!



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

The cost of tickets is $25 per person (it is a fundraiser!) 😉 Teams of 5-6 people can register individually or together at www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/31462 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.

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

Deeper Dialogue—Theology of the Body

Monday evenings at 7:30 PM



Immerse yourself in a deeper form of conversation surrounding JPII's Theology of the Body. Led by Casey Karbowski and Marisa Michak, the group will examine excerpts from the book as well as other related materials to break up the content into more digestible and easily understandable elements for discussion. No need to have a hard copy of any Theology of the Body books as all materials and discussion points will be provided on a weekly basis.

Volunteer at Ezra Café in Uptown!

On **Tuesday, November 8**, come join our Young Adult Ministry group in service at EZRA Multi-Service Center's Uptown Café, 909 W. Wilson Ave.

The JUF Uptown Cafe is a restaurant-style meals program dedicated to fighting hunger, reducing isolation, and creating community.

As volunteers, we will take orders, grab drinks and condiments, and get a chance to also sit and chat with the clients we are serving. RSVP is necessary by 10/31 - fill out the form online in the YAM Facebook page or the parish weekend newsletter if you are interested in joining.
Please email Amy at stalsyamservice@gmail.com with any questions!

Stewardship— First Fruits

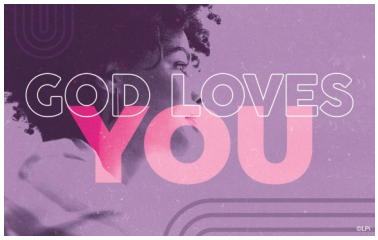
It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many already support St. Alphonsus with your time, talent and treasure.

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/event/527*

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

Gospel Meditation



Barry had a life sentence in prison for doing unthinkable crimes. He would often remark to the chaplain that he was an atheist and could not bring himself to believe in any "god." When the chaplain asked why, Barry quickly retorted that the book of Genesis speaks of God creating everything and feeling very good about it. God's creation of people and things is beautiful. Barry continued, "If there is a God who creates something and likes what He makes and that God is good, then how could He have created someone as evil as me?" The chaplain fell silent as tears welled up in his eyes. "God loves you too, Barry. The stuff that you did is another matter. God puts His image and likeness in each one of us, in our souls. How can God not love himself?" God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. He made you. Life hurt you. He is always about unconditional love and mercy. Barry found a glimmer of hope that day and was touched by love.

Zacchaeus met love incarnate in Jesus. He knew there was something special about him, and he had to see Jesus for himself. Realizing and knowing God's unconditional, penetrating love is a game-changer. Sinners don't repulse Jesus, he wants to eat with them! We can often find ourselves conflicted about how God sees us. We want to believe that He loves us, but other tapes playing in our heads convince us that this cannot be true. We carry our sins around like heavy sacks weighing on our shoulders. We are crippled.

God's divine blessing lives in each of our souls. It is our essential goodness, a free gift given to us by God. The beginnings of salvation's blessings are discovered when we begin to understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We become more focused and courageous, eager to gather up all of the fragments of our lives and become whole. Zacchaeus, after meeting Jesus, finally knew who he was. He saw his sins and his potential for goodness as a blest child of God. When we allow God to meet us and touch us in such a profound way, we find what our selfishness has lost. We are on the road to salvation.

At the Athenaeum

Dante 360— Nov 18-20



Join us for a journey through the Divine Comedy, from Inferno to Paradiso. Featuring art historian, Elizabeth Lev, this event will explore the significance of the world's most famous epic poem and its author, the illustrious Dante Alighieri. Experience the depth and complexity of Dante's vision through a series of recitations, displays of visual art, and music provided by the vocal ensemble Schola Antiqua, which carry the soul alongside the pilgrim in his ascent to Paradise.

Support our parish and enjoy an evening of uplifting entertainment! Use our parish's promo code **ALPHONSUS**; get 10% off your ticket and 10% of your purchase will be donated to our parish community.

Tickets: www.athenaeumcenter.org/dante or (312) 820-6250.

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**

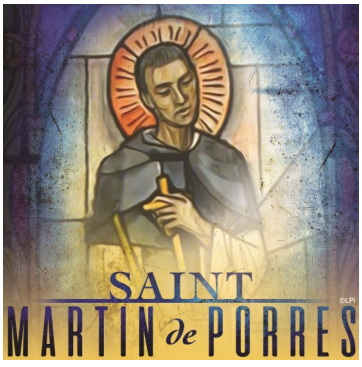
Ministering God's Love to Families in Need

Safe Families for Children is a national, Christian nonprofit 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

Know Your Saints

Saint Martin de Porres, Nov. 3



Patron Saint of Mixed-Race People; Barbers, Interracial Justice

He was the son of a black woman of Panama and a Spanish knight of Lima, Peru. His parents never married each other. Martin was reared in poverty, locked into a low level of Lima's society. When he was 12, his mother apprenticed him to a barber-surgeon. Martin learned how to cut hair and also how to draw blood—a standard medical treatment then—care for wounds, and prepare and administer medicines.

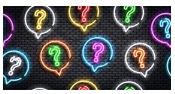
After a few years in this medical apostolate, Martin applied to the Dominicans to be a "lay helper," not feeling himself worthy to be a religious brother. After nine years, the example of his prayer and penance, charity and humility, led the community to request him to make full religious profession. Many of his nights were spent in prayer and penitential practices; his days were filled with nursing the sick and caring for the poor, treating all people regardless of their race or status. He was instrumental in founding an orphanage, took care of slaves brought from Africa, and managed the daily alms of the priory with practicality, as well as generosity. He became the procurator for both priory and city, whether it was a matter of "blankets, shirts, candles, candy, miracles or prayers!" Martin became a formidable fundraiser, obtaining thousands of dollars for dowries for poor girls so that they could marry or enter a convent. Many of his fellow religious took Martin as their spiritual director, but he continued to call himself a "poor slave." He was a good friend of another Dominican saint of Peru, Rose of Lima.

Martin de Porres, canonized in 1962, was among the first generation of saints from the New World, along with his contemporaries Saints Rose of Lima and Turibius of Mogrovejo. He lived a traditionally pious spirituality in keeping with the medieval saints of Europe. But he was not from Europe, did not enjoy a European education and did not have pure European blood. Saint Martin proved the Catholic Faith could migrate across the Atlantic Ocean intact. Catholicism had successfully made the passage to a new land, and immediately drove its roots deep into that land's native soil, converting a new mixed-race people to an old religion, making Jesus Christ the Lord of Latin America. Saint Martin de Porres was a harbinger of many good things to come.

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

In these times of rampant inflation, we should do everything we can to stretch our spending dollar. Here is a way to make a meal out of what is normally thrown away. What to do with that stupid pumpkin that you bought for Halloween? Well, if you paint it, instead of carving it, it makes a great soup.
Quantities vary according to the size of pumpkin.
For a 12" pumpkin:
Wash the pumpkin. Cut pumpkin in half and scrape out the seeds and the membrane. (If you want, separate the seeds for roasting.)
Bake the split pumpkin on a jelly roll pan at 350° for 45 min.
While it is cooking sauté 8 diced stalks of celery & 2 large diced onions.
Let the pumpkin cool. Separate the meat from the skin and place the meat in a large pot & add the celery and onions and cover with water.
Add 4 – 8 cloves of chopped garlic & 2 T salt.
Bring to a boil and simmer 45 min.
Let the soup cool and run through a food processor or immersion blender to give a smooth consistency.
Heat, add one pint of whipping cream (or less to your taste) and serve.

November Calendar

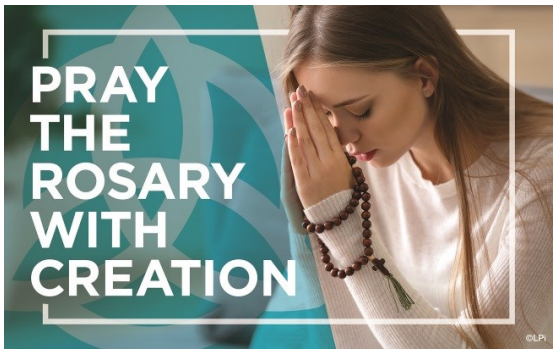
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 *All Saints Day— Mass at 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM* **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **4:00 PM** Boy Scouts— Webelos **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	2 *All Souls Day— Requiem Mass at 6:00 PM* **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 2nd **6:00 PM** First Communion Seminar **7:00 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	3 **6:00 PM** Leonine Forum **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group	4	5 **5:00 PM** Trivia Night 
6 *Bethlehem Arts Holy Land Artifacts Sale After Masses* *Catholic Charities Asylum Seekers Special Collection* **9:00 AM** Red Cross Blood Drive **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	7 **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Women's Group **7:00 PM** AACA School Board **7:00 PM** Knights of Columbus Meeting **7:00 PM** Deeper Dialogue Theology of the Body	8 **6:00 AM** Election Polling Place **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **4:00 PM** Boy Scouts— Webelos **5:30 PM** YAM Service at Ezra Cafe **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	9 **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 1st **6:00 PM** First Communion Seminar **6:30 PM** AACA Fall Band Concert **7:00 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	10 **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Marriage Information Meeting **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group *National Vocations Awareness Week Nov 6-12* *https://vocations.archchicago.org/resources/national-vocation-awareness-week*	11 **7:30 PM** Praise and Adoration	12 **10:00 AM** YAM College Football Tailgate

November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 **10:00 AM** New Parishioner Welcome Brunch **3:00 PM** RCIA **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**14** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **3:00 PM** Junior Scouts— 4th **6:00 PM** Women's Group **7:00 PM** Deeper Dialogue Theology of the Body	**15** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **4:00 PM** Boy Scouts— Webelos **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**16** ***6 PM Mass & Holy Hour for Hope and Healing*** **1:45 PM** Brownie Scouts— 3rd **6:00 PM** Safe Families for Children Supply Closet Service Night **7:00 PM** Book Club Meeting **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers	**17** **6:30 PM** Women's Faith Group **7:00 PM** Men's Faith Sharing Group	**18**	**19** **9:00 AM** Cleaning Angels Ministry
20 ***Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection*** ***Celebration of Giving/ Giving Tree Service project Begins*** **1:00 PM** Samuel Group **3:00 PM** RCIA **6:00 PM** Lakeview Roscoe Village Community Tree Lighting **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**21** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Women's Group **7:00 PM** Deeper Dialogue Theology of the Body	**22** ***No RE— Thanksgiving Break*** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**23**	**24** ***Thanksgiving*** ***Mass at 9:00 AM***	**25**	**26**
27 ***Blessing of Advent Wreath at Masses*** **7:00 PM** Big Book AA Meeting	**28** **8:30 AM** AA Daily Reflections Group **6:00 PM** Women's Group **7:00 PM** Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting **7:00 PM** Deeper Dialogue Theology of the Body	**29** **9:30 AM** Walking With Purpose **10:00 AM** Blessings in a Backpack **4:00 PM** Boy Scouts— Webelos **6:15 PM** Religious Education **6:30 PM** Walking With Purpose **6:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop 889 Meeting **7:00 PM** Finance Council Meeting **7:00 PM** Philosophy Forum	**30** **8:00 PM** Men's Group Vespers			

Scheduling at St. Alphonsus

The monthly calendar in the bulletin only reflects all current parish events/activities. It does not indicate sacraments of weddings and baptisms. You can view the entire parish calendar online at www.stalphonsuschicago.org/calendar If your group's events are not listed in our calendar, please contact Mario Serrano, mserranostals@gmail.com



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

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Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM— 4:00 PM Mon, Wed, Fri
9:00 AM— 1:00 PM Tue, Thurs

School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121
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School Office Hours:

8:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Staff

Parish Staff

Rev. Steven Bauer, Pastor
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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
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