Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 6, 2022: THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"And he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." (Lk 20:38)

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: 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
Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

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 10/30: $14,024

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

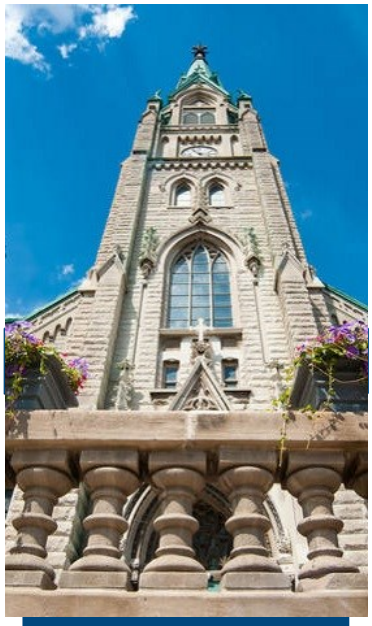
Welcome to the Parish!

Kirstyn Ruiz and Sean Kilmer

Parker Shumate and Janette Salas

Emily & Keith MacDonell

Traci and Michael Wall Madilyn



WEDDING BANNS

Delora Nelson

and

Thomas Bostwick

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Theodora Maureen Bonovich

Sofia Gabriela Robles

James and Helene Morrow

Elizabeth Patton and Jonathan Ferrera

Clare Potyrala

Timothy Kennedy

Rebecca and Kyle Nienaber

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, November 7
8:30 AM +Peter Yoshio Brusstar

Tuesday, November 8
8:30 AM +Rosita and Bartolome Pagalunan Sr.
+Lutgardo Pagalunan

Wednesday, November 9
6:00 PM +Edward Marsalek

Thursday, November 10
8:30 AM +Edward Marsalek

Friday, November 11
8:30 AM Eileen Koutnik

Sunday, November 13
9:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Veterans
11:00 AM Colleen Pellino
12:30 PM +For All Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM +Joaquin Meno
Angel Galan

News and Events

Mass of Hope & Healing for Those Who Have Suffered the Loss of a Child

Wednesday, November 16 at 6 PM



All parishioners are invited to join us for a special Mass for anyone who has lost a child through miscarriage, still-birth, accident, illness, or for those grieving due to an abortion. There will be specific prayers for healing and comfort offered during Mass for those who have experienced loss, as well as a special blessing for grieving parents at the end of Mass. Immediately following Mass, there will also be a special time of Eucharistic Adoration in which families can light a candle, inscribe the name of a child in a book of remembrance, or offer other personal prayers.

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

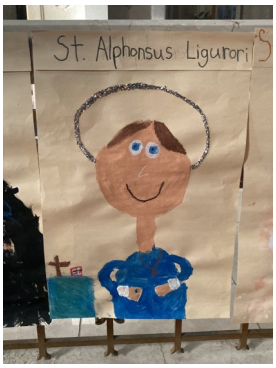
Contact Coordinator Kelly Lovewell, kjlovewell@gmail.com for questions.

Holy Land Artifacts Sale Nov. 6



This Sunday, 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.

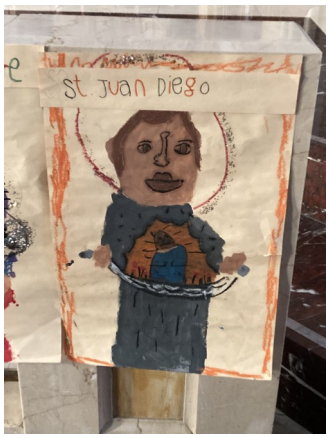


AACA 1st Grade Students Draw Their Favorite Saints!



In celebration of All Saints Day this year, our AACA first graders continued their tradition of participating in a wonderful art project where they first learn about many different saints, chose their favorites, and drew pictures. All worshipping at Mass this Sunday are welcome to enjoy the pictures from our aspiring young artists!

As we are called to be Imitators of Christ, naturally there are a multitude of sites out there to explore the lives of your own favorite saints. One recommend is www.catholic.org/saints/stindex.php







Message From the Cardinal

Welcome the Stranger

Asylum speakers special collection Nov. 6
Your support honors Jesus' call

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The sudden and unexpected influx of men, women and children seeking asylum to U.S cities, including Chicago, over recent weeks has presented our community with significant challenges but also significant opportunities to share God's message of compassion and joy. The plight of these asylum seekers, most of whom are fleeing violence, political oppression and crushing poverty in their home countries causes us grave concern, but I am convinced that this is a moment for us to join together in a mission of love and mercy.

Over 3,000 asylum seekers arrived in our city as of mid -October. Almost all the migrants we have welcomed report that they plan to stay in the Chicago area and will need support to reestablish their lives. Unlike other migrants, most do not have relatives in the States with whom they can live and learn as they build new lives.

The Catholic community has shown an outpouring of compassion as churches, religious congregations, and other ministries have opened their doors, and Catholic Charities has deployed a team to connect people with loved ones and conduct initial needs assessments.

Across the Church, many parishes have responded, and more help is needed. We have mobilized to create a coordinated Catholic response to assist asylum seekers so we might maximize the impact of our assistance as we bear witness to our faith. A Working Group has gathered to evaluate opportunities to serve. We are considering several options including transitional shelter, parish sponsorships, and pastoral care for asylum seekers.

In support of these efforts, parishes throughout the Archdiocese will hold a second collection for asylum seekers at all Masses celebrated the weekend of November 5-6. The commitment of faithful Catholics like you will help ensure the success of this mission. Please consider giving to this collection or giving directly to Catholic Charities which will serve as a central gathering point for donations. You can make a donation to this effort by following a link on the Catholic Charities website: www.catholiccharities.net, by emailing donations@catholiccharities.net or by calling (312) 655-7525.

Assisting asylum seekers will require significant time, talent and treasure. Anyone interested in knowing more about participating in this response may contact Tori Bawel at Catholic Charities (WelcomeTheStranger@catholiccharities.net). We will keep you informed and welcome your questions, prayers, and support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

More News and Events

St. Alphonsus Giving Tree

Our parish will be taking part of the Celebration of Giving from Nov. 20 to December 4. This wonderful service project annually '*makes Christmas*' for hundreds of those less fortunate. The Giving Tree tags will be in support of struggling families sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Women's Center. The tags will be available in the narthex starting Sunday Nov. 20.

Voting at St. Alphonsus

The St. Alphonsus Festival Hall will be used as a Polling Place this Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 6 AM to 6 PM.

FAST and PRAY for ILLINOIS



"But this kind is not cast out but by prayer and fasting." Mt 17:21

Heavenly Father, You have given us great hope by gifting us with the reversal of Roe v. Wade. Bless the State of ILLINOIS with good and holy leaders to guide and place us on the right path. We offer You our prayers and fasting in thanksgiving and for this intention.

PRAY & FAST every Friday for the CONVERSION of ILLINOIS.

(Clip out this prayer & keep as a reminder)

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

Chili Cookoff and Tailgate— Saturday Nov. 12



Come to St. Al's Festival Hall on Saturday, Nov. 12th starting at 10:30AM to watch college football games and enjoy some delicious homemade chili.

Everybody loves a good fall football tailgate, but we're pairing ours with a chili cookoff! Think you have the best chili recipe? Sign up to let us know if you are going to bring chili to share. If you plan on attending and don't bring chili, we ask you bring $5 to enjoy what's been made. We'll be voting on the best chili at the end of the event!

In true tailgate fashion, please BYOB! Other snacks will be provided as well. And don't worry, we'll have multiple screens going so you can watch your favorite football team playing the early games.

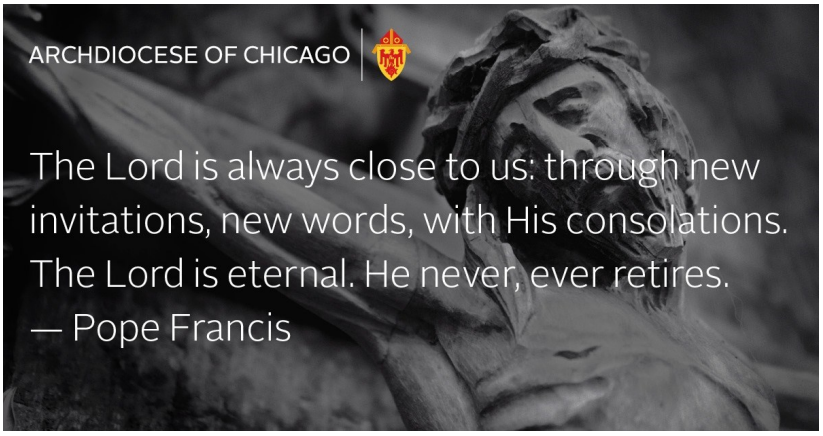
RSVP at the link in the weekend parish E-Newsletter or visit the YAM Facebook page!

Praise and Adoration— Friday November 11 7:30 PM



Please note the date is different than normal due to holidays

On Friday, November 11th, spend time with our Lord in praise and adoration in the church. We'll spend the first 15 minutes in silent adoration, and then our musicians will lead worship in song. Confession will also be available! The hour will conclude with benediction, and fellowship at Lincoln Tap after!



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

Gospel Meditation



Facing her 50th birthday and recently diagnosed with Type-2 Diabetes, Rebecca was at a crossroads. Realizing that she had neglected her health and fitness over the years and allowed herself to gain significant weight, she felt poorly about who she had become. While it was easier to give in to temptation and the gratification received from food, her family needed her, and she desired a long life. She had an image of the person she could become. She wanted to be more trim, focused, disciplined, and healthy. She liked what she saw in her mind and set out on a journey to create it. With great effort, she succeeded and accomplished her goals. When we have a goal ahead of us, we are more apt to do whatever is necessary to get it.

Is heaven a goal you want to achieve? Our popular images and metaphors to describe heaven can leave some people wondering if this is something they want for all eternity. Living like an angel, wearing white robes, meeting St. Peter, and reconnecting with loved ones are all welcome notions to some extent. But do they really inspire and captivate us enough to want to dramatically change how we live our lives? Heaven's reality is more profound than any human image or idea can fathom. Even though we believe in a bodily resurrection, heaven is more about attaining union with God. To achieve heaven is to attain eternal happiness and fulfill all desire. How do we awaken within us an ardent and passionate desire for heaven?

St. Isaac of Ninevah counsels, "Enter eagerly into the treasure house that lies within you, and so you will see the treasure house of heaven, for the two are one and the same, and there is but one single entry into them both. The ladder that leads to the kingdom is hidden with you, and is found in your own soul. Dive into yourself and in your soul you will discover the rungs by which to ascend." Our souls are made to be eternal. Once we discover our true selves and are captivated by the wonder of who we really are, we will unleash our unwavering desire for a lasting union with our Creator. Heaven is about who we are. "For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages."

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.

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/event/527*

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

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Laundry Room Tips

1. Pour cornmeal on fabric or upholstery to absorb grease stains. Apply enough to cover the soiled area and let it sit for a half hour, and then vacuum to remove the cornmeal mess.
2. You know that sticky residue that collects on irons? Run the iron (don't use the steam setting) over white paper sprinkled with salt.
3. Add 1/2 cup of lemon juice to a load of laundry to brighten whites.
4. Got some lipstick on your favorite shirt? Saturate the spot with hair spray (be sure the fabric is machine washable) and let it sit for at least 10 minutes. Dab with a damp cloth to remove and launder as usual.

Kitchen Drains Cleaned the Natural Way; Kitchen Tips

5. That stubborn coffee stain that rims your mugs? Remove them with a lightly salted citrus peel.
6. Clean your microwave by placing a glass bowl filled with 1/4 cup vinegar and 1 cup water inside and heating it for five minutes on the highest setting. After the mixture cools, use a cloth dipped in it to wipe off splattered food stains.
7. Toss thin lemon rinds and ice cubes into your garbage disposal. You'll freshen the drain and sharpen the disposal blades at the same time.
8. When you boil eggs, add some salt to keep the shells from doing that annoying cracking thing.
9. Put a slice of bread in a bag of hard brown sugar and check it a few days later. The brown sugar will soften and become usable (and edible) again.
10. Put an apple in your potato bag to keep the potatoes from budding.
11. This was my mom's favorite: keep lettuce fresh by wrapping it in a clean, dry paper towel and storing it all in a sealed plastic baggie in the fridge.
12. Keep the refrigerator vegetable drawer fresh-smelling and dry by lining the bottom with newspaper.
13. Rub onions over silverware to remove rust stains.
14. Soak blackened pots in water with two denture (or antacid) tablets overnight. Rinse off, and the pots are clean! Denture tablets in water will also clean the residue that clings to the inside of vases.
15. Decrease the tarnishing process on your good silver by putting chalk pieces in cheesecloth and storing the whole thing with your cutlery.

Cleaning Bathrooms the Natural Way; Bathroom Tips

16. Apply a bit of baby oil to a cotton cloth and use it to shine your bathroom chrome.
17. Make a paste out of lemon juice and salt and use it to scour and disinfect your bathroom surfaces (but don't use on marble!).
18. Keep your drains clear by adding 1 cup of baking soda and 1 cup of white vinegar to them (in that order) and allow to fizz. Twenty minutes later, rinse with hot water. The same mixture applied to shower heads will unclog the nozzle.
19. Fill a spray bottle with half vinegar, half water and spray the shower walls with it after every rinse to dispel mold and mildew.

Natural Gardening; Garden Tips

20. One crushed aspirin added to a gallon of water and poured in the soil helps plants stay alive during transplanting, cutting, etc. This aspirin solution will also keep your cut flowers fresher longer.
21. If you want to make a flower bed in a place where grass is growing, wait for fall and then mow a patch of lawn to accommodate the space and cover it with four to five layers of newspaper. Then add a four-inch later of bark mulch. Water it all down with a hose and in the spring, the grass will be gone and the bed will be ready for planting.
22. Add 1 tablespoon of Dr. Bonner's peppermint-scented liquid soap to 1/2 gallon of water. Use the mixture to spray on plants to kill aphids and other garden pests.

Miscellaneous Tips

23. Use alcohol in a spray bottle to kill bugs in your home.
24. Fix little holes in your window screens by painting some clear nail polish over the holes.
25. Clean your windows with vinegar water and newspaper.
26. Remove permanent marker from counters and walls by dabbing a rubbing-alcohol-containing cotton ball over the stain (test for color-fastness first).
27. Get paint off your skin with vegetable oil. Vegetable oil on a soft cloth can also help remove scuff marks.
28. A slice of cucumber over each eye will reduce the tired, swollen look (fine, it's not really a household tip, but I couldn't resist this oldie and goodie).

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National Vocation Awareness Week

HOLY HOUR ADORATION

November 6–12, 2022

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 7–8 P.M.
St. Edward Parish
4350 W. Sunnyside Ave., Chicago, IL 60630
Intentions: **For Cardinal, Bishops, priests, and retired priests**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 6:30–7:30 P.M.
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
5472 S. Kimbark Ave., Chicago, IL 60615
Intentions: **Permanent and transitional deacons**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 5–7 P.M.
St. Hubert Parish
729 Grand Canyon St.
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
Intentions: **Chicago seminarians in 3rd Theology**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 (2 locations)
Calvert House (Univ. of Chicago), **5–6 P.M.**
5735 S. University Ave., Chicago, IL 60637
St. Alphonsus Parish, **6:30–7:30 P.M.**
1429 W. Wellington Ave., Chicago, IL 60657
Intentions: **Chicago seminarians in 2nd Theology**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 8–9 A.M.
St. John Paul II Newman Center (UIC)
700 S. Morgan St., Chicago, IL 60607
Intentions: **Chicago seminarians in 1st Theology and Pre-Theology**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 7–8 P.M.
St. Pius X and St. Leonard Parish
3318 Clarence Ave., Berwyn, IL 60402
Intentions: **Chicago seminarians in Spirituality Year and College Seminary**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 (2 locations)
Holy Name Cathedral, **3:30–4:30 P.M.**
730 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL 60611
Mother of the Americas Parish, **6–7 P.M.**
2226 S. Whipple St., Chicago, IL 60623
Intentions: **Discerners in InSearch, Quigley Discerners Program, Samuel Group and those discerning their vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, or holy matrimony**

More News and Events

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony



Our faith community will be kicking off the holiday season in style with the annual lighting of the Lakeview Christmas tree on **Sunday November 20 after 5 PM Mass from 6-7:30 PM**! Enjoy carols performed by our Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts students, FREE hot chocolate from our wonderful neighbor, S&G restaurant and more surprises! The festivities will take place directly outside the veranda of the church on the corner of Lincoln/ Wellington/Southport.

Please take note that if you are driving to worship at Mass this evening, a small portion of Wellington will be blocked off for the safety of all attendees. This event is hosted by the Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by a SSA 27 grant. More details can be found at www.lakeviewroscoevillage.org/communitytreelighting

AACA– Christmas Card Art Contest



Continuing a new tradition started in 2021, our AACA students will be participating in an art contest for the next two weeks. Fr. Bauer and AACA principal Gerit McAllister will pick the winner on Monday, Nov 21. The winning Liturgy/Christmas themed design will be featured as the front cover of the St. Alphonsus Christmas card mailed out to all parishioners. Runner-Ups will be considered for the cover of the parish Christmas bulletin. We look forward to some amazing submissions from our talented school students!

Alphonsus Scouts Troop 889 Wreath Fundraiser



Troop 889 is selling wreaths and other decorations online this season! Online ordering OPEN NOW w/ delivery starting Thanksgiving week. Order for yourself or as a gift. Enter a separate address and gift message for individual delivery of every item. Visit giftitforward.com to see Mickman Brother' beautiful collection of wreaths, door decorations, and centerpieces. Enter fundraising code **TR889IL001** to support Troop 889 ($8 per item ordered). Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays!

Pope Francis' November Intention

Children Who Suffer- We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



Sparking Holiness

As the seasons change, a lot of us like to clean out our homes and unload some of the junk we've acquired over the summer. One trendy approach to decluttering is the Marie Kondo method, named after the author who popularized it. Overly simplified, it's a process that compels you to go through your closets, your garage, your basement — all the places you collect the dreaded "stuff." As you do so, you hold up the items and ask yourself: ***"Does it spark joy?"*** It's a question that is bold in its simplicity. In answering, you're supposed to go with your gut. If it's a quick "Yes, it sparks joy," the item should be kept. If the answer is no, it gets tossed. There are people in life who will support our efforts to do God's will. There are those who will, as Paul says, "convince, reprimand, (and) encourage," unafraid of the reaction we give them. There are those who will shore up our defenses when the battle goes longer than we thought. The same goes for hobbies and pastimes. There are those that will ennoble our minds and bring us closer to God. And there are also those that will drain our funds and our free time, with nothing to show for it. During these autumn months, don't just declutter your basement in preparation for the hauling out of the Christmas ornaments. Take stock of the people and pursuits that make up your life. With each one, ask yourself: **"Does it spark holiness?"** If the answer is yes, thank God that our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. If the answer is no, maybe it's time to declutter.

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

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