Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 9, 2025: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM

Confessions

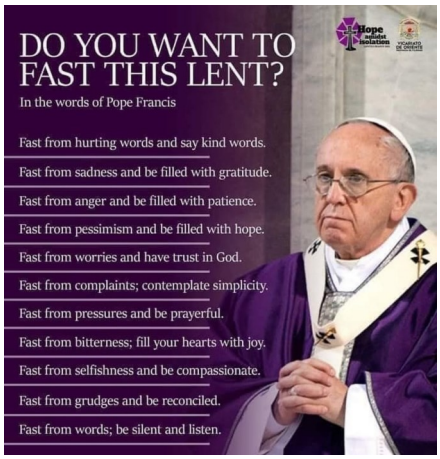
Wednesday	6:30—7:30 PM
Saturday	11:00—12:00 PM

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

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



Please Pray for the Sick

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

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

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

Fast from hurting words and say kind words

Fast from sadness and be filled w/ gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled w/ hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts w/ joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 9
9:00 AM +Joseph Riffner
11:00 AM +Alina Lipniewski
12:30 PM +Juan Gonzalez
5:00 PM +Julitta Bertram

Monday, March 10
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, March 11
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, March 12
6:30 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, March 13
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, March 14
8:30 AM Joyce Marsalek (Birthday Blessings)

Saturday, March 15
8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

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

News & Events

Lenten Fish Fries— Friday, March 14 and March 28

Truly a highlight and staple of Lent, St. Alphonsus will be hosting TWO Lenten Fish Fry events this year. These fun events are sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council to benefit charitable projects of the parish.

Dates and Time: Friday, March 14th and March 28 6:30 PM—9:00 PM
Where: 1429 W. Wellington, Chicago in Festival Hall, beneath the church
Featuring the Trinity Irish Dance Troupe around 7 PM.

Cost: $20 for adults. $10 for kids 5-12. Free for 4 and under.
Adult tickets for March 14 purchased at www.givecentral.org/otp/42835
Children tickets for March 14: www.givecentral.org/otp/42877

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

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

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

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

Return of Children's Liturgy This Sunday!

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

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



Baptisms at St. Alphonsus



Baptism is a fundamental sacrament for Christians. It is a sacrament of initiation that unites us to Christ's mystical body, incorporates us into the Church, and marks the beginning of the Christian journey. Without baptism we cannot participate in the full sacramental life of the Church. In the sacraments we concretely and most visibly encounter God's grace—life reunited with life.

If you are interested in having your child baptized at St. Alphonsus, please contact Kathryn Kibler at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church
For adult baptisms, contact Brooks Robinson at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Weddings at St. Alphonsus



The love between two people is a gift from God. The commitment you make to be together for the rest of your lives is sealed before the community and God during the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. If you are recently engaged and planning to get married (either at St. Alphonsus Church or out of town) please review the Marriage page on our website and reach out to Kathryn at kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church

Faith Formation

Lenten Morning of Reflection

For Liturgical Ministers

REFLECTION, DISCUSSION, AND ADORATION

Saturday, March 15, 2025
8:30am — 12:00pm

We'll start with Mass
followed by potluck breakfast (bring something to share!)

Though this morning of reflection is addressed to lectors,
EMHC, cantors, ushers, and altar servers
all interested parishioners are welcomed to participate.

Jornada de Reflexión Cuaresmal

PARA MINISTROS DE LA LITURGIA

REFLEXIÓN, DISCUSIÓN, Y ADORACIÓN

Sábado 15 de marzo 2025
8:30am — 12:00pm

Comenzaremos con la Misa,
seguido de un desayuno de traje (¡traiga algo para compartir!)

Aunque esta mañana de reflexión está dirigida a lectores, ministros extraordinarios de la Eucaristía, cantores, ujieres y monaguillos, todos los feligreses interesados son bienvenidos a participar

On Saturday, March 15, our parish is hosting a Lenten Morning of Reflection. All current Liturgy volunteers, including Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Cantors, Ushers, and Altar Servers are highly encouraged to participate! The morning will start with 8:30 AM Mass and then move into the Festival Hall. Contact our Associate Pastor, Rev. Jesus Raya Custodio, jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church for more information.



LENTEN PLAN

Don't enter Lent without a plan! Lent is a time of healing and renewal. Each pillar of Lent is meant to help heal and strengthen us in a specific way. **Our three adversaries to leading a holy life are the World, the Flesh, and the Devil.** Prayer is the Weapon against the Devil, Fasting is the Weapon against the Flesh, and Almsgiving is the Weapon against the World.

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS OF WHAT YOU COULD INCORPORATE INTO YOUR OWN LENTEN PLAN:

- **DAILY MASS** (at least one extra day a week)
- **DAILY ROSARY**
- **WEEKLY ADORATION**
- **WEEKLY CONFESSION**
- **15 MINUTES OF DAILY SPIRITUAL READING**
- **PRAY DAILY WITH A REFLECTION**
  Find Reflections on MyCatholic.Life
- **WATCH ONLY CHRISTIAN MEDIA**
  Watch Free on Formed.org
- **LISTEN TO ONLY CHRISTIAN MUSIC**
- **FAST FROM SOCIAL MEDIA**
- **FAST FROM SNACKING BETWEEN MEALS**
- **FAST FROM THE SNOOZE BUTTON**
- **FAST FROM ALL TECHNOLOGY AT LEAST 2 HOURS BEFORE BED**
- **VOLUNTEER WEEKLY AT A SOUP KITCHEN/FOOD PANTRY**
- **VOLUNTEER WEEKLY AT CHURCH**
  as an Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector
- **WEEKLY GIVE A GENEROUS DONATION TO A DIFFERENT CAUSE**
- **TAKE A NEIGHBOR WHO LACKS FOOD SECURITY OUT FOR LUNCH**
- **WEEKLY WRITE A LETTER TO A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER**

The Lord wants to pour out abundant graces upon you during the Lenten Season! Living this season intentionally will open a space in your heart to receive the graces the Lord has prepared for you.





Celebrating Penance and Reconciliation

The gift of Christ's presence in the sacraments can't be duplicated. This sacrament of forgiveness and mercy offers us the healing experience of Christ. God is present and anxious to heal the wounds in our life due to sin and to help us grow.

Celebrating reconciliation reminds us that we are meant to move in the direction of God's call for us. We are loved and forgiven. Until the day we die we always have the opportunity to turn to God and hear those words again.

This guide and examination of conscience can help you to celebrate the sacrament this Lent.

Follow these basic steps:

1) Make the Sign of the Cross, while saying it aloud. 2) Start with *Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been* (how long) *since my last confession. These are my sins....*

Examination of Conscience

- Have I honored God above everything else?
- Have I ignored God's guidance in making my decisions?
- Have I neglected praying to God regularly?
- Have I used the name of God or of Jesus in a disrespectful way?
- Have I come to celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays?
- Have I cared for my parents and other adults in my family?
- Have I cared for my children and grandchildren in a responsible way? Have I failed to look at some one lovingly, or have I seen them as a burden or a bother?
- Have I failed to take good care of my own body with good food, rest and exercise? Have I abused drugs or alcohol?
- Have I physically hurt anyone, or have I hurt someone's feelings, or have I been so angry that I might have hurt someone?
- Have I been faithful in my marriage? Have I been loyal and faithful to my family and friends?
- Have I been responsible in the exercise of my sexuality?
- Have I respected others in my relationships?
- Have I taken what is not mine?
- Have I told the truth?
- Have I been jealous of other people or of other things?
- Have I done what I can to help the poor?
- Have I done what I can to make the earth a good place to live?
- Have I done what I can to be part of my church and community?
- Have I shared my possessions and my talents with others?

The United States Bishops give some more examples of grave sin:

- Swearing a false oath while invoking God as a witness;
- Acting in serious disobedience against proper authority;
- Committing murder, including abortion and euthanasia; harboring deliberate hatred of others;
- sexual abuse of another, especially of a minor or vulnerable adult; physical or verbal abuse of others that causes grave physical or psychological harm;
- Stealing in a gravely injurious way, such as robbery, burglary, serious fraud, or other immoral business practices;
- Speaking maliciously or slandering people in a way that seriously undermines their good name;
- Producing, marketing, or indulging in pornography;
- Engaging in envy that leads one to wish grave harm to someone else.

This list covers most of the major areas of our lives. However, it is not exhaustive. As was stated above, it is important to look for patterns and habits of acting, as well as to look for specific offenses.

Act of Contrition

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with my whole heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
who I should love above all things.
I firmly intend with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.

Stewardship— First Fruits

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

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

FIRST FRUITS
time talent treasure

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

Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: $15,192

Offertory for 3/2: $15,563

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

Left QR code for GiveCentral; Right QR code for Venmo

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

Stewardship Reflection

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." - Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.



Church in Central and Eastern Europe

As we enter into Lent, let us be reminded of our brothers and sisters in faith in more than 25 countries who endure the lasting effects of communist rule and now grappling with the war in Ukraine. Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to the mission to #BuildtheFuture and bring hope and new life to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more info and how to give, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee

Coming to Confession During Lent



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

The sacrament is Reconciliation is regularly offered twice each week: Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 PM; Saturday from 11:00 to 11:30 AM. You may also contact the rectory office and schedule an appointment with a priest.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

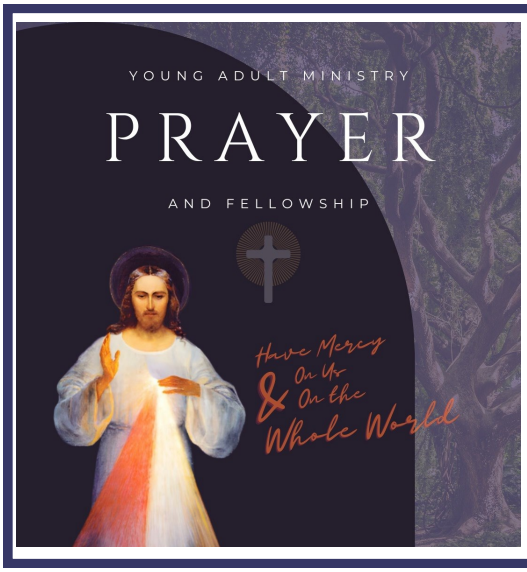
The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 6:30 PM on Fridays before Stations. If you need a refresher on how to pray the chaplet, you can go to www.catholic-link.org/how-to-pray-the-divine-mercy-chaplet-your-step-by-step-visual-guide/

Stations of the Cross



Each Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6 PM (en Espanol) and 7 PM (in English). This prayer allows us to meditate on Christ's Passion and death while walking the "Way of the Cross." It is a wonderful way to grow in one's knowledge of being a disciple of the Lord.

Young Adult Ministry



Faith & Fellowship Prayer Night— Wednesday, March 19

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

This is a new series delving into a type of prayer together each month. This month we are starting with Lectio and praying a group rosary.

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

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



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

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



Volunteer w/ Habitat for Humanity— March 29

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

More Young Adult Events

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

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS CHICAGO

Join YCP Chicago on Saturday, March 29th from 9 AM to 2:30 PM for a Lenten Retreat ***Celebrating The Eucharist, From Adoration to Action!*** This retreat is a half-day retreat (open to all young adults in their 20s and 30s), where young adults are encouraged to "look upon work with the eyes of faith" and see God's presence in their vocations and professional lives. The retreat will include talks, group discussion, and prayer, and it will be a time to reflect on the life of YCP's patron saint, St. Joseph the Worker. Sister Mary Ann Spanjers will be a guest speaker.

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

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1–2

Going on the Offensive

If someone is attacked or feels threatened, it is common to be defensive. For example, if soldiers suddenly find themselves under attack from an enemy, they will most likely take up a defensive position. Similarly, when we feel personally attacked by another or are tempted by the devil, we will often try to defend ourselves. However, within the worlds of games, sports and military activity, there is a common adage that says, "the best defense is a good offense." In other words, the best way to keep the opponent from winning is to go on the offensive rather than to sit back and take up a defensive position.

In many ways, this is what Jesus did when He entered the desert. He was aware that the evil one wanted to destroy Him. Therefore, when Jesus entered the desert for 40 days to pray and fast, He did so in a sort of offensive attack upon the devil. Jesus' temptations in the desert were not primarily difficulties He had to endure and resist. Rather, they were first and foremost ineffective attacks from the evil one, because Jesus had already embraced the opposite virtues.

What temptations and sins are among your greatest struggles? In what ways do you find yourself experiencing defeat? In what ways have you taken up a defensive position to try to overcome your struggles? Too often we approach temptations in the wrong way. We see them as attacks from the evil one that we must resist and defend ourselves against. And though that is true, it is not the full truth. The full truth is that the best way to overcome the struggles we face is to confront them directly in a vigorous and offensive way by choosing the opposite virtue.

Consider the three temptations Jesus overcame in the desert: gluttony, vainglory and greed. Jesus' entrance into the desert for those 40 days was the way by which He destroyed these temptations before they were even presented to Him. By voluntarily choosing to fast from food for those 40 days, Jesus rendered the temptation toward gluttony ineffective. By choosing the humility of entering into the solitude of the desert to be alone with His Father, Jesus robbed the temptation toward vainglory of its power. By choosing a life of poverty and simplicity, He overcame any temptation toward earthly wealth, even before it was offered to Him.



As we begin this forty-day Lenten journey, reflect, today, upon the sins and temptations in your life that need to be overcome. If you find yourself in an ongoing defensive position toward certain struggles, especially if you find yourself losing the battle at times, it's time to change your strategy. Embrace the opposite virtue of the sins you are most tempted with this Lent. Embrace those virtues in an offensive manner. Choose kindness if you struggle with anger. Choose fasting if you struggle with gluttony. Choose generosity if you struggle with greed. Whatever your struggle, turn to the virtue you need the most and make it your focus this Lent so that you, too, will be well-prepared to reject the evil one and his lies when temptation comes your way.

My tempted Lord, You resisted all temptation in Your life by choosing every good virtue and living them to perfection. Please help me to see the virtues I need the most right now and give me the strength I need to run toward them this Lent with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

More Volunteer Opportunities

Mission of Our Lady of the Angels



Mission OLA, 3808 W. Iowa St., is always welcoming new volunteers! Opportunities to help range from First Saturday food pantry, pantry prep on Mondays, Tuesday food pantry distribution, and more! Visit their website at www.missionola.com/getInvolved_Volunteer.html

Catholic Charities

"I've given a lot of time, but it's given so much to me — connecting me with God and learning how important service is."
—Pitias Merach, a volunteer at The Shared Table

Volunteering feeds the soul. Get engaged with the Catholic Charities mission by learning about their many faith-filled volunteer opportunities. www.catholiccharities.net/volunteer-with-us/

Come as you are.

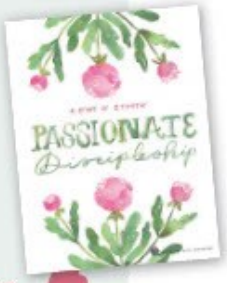
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Make authentic connections with other women
Refuel and refresh | Learn more about God

Become a true, dynamic disciple of Jesus Christ.

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

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



St. Alphonsus Rectory- 2nd Fl. Common Room
Tuesday Meetings- Morning and Evening Sessions
March 11 to May 13
9:30 AM-11 AM and 6:30 PM-8 PM

Questions? Contact
Marianne at mariannek36@yahoo.com

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Illinois Pro-Life March in Springfield— March 25

Marches for Life have been a powerful witness to the dignity of life in Illinois since the early 1970s. In 2013, the late Francis Cardinal George brought together pro-life organizations across Chicago and Illinois, uniting them in a shared mission to strengthen and expand the March for Life Chicago. His vision laid the foundation for a movement that continues to grow. After the Dobbs decision on June 24, 2022, the March for Life Chicago hosted the first post-Roe March for Life in America.

In 2023 - due to the shifting focus from federal action against abortion to state action following the overturn of Roe v. Wade - the March for Life Chicago formally moved to Springfield, IL and became the Illinois March for Life.

Be a voice for the voiceless! Join for the Illinois Pro-Life March on Tuesday, March 25 at the Lincoln Statue in front of the Illinois Capitol Building.

Agenda: 10 AM – Mass for Life hosted by the Diocese of Springfield 1 PM – the rally
2 PM – the march 3 PM – lobbying

For more information: www.illinoisprolifemarch.com/the-details

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Another Great Lenten Recipe

Risotto Garlic Shrimp and Asparagus

- 1 (32 ounce) container vegetable broth
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ⅓ onion, chopped
- ½ clove garlic, minced
- 3 cups Arborio rice
- 1 lb. raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 lb. fresh asparagus, cut into thirds
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

1 Pour broth into a pot; bring to a simmer over medium-low heat.

2 Heat olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Cook and stir onion and garlic in the hot oil until slightly softened, about 2 minutes. Add Arborio rice; cook, stirring frequently, until coated with oil, about 4 minutes.

3 Stir 1/2 cup of the hot vegetable broth into the saucepan; cook and stir until the rice has absorbed the broth, about 2 minutes. Repeat this process 4 more times, stirring constantly, until rice is creamy and tender yet firm to the bite, about 15 minutes.

4 Stir shrimp and asparagus into the remaining hot broth. Cook until shrimp is no longer translucent, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove broth from heat.

5 Stir shrimp and asparagus into the rice; cook for 1 minute. Stir Parmesan cheese and butter into the rice; cook until melted, about 1 minute. Remove rice from heat. Season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle parsley over each serving.

Contact

Sacramental Information

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

How to Offer a Mass Intention

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Alphonsus Social Media

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

Directory

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