



Saint Alphonsus

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 28, 2021: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” (Mk 9:7)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 8:30 AM

Wed 6:00 PM

*No online registration for Daily Mass

Sunday 9 AM, 11 AM, and 5 PM

*Please be sure to register online for Sunday Mass

Alphonsus Academy & Center For the Arts

Friday 8:30 AM or as announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 6:30–7:30 PM

Confessions

Saturday 11:00–11:30 AM

*Or call one of the priests for an appointment

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Tuesday after the 8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: 5:50 PM

Worship

This Week's Readings

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Giving Update

Budget Update for 2/21/2021

WEEKLY BUDGET AMOUNT \$15,218
 OFFERTORY COLLECTION \$11,875

Memorial Bequests

Memorial bequests can be made in honor of a loved one, friend or colleague through GiveCentral at the link here, www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/28307 Please [contact parish business manager Dorothy Spencer](#) for any inquiries.

Please Pray for the Sick

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| Dorothy Bonds | Fidel Mercado Chavez | Rachel Schopp |
| Joanna Ravelingeen | Leslie Putman | Rose Furlong |
| Jamie Wallett | Carolina Goldie | Mike Madigan |
| Romie Richard | Diane Mareci | David Birks |
| Sandra Wilson | Joel Rivera | Celeste Soult |
| Monica Alexis Rios | Darlynn Albrecht-Velez | Mary Binsfeld |
| Margaret Nichols | William Ahearn | Carol Reckwerdt |
| Maria Eisler | Emilia Hurtado | Doug Tally |
| Rita Gerich | Bernard Zapp | Jeff De La Cruz |
| | Jim Ashby | Tim Dooling |
| | | Spencer Lyles |

Welcome to the Parish!

Melissa Reed
 Taylar Kobylas and Benedict Mical
 Elizabeth Porter
 Isabelle Horton and David Longwell
 Ellen Bauch and Thomas Daly

Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Margo Hildegard Leicht
 For more information about having your child baptized at Saint Alphonsus, please contact Kaitlin Holyk at stalsweddings@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 28

9:00 AM +Edmund G. Gobat
 11:00 AM +Evelyn Storto
 5:00 PM +Genoveva Gilana

Monday, March 1

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, March 2

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, March 3

6:00 PM The People of St. Alphonsus

Thursday, March 4

8:30 AM The People of St. Alphonsus

Friday, March 5

8:30 AM +John Foster

Sunday, March 7

9:00 AM +Carol Richard
 11:00 AM +Juan Gonzales Ballesteros
 5:00 PM +Joseph Riffner

News and Events

Volunteer at Mass!



Each service at St. Alphonse requires volunteers to help with preparing the environment, guiding people in and out, and cleaning the areas after each use. Please prayerfully consider volunteering at an upcoming Mass! **To volunteer**, please go to the proper link on the main page of our website, www.stalphonsuschicago.org. St. Alphonse is committed to doing everything we can to ensure the health, safety and comfort of all who enter our beautiful church to encounter Jesus Christ in prayer and the Sacraments.

Celebrating Sacraments at St. Alphonse



To schedule a baptism, please review our website, and scroll on the Sacraments tab at the top. You will be contacted upon completion of the form. Baptisms will mostly be on Sundays, however certain Saturday dates may be available.

For information on scheduling your upcoming wedding at St. Alphonse, please visit **our website page!**

St. Alphonse YouTube Channel

All are invited to visit our [parish's YouTube channel](#), which can be found by clicking the appropriate link on the front page of our website.

Requesting a Mass Intention

Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may request a Mass Intention. Go to our website, and click Mass Intentions under the Worship tab. Mass intentions are made for the living and deceased and provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of anniversaries, birthdays, and other special intentions.

Parish Family Looking for Live-In Caregiver

"Your loving care is a precious help to the old. Your clear witness is a help and encouragement to us all." – Pope John Paul II

One of our long time parishioner and AACA school families are looking for a professional caregiver for an elder parent. If you or someone you know can help, please contact Donna at (773) 505-1230.

Faith Formation

The Year of St. Joseph



In December, Pope Francis proclaimed 2021 to be "The Year of St. Joseph." Fr. Cameli reflects on the lessons learned from a saint the Holy Father called a beloved, tender,

accepting and courageous father. All are encouraged to visit <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/year-of-st-joseph> for reflections & more resources

Walking With Purpose– A Modern Woman's Guide to the Bible



Join us at St. Alphonse this winter as we help you enjoy a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ, nurtured through personal Bible study and small group discussions created just for women! Sessions are continuing virtually on Tuesday mornings and evenings at St. Alphonse.

Contact [Jaclyn Ausborn](mailto:jaclyn.ausborn@gmail.com), jaclyn.ausborn@gmail.com or [Susan Combes](mailto:suecombes@hotmail.com), suecombes@hotmail.com for more information.

GRACIOUS AND HOLY FATHER,
PLEASE GIVE US
INTELLECT TO UNDERSTAND YOU,
REASON TO DISCERN YOU,
DILIGENCE TO SEEK YOU,
WISDOM TO FIND YOU,
A SPIRIT TO KNOW YOU,
A HEART TO MEDITATE UPON YOU.

MAY OUR EARS HEAR YOU,
MAY OUR EYES SEE YOU,
AND MAY OUR TONGUES PROCLAIM YOU.

GIVE US GRACE,
THAT OUR WAY OF LIFE
MAY BE PLEASING TO YOU,
THAT WE MAY HAVE THE PATIENCE
TO WAIT FOR YOU,
AND THE PERSEVERANCE
TO LOOK FOR YOU.

GRANT US A PERFECT END —
YOUR HOLY PRESENCE,
A BLESSED RESURRECTION,
AND LIFE EVERLASTING.
AMEN.

-saint benedict Grotto

Stewardship— First Fruits



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

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

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

Gospel Meditation

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, “You are absolutely beaming!” The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn’t mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald’s and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new “digs,” received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left

and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

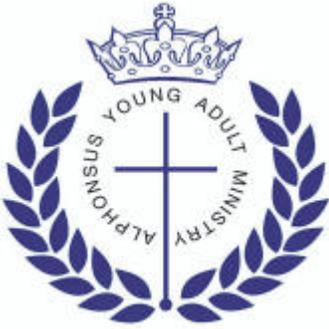
How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you’re really “into it” this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it’s only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God’s call. Then, there is God’s request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

Candle With A Click



In these days of social distancing, many of us are looking for ways to be more spiritually connected, especially when emotions and anxiety rises, increasing our need for the comforting presence of God and the peace of His love. One creative way St. Alphonsus Parish can offer that remotely is to light a candle in the church for you and your intentions. **Go to www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/21808**, or text **Light** to (773) 570-7600, and we will light a candle in the church for you and pray for your health and intentions. (Suggested donation is \$5). **Additionally, please know that our pastor, Fr. Bauer, is frequently praying for the safety, serenity, and spirituality of us all during this time.**

Young Adult Ministry



BE SOCIAL
BE SPIRITUAL
BE CHARITABLE
BE INTELLECTUAL
BE CATHOLIC

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is one of St. Alphonsus' most active parish groups! YAM is led by a volunteer board and is guided by Pastoral Associate,

Brooks Robinson. Stated simply, the ministry's mission is to help one another participate in Christ's mission, that we, as young adult Catholics, may be effective disciples, evangelists, and agents of charity in all that we do. YAM provides many social, intellectual, service, and spiritual opportunities for growth. Members range in age from 21-39 years old.

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

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

Lenten Small Group Bible Study Weekly on Wednesdays After Mass



The YAM Spiritual Team invites all to our Lenten Small Group Bible Study, continuing on Wednesdays at 7 PM! The goal is to provide enriching spiritual accompaniment and fellowship for parishioners on their Lenten journeys. Small co-ed groups will meet once a week on Wednesday evenings. Meetings will last one hour and will center around the next Sunday's Gospel reading; groups will be led by members of YAM's Spiritual Team. We hope small spiritual groups like these will encourage

us to deepen our understanding of the Scriptures in preparation for Easter, and to connect with other parishioners outside of our current social bubbles. Meetings will take place Wednesdays in Festival Hall at 7 PM, immediately after the 6 PM Mass. Come to Mass, adoration, and confession, and then stay after for the Lenten Bible Study! Meetings will be properly socially-distanced and in accordance with the parish's COVID-19 guidelines. Spots are limited, [sign up at the link now to reserve your seat today!](#) For more info, contact YAM Spiritual leader, Eric Nyberg at eric.nyberg1@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus



Faith in action— Thank You to all who donated non-perishable food this weekend in support of Mission of Our Lady of the Angels.

NEXT PARISH FOOD DRIVE is on March 27th, 10 AM—

NOON in the parking lot behind the Athenaeum.

There are preliminary plans for a potential outdoors Fish Fry (since current health mandates from the Archdiocese unfortunately do not allow for indoors Fish Fry events) More info coming soon!

Knights of Columbus? We are Catholic men

building a bridge back to faith. There is much work to be done in this world. Good work. Necessary work. And that's what the Knights do. Every day. Assisting the sick & disabled. Protecting those who can't protect themselves. Whether they are next door or halfway around the world. We do it to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors & Catholics. We invest our time, our effort and our resources into our values: Charity. Unity. Fraternity. Patriotism. We're here to support our priests, Fr. Bauer & Fr. Gorman, and all of St. Alphonsus Parish & world beyond. We come from many places & backgrounds. And stages in our lives. But we are all of one faith. A fraternity of men striving to better ourselves & our world. To learn more, contact parishioner & Grand Knight Paul Gillespie at pgillespie15158@gmail.com

The Traditions of Lent

In the first centuries of the church, Lent was the time of final preparation for those to be baptized. The rest of the Christian community kept the season with them, joining them in greater prayer, fasting and charity. Each year, we still wait with those to be baptized and received into the church. We also wait for peace to come to our broken world. The traditional disciplines of Lent help to renew us spiritually and draw us closer to the Lord.

Prayer

As we begin Lent, we are asked to "Repent and believe in the Gospel". Prayer is the conversation which helps us on this journey.

Pray for the end of Covid-19 and those infected and ill, for health care workers and those attending to the sick, for first responders and essential workers, for people of every nation and their leaders, and those who have passed.

Pray for the continued success of our Parish and its Ministries. The decisions we make will have an impact upon the parish for many years to come.

Pray with our catechumens and candidates. We are welcoming many adults and children into the Church at Easter.

Remember to pray for peace. Keep in your prayer world leaders and all those who work actively for peace.

Find time to enrich your life with daily prayer. If this is not a habit you have now, you may need to find what works best for you.

Fasting

Fasting is an ancient spiritual discipline. Going without food or something else that we enjoy reminds us of two things. First, we can live without most of what we want. We can't live without what we need. Our fasting helps us to recognize the difference, and to realize that what we need is supplied only by God's grace and generosity.

Second, we fast in solidarity with those who are hungry most days of their lives. The money we save can help to feed them.

Abstinence from meat during the Fridays of Lent. This is required of all over the age of fourteen. You can find some excellent meat-free recipes at www.csricebowl.org/recipe

Make a resolution to do without a luxury during Lent. The money saved from not spending on yourself should go to help the poor.

Resolve to 'fast' from a behavior or habit which harms relationships.

Lent is a time of growth. Ask God for the grace to grow in virtue this Lent.

Acts of Charity

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).

Make a resolution to do something positive for others. Just as we resolve to 'give up', add a resolution to do something for the peace and welfare of the world. This can take many forms— from walking instead of driving for short errands, to making the time to spend with someone who is lonely or elderly.

[Volunteer at Mass](#), [Lakeview Food Pantry](#), [Mission of Our Lady of the Angels](#), or choose your own passion to help and make a difference with!

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 of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays at 11 AM and Wednesday evenings during Adoration. You can also make an appointment.

Stations of the Cross



Each Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross are prayed at 7:00 PM.

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.

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 ones 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 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.

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities Updates



Blossoms of Hope – April

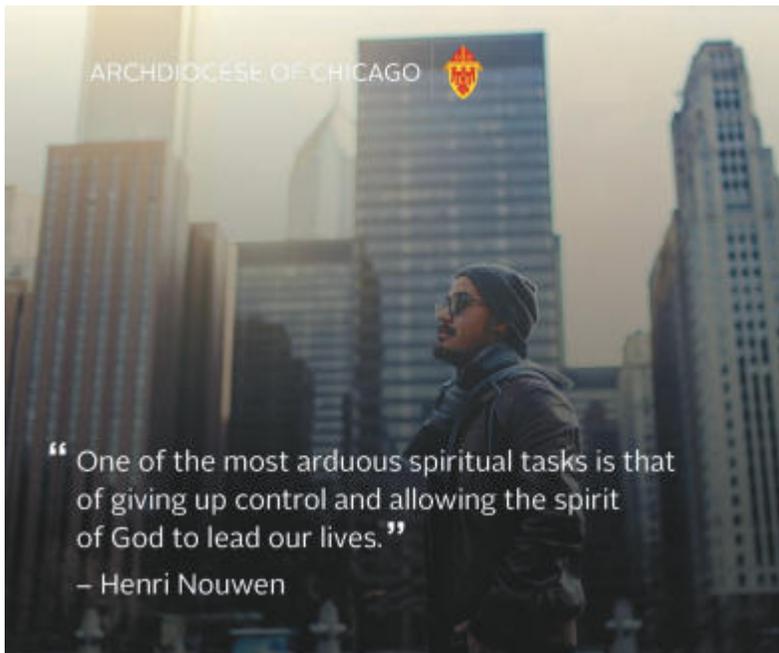
25: Blossoms of Hope Virtual Event will be held on Sunday, April 25 to support the Catholic Charities Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) Program. All are welcome

and attendance is free of charge. The event will include keynote speakers, an exciting raffle & silent auction, and the opportunity to remember & honor loved ones lost to suicide and those who survive them. For information, please contact Kaaron Johnson at kajohnson@catholiccharities.net.

Counseling Support Line: If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at (312) 948-6951 anytime

M-F from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Spanish-speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.

Legal Assistance Available: Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department has attorneys and volunteer attorneys available to provide advice in numerous areas of law. If you are unsure about your legal rights or lost in the legal system, they can help. Services include in-depth advice and possible direct representation on many issues, including landlord/tenant disputes, family law, consumer and debtor rights, foreclosure, employment issues, orders of protection, power of attorney, and more. CCLA provides free to low-cost legal services to eligible low-income individuals. For help and more info, contact the legal advice line at (312) 948-6821.



Building Community

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

- Prays For and With You
- Celebrates Spiritual Milestones With You
- Guides Your Conscience on Important Personal and Social Issues
- Accompanies You on Your Faith Journey
- Benefits From Your Gifts and Contributions
- Gives You Opportunities to Step Into Leadership Roles
- Teaches You

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

Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Avocado tips

When buying avocados do not push your thumb into the skin to see if it is ready. Pull off the stem. It should be green underneath. Reach for the ones that are far away. That way you can avoid the ones that other shoppers have pressed with their thumbs.

When storing avocados, leave them on the counter. But keep them separated from apples and bananas. They cause the avocado to ripen faster. To ripen them quickly, put them in a paper bag with an apple or banana.

Once cut, keep the half with the pit. The pit keeps oxygen from touching the area of the pit. Also wrap the cut avocado with plastic wrap.

To preserve guacamole, press the plastic wrap directly on top of the surface of the guacamole and then up the sides of the bowl. It will prevent air from darkening the guacamole.

Annual Catholic Appeal

“Come Follow Me... And Bring Hope to the World



Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one

-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, “Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world,” was selected because as disciples of Jesus, we follow the Master who both gives us hope and sends us to bring his hope to our world that needs it so much. Each pledge makes a difference! All parishes communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes,

schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online or via text message: annualcatholicappeal.com (be sure to add St. Alphonsus-Chicago under Parish Designation if donating on this site) or **text the word *aca2021* to (773) 570-7600.**

Please note that when our parish reaches its goal of \$62,219 in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish.

You can make a contribution at
[www.givecentral.org/location/39/
event/15207](http://www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/15207)

Alphonsus Academy

Thank You From Lakeview Pantry!



During Catholic Schools Week, our AACA community hosted a fundraiser and food drive in support of Lakeview Food Pantry. These students helped collect 375 lbs of food raised funds, provide 40,000 meals, and volunteered to pack 9 pallets of produce which will go out to 495 households!

Lakeview Pantry’s mission is to eradicate hunger and poverty in Chicago by providing nutritious food and social services to those in need. You can learn more at www.lakeviewpantry.org



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Blue Ribbon School

Now accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year.
New applications are accepted online only at www.alphonsusacademy.org
(under Admissions on blue bar).

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

This year we are offering three virtual options to get to know our school. Go on a Virtual Tour, join an Open House, or have “Coffee” with some AACA parents by scheduling on our website at www.alphonsusacademy.org/page/202. Contact Mary Bodlak, Director of Admissions & Marketing at 773-819-7655 or mbodlak@aaca.school with any questions.



Contact

Sacramental Information

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

How to Offer a Mass Intention

Did you ever notice that every Mass said here at St. Alphonsus is offered for a special intention? The entire congregation prays for that intention during the petitions (Prayers of the Faithful) when we say,

"For those who have died, and for the intention of this Mass: (named intention)"

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

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

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

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

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

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

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/baptism

www.stalphonsuschicago.org/marriage



St. Alphonsus Social Media

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



DIRECTORY

Parish Office

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

Parish Office Hours:

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

School Office

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

School Office Hours:

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

STAFF

Parish Staff

Rev. Steven Bauer, Pastor
Rev. Patrick Gorman, Associate Pastor
Brooks Robinson, Pastoral Associate
Brian Bloye, Director of Music and Organist
Erica Cook, Coordinator of Religious Education
Dorothy Spencer, Business Manager
Mario Serrano, Parish Office Manager

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