

# Saint Alphonsus

DECEMBER 19, 2021: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:42-43)

6:30-7:30 PM

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Mass Schedule** 

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri Wed Sunday 9

**i** 8:30 AM 6:00 PM 9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 (Spanish) and 5 PM

### Alphonsus Academy & Center For the ArtsFriday8:30 AM or as announced

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesday

Confessions

Wednesday6:30-7:00 PMSaturday11:00-11:30 AM\*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: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30 Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17 Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

### Please Pray for the Sick

**Dorothy Bonds** Emilia Hurtado Joanna Ravelingeen Bernard Zapp Jamie Wallett **Rachel Schopp** Sandra Wilson Mike Madigan Monica Alexis Rios David Birks Lorik Oppland Margaret Nichols Maria Eisler Celeste Soult Carol Reckwerdt **Rita Gerich Tessa Sergent** Doug Tally Carolina Goldie Jeff De La Cruz

Diane MareciStacy StricklandWilliam AhearnTim DoolingEmilia HurtadoSpencer LylesBernard ZappMagdalena<br/>GonzalezRachel SchoppChristopher BibatMike MadiganMichael AldapeDavid BirksFidel Mercado<br/>ChavezCeleste SoultJ.J KeilsCarol ReckwerdtJust Keils

### Giving Update

Weekly Budget Amount: \$15,218 Offertory for 12/5/2021: \$19,581 Offertory for 12/12/2021: \$14,441 Please remember to help the poor. Donations to the poor box in the narthex go to our

St. Vincent

DePaul Society.

### WEDDING BANNS

Adelaide Columnas and Alexander Woods

### At Rest in the Peace of Christ

Efren Borja

### Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Daniel Conrad Greene Luke John Palace Leo Alexander Palace James Warren Morris Oliver Thomas Kelly

### child baptized at St Alphonsus, contact Kaitlin Holyk at <u>stalsweddings@gmail.com</u>

For more info about having your





### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Sunday, December 19

9:00 AM	+Bob Lieder
11:00 AM	+Jose Espina Jr.
12:30 PM	The People of Saint Alphonsus
5:00 PM	The People of Saint Alphonsus

#### Monday, December 20

8:30 AM +Angie Alvarez

#### Tuesday, December 21

8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus

Wednesday, December 226:00 PMThe People of Saint Alphonsus

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**Thursday, December 23** 8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus **Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)** 

Friday, De	ecember 24 (Christmas Eve)
8:30 AM	+Ruth Rhode
4:00 PM	+Patrick Huszak
6:00 PM	The People of Saint Alphonsus
11:00 PM	The People of Saint Alphonsus
Saturday,	December 25 (Christmas Day)
9:00 AM	+Alfonsas Venckus
11:00 AM	+Thomas Lynch

#### Sunday, December 26

9:00 AM	+Richard Monteleone
11:00 AM	Nick and Grace Gilana (Anniversary Blessings
12:30 PM	The People of Saint Alphonsus
5:00 PM	+Helen Kam Kin Hui

# News and Events

### **Tuesday Small Group Bible Study**

The YAM Spiritual Team's Small Group Bible Study Series continues on Tuesdays at 7 PM. Meetings last about an hour and center around Sunday's upcoming Gospel, with study aids from Bishop Barron's Word on Fire Ministries aiding the reflection and discussion.

Meet downstairs in Festival Hall. We will meet every Tuesday in December until Christmas. All are welcome!

### **Tuesday Evening Philosophy Group**



Join us on Tuesdays in the St. Alphonsus rectory for weekly philosophy discussions and digging deeper into the greatest thinkers of all time. Get in touch with our YAM Intellectual

chair, Ephrem at <u>ephrem.shaffer@gmail.com</u> for more information.

### Support St. Alphonsus This Christmas!

This Christmas season, we express our gratitude for the generous gifts received this time of year. We are overjoyed at how our parish and school families have come together to help each other during this difficult year. While you are planning your seasonal giving, show your gratitude for God's blessings in your life by making a special donation to our annual Christmas Collection. Your spirit of giving demonstrates a deep understanding of our mission, as we witness together, the miracle of incarnation.

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.

<u>www.givecentral.org/location/39/event/526</u> You can also text Joyful to (773) 570-7600

# Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, and 11:00 PM

### Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Sunday, December 26 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (Español) and 5:00 PM

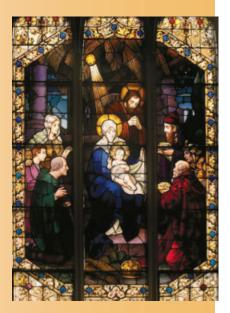
New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

Masses to celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Friday, December 31 at 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM

Saturday, January 1 at 10:00 AM

If you are traveling to be with family or friends over Christmas, join us on January 2, the Feast of the Epiphany. The Midnight Mass program will be repeated at the 9 and 11 AM Masses.



# Faith Formation

### Women's Bible Study Meetings– Tuesdays at St. Alphonsus



Are you looking for a way to refuel and be refreshed, make authentic connections with other women, and learn more about God? It's time to come back to community!

Our mission at Walking With Purpose is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies.

### **Discovering Our Dignity**

Women of the Old and New Testaments were as flawed and broken as we can be, yet the power of God worked in their lives. Learn from their experiences in *Discovering Our Dignity*, a 22 lesson Bible Study.

Through their stories recorded in Scripture, women of the Bible reach out to touch our "present" in a tender, honest and loving way— woman to woman— with ancient wisdom, sage advice, and insights from sorrowful failures and emotional wounds.

Walking With Purpose meet on Tuesdays at the St. Alphonsus Common Room in the rectory. Meetings are from 9:30 AM to 11 AM or 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. **Walking With Purpose will be taking a short break during the holidays and will reconvene in-person meetings on January 18, 2022.** For more info, contact <u>suecombes@hotmail.com</u>

# Gospel Meditation

St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have.

We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

### Helpful Household Hints by Harvey Levin

Spray Your Cheese Grater with Cooking Spray

If your recipe calls for shredded cheese, you have to pull out the dreaded cheese grater. It's not that the cheese grater is difficult to use, but it can be a pain to clean if your cheese tends to get caught in every nook and cranny.

Before you use your cheese grater, spray it with a bit of cooking spray. The cooking spray will keep the cheese from sticking, allowing you to shred faster and clean faster. With this trick, your cheese grater frustrations will melt away.

# Advent 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Advent is full of hope, as we join with Christians around the world and through the ages who prayed *Come, Lord Jesus*!

### **Light Advent Candles**

Light all the candles of your Advent wreath.

Pray Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way to the Father. Come and teach us your truth Word made flesh, Word or God help us to hear. Open our ears and our hearts to the promise of new life

### Check out the many online resources

Things to explore this week:

- Last minute shopping that does good for others. Check out Fair Trade gifts. You do good for those who created the goods— and your recipients get a lovely present too!
- Are you making a New Year's resolution to give more of yourself to others? All sorts of ways to serve in the community throughout the year are listed in our weekly parish newsletters.
- **Make time for daily prayer in your life.** You might have gotten 'back on track' this Advent. Don't stop— or check out our suggestions to refresh your prayer life.
- <u>www.divineoffice.org</u> guides you through the Liturgy of the Hours, the official daily prayer of the church. <u>www.pray-as-you-go.org</u> is a well produced podcast that provides a daily meditation.
- Check out <u>https://pvm.archchicago.org/evangelization/advent-resources</u> There are some great resources on the Archdiocese page for adults and kids!



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,

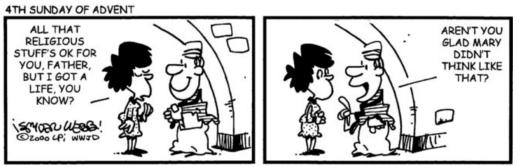
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Young Adult Ministry

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, <u>www.facebook.com/AlphonsusYoungAdult</u> or contact the YAM board at <u>stalphonsusyam@gmail.com</u>





### St. Alphonsus Parish: Annual Report 2020-2021

### Thoughts from the Pastor

My two most favorite philosophers are Calvin and Hobbes. Not the Protestant guys from the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, the comic strip characters: a first grader with an overactive imagination and his pet tiger. Among their greatest achievements was the brilliant invention of a time machine, constructed from a repurposed transmogrifier and a magic marker.

The great adventurer Calvin traveled two hours through time to rewrite history. Or, more accurately, to write the future. Or was it to rewrite the present? Anything to avoid a homework assignment due tomorrow. That is, until the pitfalls of time travel backfired on him. (It must've been coding errors left over from the transmogrifier.)

Every one of us probably wishes we had a time machine with which we could go back to a lab in Wuhan, prevent any leakage, and undo the effects of the current pandemic. Unfortunately, there are no comic book super heroes who can unwind the virus. But rather than dwelling in the past, we recognize the presence and the light of the Lord Jesus who promised to be with us always, even unto the end of the age. His divine light dawns at Christmas, and radiates triumphantly on Easter Sunday. And in the Church, no matter the month or year on the calendar, we live our lives between those two events. The Incarnation and the Resurrection bracket all of human history. That's where we are called to live, for therein we encounter a hope, peace and joy beyond understanding. That is what is meant to define us, both now and forever.

When our lives, hearts, and parish are all illuminated by Christ, we can recognize our blessings more clearly, and rejoice in them:

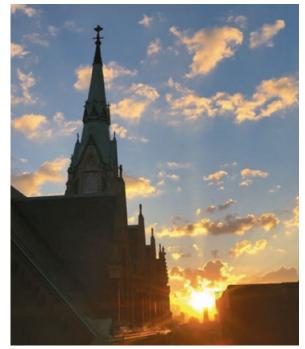
- Mass attendance has been gradually increasing since the summer,
- Several seminarians have lived here over the past year, most obviously was Michael Mehringer who was here for a full semester for an internship experience,
- the celebration of Sacraments of Matrimony and Baptism are approaching pre-pandemic numbers
- our school is thriving
- St. Alphonsus is home to one of the most vibrant Young Adult Ministry programs in the Archdiocese
- the caliber of our liturgical music program is top-notch

Additionally, the light of faith also reveals areas for growth. • cultivating a genuine sense of stewardship in the community

- raising funds for infrastructure needs and capital repairs to maintain a 133-year old parish campus
- forming parishioners in discipleship to create a culture of evangelization invites people into an encounter with God who is the Author of Life and the Artist of Love.

May the God whose love transcends time and space help us to see and understand our blessings and challenges, so that by the help of His grace, we may strengthen our parish community so that many future generations will also be able to write their stories of faith here at St. Alphonsus.

Fr. Steven Bauer.



### Highlighting Faith Formation and Religious Education



The Religious Education program, with a team of 12 devoted catechists, ran entirely virtual programming for the

2020-2021 school year. Piloting a new program in the Archdiocese, the weekly lessons focused on the Sunday readings. We were also able to simultaneously offer reflections, led by Fr. Gorman, for the parents in our RE program. We were excited to offer opportunities for our families to grow in their understanding of the God's Word, despite Mass attendance being limited during the pandemic.

In January, we hosted a lovely virtual Epiphany service led by Fr. Bauer and Fr. Gorman, where the children reflected on the gifts we bring to the Christ Child.

Because of the pandemic, students scheduled to receive sacraments in spring of 2020 were rescheduled for the fall, so this year we celebrated two Confirmation and First Communion classes. We are grateful the parish community stepped up to allow our children to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with their families.

### Parish Annual Report–Church Numbers & Data

### BULLET POINT TAKEAWAYS, compared to the previous fiscal year:

1 • Overall parish income was down almost exactly \$100,000, most of which was due to reduced Sunday collections and decreased Mass attendance during the pandemic.

2 • The primary parish fundraiser is Oktoberfest, which in 2019 was negatively impacted by rain. Unable to have the Fest in 2020, the take-home "Biergarten In A Box" event did generate some revenue, but not nearly the amount Oktoberfest would have.

3 • Christmas & Other Collections increased significantly by about 44% (~\$31k), which offset the Oktoberfest decrease.

4 • Overall expenses were kept almost exactly flat compared to the previous fiscal year.

5 • Personnel expenses were less due to the loss of two rectory office support staff during the pandemic. However, one of these positions needs to be filled as soon as revenue permits.

6 • Maintenance expenses doubled, increasing by about \$56k, due to repairs on the rectory roof, tuckpointing, and catching up on deferred maintenance on the church boiler.

7 • Utilities increased 51% (~\$37k) due to sharp increases in water/sewage expense and heating fuel.

8 • Increases were balanced by prudent reduction of personnel expenses, administrative costs, and various supplies.

### 2020-21 Sacramental Stats

Registered families	2117
Baptisms celebrated	120
First Communions	119
Confirmations	69
Adults received into the Church	15
Weddings performed	32
School enrollment	526
RE curriculum enrollment	85



#### ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH – CHURCH SIDE FINANCES

	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021			
ORDINARY INCOME					
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	\$794,791	\$700,870 <sup>1</sup>			
Christmas Collection	\$57,978	\$76,249 <sup>3</sup>			
Easter Collection	\$36,077	\$34,956			
Other Collections	\$10,556	\$22,739 <sup>3</sup>			
Tuition (for Religious Education)	\$19,783	\$17,943			
Fees	\$2,016	\$4,263			
Lease & Rental Income	\$128,508	\$131,776			
Fundraising Net Income	\$55,573	\$23,035 <sup>2</sup>			
Interest & Investment Income	\$2,058	\$2,918			
Auxiliary Groups	\$8,413	\$0			
Miscellaneous Income	\$153,860	\$154,996			
Total Income	\$1,269,614	<b>\$1,169,744</b> <sup>1</sup>			
ORDINARY EXPENSES <sup>4</sup>					
Salaries	\$551,765	\$498,227 <sup>5</sup>			
Employee Benefits	\$138,086	\$120,755 <sup>5</sup>			
Books & Supplies, Non-Liturgical	\$12,147	\$8,873			
Administrative Expenses	\$73,162	\$53,314			
Food Service & Meals	\$11,648	\$14,070			
Utilities	\$72,383	\$109,659 <sup>7</sup>			
Maintenance & Building Repairs	\$52,560	\$108,419 <sup>6</sup>			
Interest Expense	\$582	\$43			
Altar and Liturgical Supplies	\$31,729	\$16,418			
Furniture & Equipment	\$1,529	\$56			
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$133,332	\$138,545			
PRMAA Assessment	\$45,324	\$44,272			
Property & Casualty Insurance	\$92,642	\$104,396			
Auto Ins-Priest Owned Vehicle	\$2,450	\$2,570			
Miscellaneous	\$10,239	\$10,457			
Total Expense	\$1,229,578	<b>\$1,230,075</b> <sup>4</sup>			
Net Ordinary Income/(Loss)	\$40,036	(\$60,331)			

### St. Alphonsus Parish: Annual Report 2020-2021

### **Report from AACA : Success through Perseverance**

This 2019-2020 school year at AACA had many challenges, but our staff and community showed tremendous dedication, and we have continued to grow stronger. Although Covid-19 remained with us, we were fortunate to complete a full year of in person learning and only spent a few weeks remotely. The Archdiocese of Chicago believed in this path, with many parents agreeing it was the best option for our children. Our teachers, administrators, and cleaning staff worked tirelessly to provide our students with the safest possible environment to learn in. That meant that despite Covid-19, our students grew academically and socially at a nearly normal pace and did not sacrifice knowledge because of the pandemic. This is not only obvious when you speak with our students but has also led to enormous interest from prospective students and families. We had far more students than we projected in the 2020-2021 school year, and the 2021 -2022 school year has started with the largest ever student body at 529 students.

Not only has our student population grown, but our community continues to be very generous. We had very successful Rocket Runs in both 2020 and 2021, with the latter bringing in over \$140,000, a top fundraising record for AACA. The combination of generous parents and a much larger student body has put the school in a good place financially. We are finally able to make repairs to the girls' bathroom and initiate a plan to address many other large facility tasks, such as repairing windows and masonry. The foundation for today's budget was laid by Dorothy Spencer, Business Manager, who recently decided to retire. We are forever grateful for the time, effort and care Dorothy took to protect our school's fiscal foundation. While we will miss Dorothy immensely, we are excited to see what the next chapter holds with our new Director of Parish Operations, Daniel Szymanski.

Although we feel positive about what we were able to accomplish last year, we continue on our journey of academic and spiritual growth. Please keep our students and families in your thoughts and prayers!









### Parish Annual Report–School Numbers & Data

### BULLET POINT TAKEAWAYS, compared to the previous fiscal year:

**1** • Overall Net Income actually improved due to curbing expenses more than income dropped.

2 • Sharp drop of 61% in Fees income (\$223k) due to pandemic-driven elimination of most activities.

3 • Fundraising down significantly partly due to Art & Soul being conducted virtually.

4 • Tuition Income increase of \$225k overcame most – but not all – revenue decreases in all other categories.

5 • Large COVID-related expenditures included skyrocketing cleaning expenses to sanitize classrooms.

6 • A very large drop (\$289k) drop in personnel expenses (salaries + benefits) was due to pandemicdriven simplified staffing.

7 • Proactively catching up on deferred maintenance for boilers, windows, & masonry accounted for some of the significant increase in this expense category.

### Recognized for our Academic Excellence



While it occurred in the previous academic year, the joy and pride of being a National Blue Ribbon award recipient not only continues, but has only become more evident during the pandemic. The coveted award affirms the hard work of educators.

communities, and families in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content. But throughout the unprecedented educational challenges of the 2020-21 academic year, the faculty and staff demonstrated the epitome of cooperation, creativity, and perseverance in supporting their students and families to keep learning and growing to reach their full potential. This success illustrates how AACA lives up to the spirit from which it received the Blue Ribbon Award in the first place.

#### ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH – SCHOOL SIDE FINANCES

	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021
ORDINARY INCOME		
Tuition	\$4,127,770	\$4,352,738 <sup>4</sup>
Fees	\$358,924	\$135,960 <sup>2</sup>
Fundraising Net Income	\$355,825	\$323,259 <sup>3</sup>
Interest & Investment Income	\$11	\$15
Auxiliary Groups	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Income	\$234,922	\$199,126
Total Income	\$5,077,452	<b>\$5,011,098</b> <sup>1</sup>
ORDINARY EXPENSES		
Salaries	\$3,049,700	\$2,884,434 <sup>6</sup>
Employee Benefits	\$896,229	\$772,712 <sup>6</sup>
Books & Supplies	\$85,678	\$63,560
Administrative Expenses	\$141,408	\$204,619 <sup>5</sup>
Food Service & Meals	\$1,544	\$98
Utilities	\$85,430	\$76,963
Maintenance & Building Repairs	\$97,429	\$288,939 <sup>7</sup>
Interest Expense	\$3,816	\$261
OCS Assessment	\$13,949	\$22,845
Property & Casualty Insurance	\$82,596	\$93,474
Miscellaneous	\$270,975	\$231,555
Total Expense	\$4,728,754	\$4,639,460
Net Ordinary Income/(Loss)	6340 600	6274 620
	\$348,698	\$371,639

### **Praying Hybrid Services Work**



One of the extra challenges faced at AACA during the pandemic was how to have bring meaningful prayer services to our students, especially those who were learning remotely. It was difficult enough for the students in the school because of capacity restrictions in the church. Here, Fr. Gorman is seen online bringing ashes to class-rooms on Ash Wednesday.

## 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,

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 <u>stalphonsusyam@gmail.com</u> "For those who have died, and for the intention of this Mass: (named intention)"

<u>You can make a Mass Intention request here</u>. 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.

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

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

# facebook.

### 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' <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> 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:

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 (P): 773-892-1397 | (F): 773-348-4829 www.alphonsusacademy.org

#### School Office Hours: 8:00 AM- 3:00 PM

### Staff

### **Parish Staff**

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

#### **School Staff**

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



