



# Saint Alphonse

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 24, 2025: TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*For behold, some are last who will be first,  
and some are first who will be last.” (Lk 13:30)*

## 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*

### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday** 5:45 PM

# Worship

## This Week's Readings

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30  
 Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26  
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32  
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51  
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29  
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30  
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/  
 Lk 14:1, 7-14

<b>Please Pray for the Sick</b>	Emilia Hurtado	Janet Horvat	Margaret Nichols	Ernest Nora
	Michael and Elizabeth Velten	Frank G. Bauer	Leslie Salimi	Albert Meier
	Dorothy Bonds	Al Corleone	Jason Jamero	Dan Clark
	Jamie Wallett	Tracy Duda	Carol Kania	Kevin Combs
	Monica Alexis Rios	Jacob Duda	Eileen Koutnik	Norma Ehrenberg
	Diane Mareci	Dorothy O'Brien	Rosemarie Cordero	
	William Ahearn	Ryan Meadow	Michelle Moya	
		Danny Browder		



## WEDDINGS

**Christina Vitale  
and  
William Harmon**

**Brittany Kmiecik  
and  
William Brannon**

## Wedding Banns

- II. Taylor Welch and Matthew Johnson
- II. Kelly Hull and Bradley Burrows
- I. Julie Green and Benjamin Rahimi
- I. Nicole DiOrio and Joseph Aquino

### 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/info, contact James Morrow, [jemseoul@hotmail.com](mailto:jemseoul@hotmail.com)

### Welcome Our Recently Baptized

Josiah Micheal Medina  
Jacob Ryan Olson



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, August 24

9:00 AM +Jeffrey Friedlieb  
 11:00 AM +Anna Meindl  
 12:30 PM +Manuel y Maria Naula  
 +Fernando Hernandez  
 5:00 PM Pike Family

### Monday, August 25

8:30 AM +Sean Gibbons

### Tuesday, August 26

8:30 AM +Rosario Anzelmo

### Wednesday, August 27

6:00 PM Downey Family (Health)

### Thursday, August 28

8:30 AM +Enrique Rico

### Friday, August 29

8:30 AM The People of Saint Alphonsus

### Saturday, August 30

8:30 AM Lowal & Carmen Fernandes

### Sunday, August 31

9:00 AM +Ed & Mary Gobat  
 11:00 AM +Gonzalo Gilana & Family  
 12:30 PM +Mercedes Carrillo  
 5:00 PM +Robert Ludwig & Michael Bucher

# News and Events

## Are You Ready to Become Catholic?

Registration is open for Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) Each year we are blessed with several individuals who desire to enter and learn more about the Catholic faith. The OCIA 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](mailto:brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church)

## Volunteer at Mass as a Lector!

Our parish is in need of Lectors, especially at the 11 AM Mass. Lectors proclaim the Scripture readings of the day so that all may hear God's word. Lector training only takes about an hour of your time. A workbook with all readings for the year, helpful advice, and interpretive information is also provided. Most lectors are scheduled to read at mass about once a month. If you are interested, contact coordinator Barbara Scharres, [bscharres@hotmail.com](mailto:bscharres@hotmail.com), to learn more details and be scheduled for an individual training session.

## Recovery Programs at St. Alphonsus

If you or loved ones you know have a problem with alcohol/substance abuse, please seek help! Our parish hosts two AA programs, Daily Reflections and Young People's Big Book AA Group. Daily Reflections meets on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM in the rectory 1st Fl. dining room. You may contact Lauren Merrill Sammis at [lauren.merrill@live.com](mailto:lauren.merrill@live.com) for more information.

Young People's Big Book AA Group meets Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the Festival Hall. Contact coordinator Casey, [ccereceda4411@gmail.com](mailto:ccereceda4411@gmail.com)

## International Buy A Priest a Beer Day

September 9  
International Buy a Priest a  
Beer Day



Tuesday, Sept. 9 is IBAPAB Day — International Buy A Priest A Beer day. This illustrious holiday dates all the way back to 2013 when it was invented by bloggers online called The Catholic Gentleman. To celebrate, Father Bauer and Father Raya joyfully invite all parishioners to a fun social in the rectory courtyard at 7:30 PM.

This is a day when Catholics are invited to show appreciation for our priests and share with them how their ministry has been important to them. Bringing a beer is not actually required; this totally legitimate holiday is just a convenient excuse for parishioners to hang out with our priests for a pleasant Tuesday evening social! There are other ways, of course, to show your appreciation, such as: bringing them a different beverage, dropping off snacks, by inviting them over for dinner, or by letting them know you are praying for them.

## Mama Meetup— Park Outing

Join other moms and littles for a coffee and park outing at South Lakeview Park (1300 W Wolfram St) on Saturday, September 6 at 9 AM! BYOC (Bring Your Own Coffee) and enjoy the last few days of sunshine and warmth with other moms from the parish. Partners and older children are welcome to join! Email Kathryn at [kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church](mailto:kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church) with any questions.



# C.O.F.F.E.E.

Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere



## 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.

# Faith Formation

## St. Alphonsus Religious Education

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Click on "Religious Education" under the "Learn" Tab on our website.



Enrolling  
Children Grades 1-8  
Classes held Tuesday Evenings  
6:15pm-7:30pm  
Sept thru May

First Communion preparation takes 2 years and typically begins in 1st Grade



Confirmation preparation takes 2 years and typically begins in 7th Grade

Have a child older than 2nd Grade who has not yet received First Communion?  
Have a child older than 7 years old who has not yet received Baptism?

Contact our Parish Office  
773-525-0709

## Religious Education 2025-26 Registration

Register your child today for RE! Classes are open for enrollment for Grades 1-8. Our program is held on Tuesday Evenings (Sept. thru May) from 6:15 PM— 7:30 PM.

On the St. Alphonsus Website, click on the "Learn" tab, and then click "Religious Education." Scroll down to learn more about our program, register, and pay tuition.

### Did you know that preparation for both First Communion and Confirmation is a 2 year process?

First Communion preparation typically begins in 1st Grade and Confirmation preparation typically begins in 7th Grade.

If you have a child that is older than 2nd Grade and has not yet received First Communion or a child that is older than 7 years old and has not yet received

Baptism, contact Brooks, [brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church](mailto:brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church)

## Catechists for Religious Education

Our Church needs you! A catechist is someone who loves their Catholic faith, has a desire to share that faith with our youngest Church members, and who also desires to continually deepen their own faith as well! Being a catechist is a rewarding gift that you both give to our next generation and that you receive as you see little hearts open and burn with the love of God. **God created you to reveal a unique part of His heart to the world, and this is your opportunity to share that part of God's heart with others.** Classes held Tuesday Evenings 6:15 PM-7:30 PM, Sept thru May; Grades 1-8.

Are you Called to be a Catechist? Remember that God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called!

Consistent support from the RE Coordinator is also given to each catechist to help ensure that classes go smoothly. Check out our website for more information and contact Steven Torres, [storres@stalphonsuschicago.church](mailto:storres@stalphonsuschicago.church)

## Men's Group



St. Alphonsus Men's Group meets Thursday nights to pray the liturgy of the hours, have fellowship, and to propose challenging topics to discuss.

When great conversations happen, synergy that creates connections and helps values be shared develops. *Proverbs 27:17* describes this as two iron tools being sharpened and made more effective. The same applies with friends coming into contact, sharpening and encouraging each other to greater service.

We meet every Thursday night at 7 PM in the rectory. Food and drinks provided. All men are welcome, with most men being in their 20s and 30s. Access can be gained at the west facing rectory door in the parking lot.

For questions or more information, contact Men's Group at our email, [divineofficers@gmail.com](mailto:divineofficers@gmail.com)

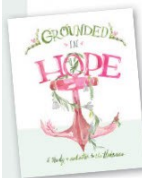
**"Come to me all you are labored and burdened and I will give you rest"**  
**Matthew 11:28**

## Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God

Join us for **Grounded in Hope**, based on the book of Hebrews, to encounter Jesus in such a powerful, comforting, and stabilizing way that He can become your lifeline.



St. Alphonsus Rectory Common Room  
Starting September 23  
Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 AM and  
Evenings at 6:30 PM

Questions? Contact Marianne at [mariannek36@yahoo.com](mailto:mariannek36@yahoo.com)

walking with purpose

[www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com)



# WILLKOMMEN!

Friday, Sept 26, 5 - 10 p.m.

Saturday, Sept 27, Noon - 10 p.m.

Sunday, Sept 28, Noon - 7 p.m.

*featuring Kinderfest, Noon - 6 pm*

## Willkommen!

Everyone is invited to celebrate our parish's German heritage at the best Oktoberfest party in the city!

## Bands, Music, and Entertainment!

Fletcher Rockwell...	Tripping Billies...	Run Forrest Run...	The Bratwurst Brothers
I-Pop...	Hello Weekend...	Dancing Queen, A Salute to Abba...	
School of Rock...	Sergeant Sauerkraut...	<i>and more soon to be announced!</i>	

## Lederhosen is optional... but Gemütlichkeit is not!

Gemütlichkeit is a unique German word that describes the feeling you get when you gather with old friends and new in a festival atmosphere with food, drink, music, family and fun that just makes your heart feel happy. Lederhosen, dirndl dresses, Bavarian hats, and our commemorative beer steins have been proven to enhance this feeling, but are not required. Hats and steins can be pre-purchased if you visit our Fest website and click on the Merchandise tab.

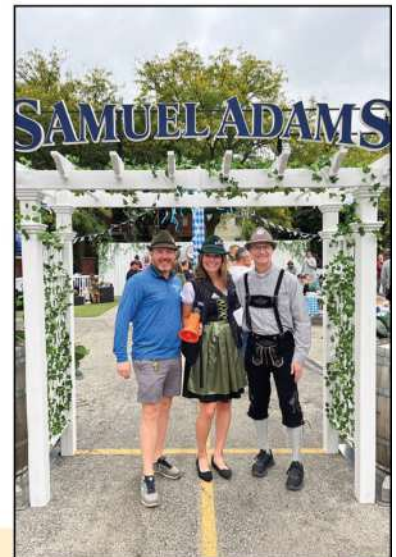


## Upgrade to become a VIP

Impress all your friends and family by becoming a VIP, which gets you the exclusive one-liter lidded beer stein, and a whole lot of other swag. Pricing and info is available by visiting our Fest website below.

## VOLUNTEER!

There are a lot of times, places, and ways you can volunteer during the Fest or help make it a success. Have a fun time while helping our the parish you love!  
**The volunteer link is on the Oktoberfest website below.**



# [www.stalsoktoberfest.com](http://www.stalsoktoberfest.com)

## Knights of Columbus

Join Us for Golf on Saturday, September 13!



St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus  
4th Annual Golf Classic  
Saturday, September 13, 2025  
Willow Crest Golf Club  
3500 Midwest Rd.  
Oak Brook, IL 60523  
Round includes: Cart, goody bag, lunch  
(brat or dog), and a drink



1st tee time is at 8:15 AM; Scramble rule of play

\$125/golfer

For more information, contact: Ray C. San Agustin  
at raysanagustin15158@gmail.com

Registration will stop after 52 golfers have registered. Register yourself and a friend or a team.  
Deadline to cancel registration is August 8th. After this date, please consider your registration fee a donation.  
For more information, please click here: [www.stalphonsusknights.com](http://www.stalphonsusknights.com)

If you are unable to play, please consider a donation and/or volunteering on event day.

### Summer Mission Co-Op Appeal Next Sunday

#### Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica

When we think of Jamaica, we think of Ocho Rios, beautiful beaches, vacations and wonderful scenery. But, just beyond all of that, Jamaica is among the poorest countries in our hemisphere and the Diocese of Mandeville is the poorest of the three dioceses in Jamaica. Many of the people have no running water. Many youth are “functionally illiterate;” there is an alarming number of destitute elderly and abandoned children; and, the average Sunday collection is 10% of the operating cost at half of their parishes. The Diocese of Mandeville is **very poor!**



Each year, a missionary is assigned to our parish by our Archdiocese of Chicago Mission Office for an appeal asking our assistance for ministries to assist the very poor. On **Sunday, August 31**, we will welcome Fr. Gary Wiesmann, for our annual mission appeal on behalf of the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. In our 2nd collection, please consider supporting the evangelization programs and outreach to the people of this diocese.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Misericordia Family Fest



The 43rd annual Misericordia Family Fest offers food & drink, live entertainment, children’s games, shopping and more for the whole family! The Fest takes place on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 11 AM-6 PM at Misericordia’s campus, 6300 N. Ridge (just south of Devon Ave). Misericordia offers exceptional programs for more than 600 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities from diverse racial, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds.

**They are in need of volunteers to help with this wonderful Family Fest!** Shifts are generally 2 1/2-3 hours. This one-day event takes over one thousand volunteers to pull it off and your

help would be greatly appreciated! Learn more at [www.misericordia.com/events/family-fest-2025/](http://www.misericordia.com/events/family-fest-2025/)



# Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

## Our Mission

As members of St. Alphonse 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

## *Rooftop Praise and Adoration*

On August 29th at 7:30 PM, spend time with our Lord in our monthly Praise and Adoration Holy Hour reverently on the parish rooftop, rather than the church. We will have limited seating on the roof. 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 adults will lead a group for fellowship and drinks after!



## *Starved Rock Hike— Saturday, September 6*

Our YAM is coordinating a group trip to Starved Rock State Park! We are planning to meet at St. Alphonse and carpool there. Join us for some hiking with beautiful views and lunch at a local restaurant afterwards. Sign up on the Google Doc form on our Facebook event page or our YAM Linktree. Contact Tammy and Nate with any questions at [stalsyamsocial@gmail.com](mailto:stalsyamsocial@gmail.com)



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## SAMUEL GROUP Discernment for young adults

Meets monthly on Sunday afternoons at St. Alphonse.

Register:

[vocations.archchicago.org/events/samuel-group](http://vocations.archchicago.org/events/samuel-group)

More info: Katie Hazen, [khazen@archchicago.org](mailto:khazen@archchicago.org)



## Gospel Reflection

*Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Luke 13:22–24*

### Perceiving the Dignity of Others

The context of this passage provides insight into Jesus' mission and His concern for each and every person. Note that Jesus was traveling toward the large and populous city of Jerusalem. But as He traveled, He passed through "towns and villages" and taught the people as He went. This might seem like a small detail, but it is also a significant one.

A city like Jerusalem was large and often had wealthy, influential, and "important" people. The less-populated towns had borders and often some form of local government. Villages were much smaller rural areas, often made up of poorer, less educated, less influential, and simpler people. One historian, Josephus, wrote that there were about 240 villages throughout Galilee at the time Jesus lived. It's interesting to note that Jesus wanted to teach everyone. He didn't care if they were wealthy and powerful people in the large city or peasant farmers and shepherds from the countryside. His mission was to all.

One thing this teaches us is that we, also, must have love and concern for everyone, regardless of their social status. Each and every person is equal in dignity. From the president of a large country, to the beggar in an alleyway, everyone deserves our respect and attention in an equal way.

Our fallen human nature experiences various forms of temptation. Among them are temptations for riches, power and prestige. For that reason, we tend to admire those who have obtained worldly success because we want it for ourselves. As a result, we tend to show greater respect for those who have achieved what we covet and give less attention to those who do not have that success. This, of course, goes to the heart of the problem.

When you think about the people whom you have encountered recently, what comes to mind? Perhaps your "encounter" was to read about someone's great

success in the financial world. Or perhaps it was to read about someone's demise in another way. Perhaps a neighbor has done well and purchased a new car, or a friend got fired from a job. Whatever the case may be, it is important to consider the level of personal respect and love you show for each person. It must be equal. Worldly status cannot determine how we treat others. This is hard to avoid.



The teaching that Jesus gave to those in the towns and villages was an exhortation to holiness. "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." And at the end of today's Gospel, Jesus says, "For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." The latter statement must have especially resonated with those who felt somewhat insignificant and unimportant in life. Those who felt like they were "last" would have received a certain hope. This tells us that God never measures us by our successes from a worldly standpoint. He measures us only on the level of our fidelity to His holy will.

Reflect, today, upon how you look at all people. Do you see every person in the way that God sees them? Do you see everyone with equal dignity and worth? Or do you elevate those whom you envy and whose success you covet? Seek to eliminate all worldly ways of looking at others so that you will only look at others through the lens of their dignity and fidelity to the will of God.

*Lord, as You journeyed through life, You looked only at the hearts of those You encountered. You treated each person with dignity and love. Please help me to shed all temptations to see others through the eyes of the world and to show full respect to all of Your sons and daughters. Jesus, I trust in You.*

### Joining St. Alphonsus Parish

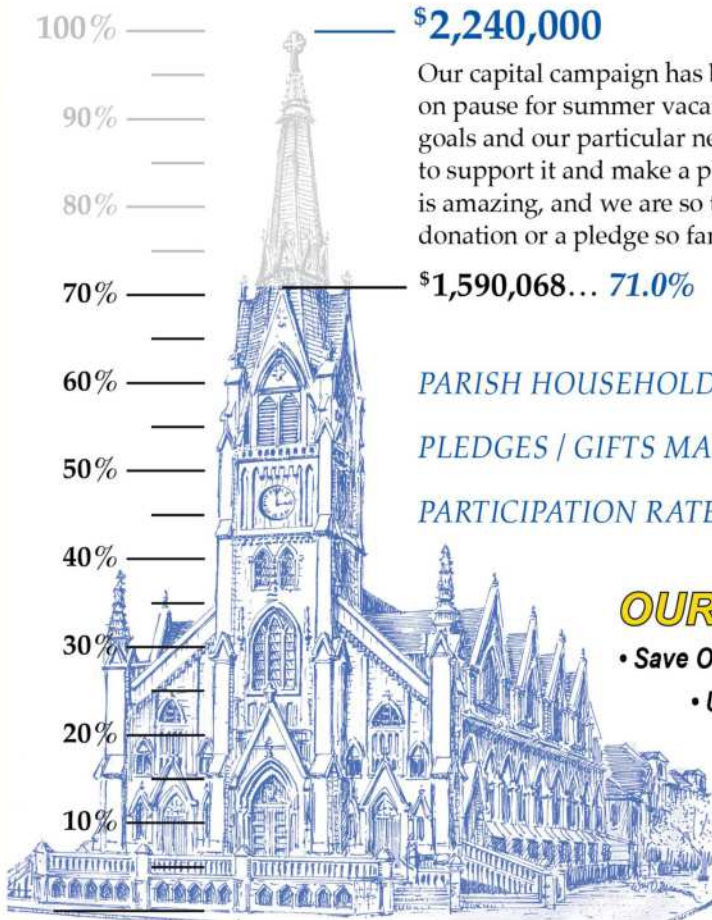
*St. Alphonsus welcomes all community members on their faith journey! Just moved in the area? Coming back to practicing our Catholic faith? You will want to learn about all the events going on at our parish. If you are not receiving our weekly parish newsletter in your email, contact Mario Serrano at [mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.church](mailto:mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.church)*

*You can officially register to join the parish at [www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors](http://www.stalphonsuschicago.org/visitors)*

# Generation To Generation

## CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

GENERATION TO GENERATION:  
ANSWER THE CALL .....



Our capital campaign has been going on for some time now, even though it's briefly on pause for summer vacation. Our campaign committee has been telling us about its goals and our particular needs, and inviting groups of parishioners and school families to support it and make a pledge. We currently stand at 70.0% of our stretch goal, which is amazing, and we are so thankful to the 201 parishioners/families who have made a donation or a pledge so far!

PARISH HOUSEHOLDS..... 2,100

PLEDGES / GIFTS MADE..... 201

PARTICIPATION RATE..... 10.4%



**LEARN MORE AND MAKE YOUR PLEDGE**

or visit the parish website at [www.stalphonsuschicago.org](http://www.stalphonsuschicago.org)

### OUR CAMPAIGN GOALS:

- Save Our Iconic Veranda; and Repair & Restore the Organ
- Upgrade the Common Rooms
- Install Drinking Fountains in the Church
- Re-Imagine the Rectory's Side Courtyard as an Outdoor Classroom & Prayer Garden
- Sharing with the Arch for Spiritual Renewal Programs, Scholarships, and Priest Retirement & Health Care

## Stewardship—First Fruits



We 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.

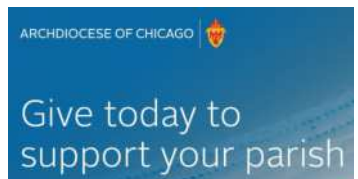
Sign up at [www.givecentral.org/location/39](http://www.givecentral.org/location/39)  
You can also text **Sunday** to (773) 570-7600

### Giving Update

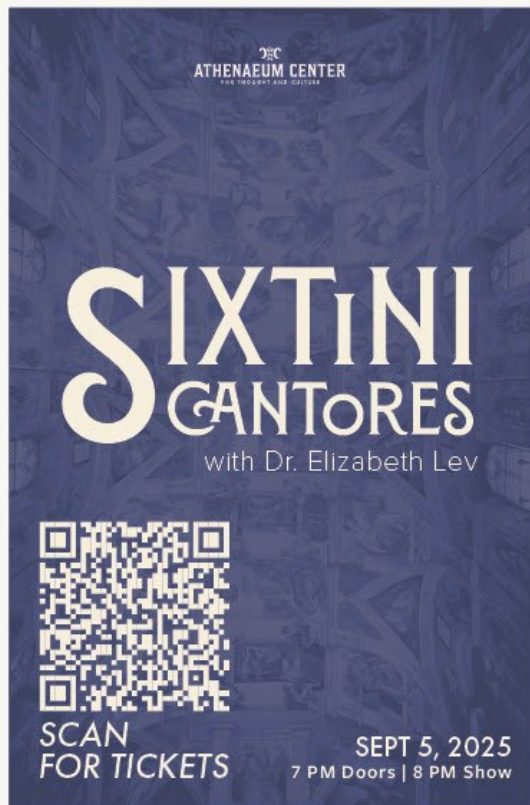
Weekly Budget Amount: \$15,192  
Sunday Offertory for 8/17: \$14,251

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



# ATHENAEUM CENTER PRESENTS



## SIXTINI CANTORES • September 5

A celestial sound, centuries in the making—joined by Renaissance beauty. Experience the world-renowned *Sixtini Cantores* in a rare performance of sacred music that has echoed through St. Peter’s Basilica for 1,500 years. Joined by art historian Dr. Elizabeth Lev, this evening unites music and art in a celebration of faith, history, and beauty—a once-in-a-lifetime event where heavenly voices meet timeless art. Let the sights and sounds of the Church’s golden age draw you into a world where beauty reveals the divine.

Featuring the Sistine Chapel Choir Quintet & Liz Lev

**TICKETS START AT JUST \$38**

TICKETS: [www.athenaeumcenter.org](http://www.athenaeumcenter.org)  
OR CALL: (312)820-6250  
LOCATION: 2936 N Southport Ave

Use promo code **CHICATH20** at checkout to receive 20% off.

## *Around the Archdiocese*

### ***Solemn Vespers for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation***

On Sunday, Aug. 31 at 7 PM, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 1775 Grove St. in Glenview, IL, the faithful are cordially invited to the 11th annual Solemn Vespers for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Join the Catholic and Greek Orthodox communities of greater Chicagoland to give thanks for God’s gift of creation and to recognize the conservation efforts of His disciples. Bishop Mark Bartosic, Archdiocese of Chicago, will preside at this service and will be joined by His Grace Bishop Timothy of Hexamilion, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago. Vespers will be followed by a reception and lecture by Dr. Apostolis Sambanis entitled, “*Water as Sacred Stewardship in the Catholic and Greek Orthodox Churches.*” The event will be live-streamed as well at [vimeo.com/event/3581003](https://vimeo.com/event/3581003).

### ***Chez Ste. Marie—A Taste of France Wine Tasting***



The Little Sisters of the Poor are hosting their annual “Chez Ste. Marie—A Taste of France” wine tasting event on Sept. 18 from 6-8 PM. Sample fine French wines, taste handcrafted hors d’oeuvres and enjoy music from a string quartet; proceeds go to support St. Mary’s Home and Jugan Terrace, 2325 N. Lakewood Ave.; \$65; tickets available online only; for information, visit [littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org](https://littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org)

## 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](http://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](mailto:stalphonsusyam@gmail.com)

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

### Parish Office

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