Saint ALPHONSUS PARISH

Parroquia SAN ALFONSO "In your observance of the com-

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which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it."

September 2, 2018

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



(Dt 4:2)

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday	5:30 PM—English	
Sunday	7:45 AM,10:30 AM, 5:00 PM— <i>English</i>	
	9:15 AM— <i>Deutsch</i> First Sunday of the month	
	12:15 PM—Español	
Holy Days	8:30 AM and as announced—English	
Daily Mass	Monday through Saturday—8:30 AM	
	Wednesday—6:00 PM	

Alphonsus Academy & Center For the Arts:

Friday 8:30 AM or on Holy Days as announced

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM

Confessions:

Saturday 9:00—9:30 AM Wednesday 6:30—7:30 PM Or call one of the priests for an appointment.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

Tuesday mornings, after the 8:30 AM Mass and Wednesday evenings at 5:50 PM (10 minutes before the 6:00 Mass)

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This Week's Readings

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a] Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39 Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

You can find the readings for every day at **www.usccb.org/nab**. The Liturgy of the Hours— the official daily prayer of the church— is at **www.divineoffice.org**

Mass	Intentions			
Sunday, September 2		Thursday,	Thursday, September 6	
7:45 AM	The People of the Parish	8:30 AM	The People of the Parish	
9:15 AM	† Anna Scheer			
10:30 AM	† Benjamin Eisler	Friday, Se	September 7	
12:15 PM	† Ever Carrera, † Maria Ramirez	8:30 AM	† Neal F. Farrell	
5:00 PM	† Kevin O'Keefe			
	Saturday, September 8			
Monday, September 3		8:30 AM	The People of the Parish	
8:30 AM	† Dolores Bielski	5:30 PM	The People of the Parish	
Tuesday, September 4		Sunday, S	Sunday, September 9	
8:30 AM	† Kevin Dekeuster	7:45 AM	† Ronald and Barbara Dorsen	
		10:30 AM	† Benjamin Eisler	
Wednesday, September 5		12:15 PM	† Carmen and † Roberto Rodriguez	
8:30 AM	In Honor of St. Joseph	5:00 PM	Beatification of Fr Emil Kapaur	
6:00 PM	The People of the Parish			

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)"

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.

Please Pray For Those Who Are III

Dorothy Bonds	John Mich	Margaret Nichols
Joanna Ravelingreen	Melvin Soult	Maria Eisler
Jeffrey Dorsen	Lacey Richko	Matthew Cordero
Jamie Wallet Stanczyk	Pamela Fasel	Rita Gerich
Romie Richard	Nicole Krayo	Jeanette Marconi
Sandra Wilson	Kaydence Serrano	Frank Marceci
Bertha Ledesma	Eileen Pavlik	Mary Ziko
Monica Alexis Rios	Rusty Jackson	Ricky Ziko
Noah Martinez	Lio Dziekiewicz	Mario Avila
Sarah Martinez	Lilian Duda	Chad Ballog
Andrew Wilson	Gail Felten	Fred Ballog

Wedding Banns (Amonestaciones)

I Fernando Rodriguez & Mayra Patino I Matthew Menoyo & Felicia Wimberly I Jonas Raymond & Kaitlyn Rosen II David Gubala & Haley Pahl II Eric Sapnu & Arielle Ordonez III Sam Acuna & Bao Huong Nguyen III Michael Czaplewski & Laura Ramirez

Baptisms (Bautizos)

Reno Wingo Nickele Ava Rose Weiss Savanna Marie Michel Isacc Joseph Eardly

Recent Statements of Cardinal Cupich

My Dear Parishioners:

Cardinal Blasé Cupich, our Archbishop, and issued two statements this week that I feel are important to share with you. Both, I believe, are available on the Archdiocesan website. The first statement, issued August 26, 2018, concerns the statement of former Papal Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano. The second statement follows an interview given by the Cardinal to Mary Ann Ahern of NBC News.

I ask you to prayerfully consider the Cardinal's words. I also ask you to pray for both the unity and the healing of the Church. Pray also for the healing of victims of any form of abuse. This week, several of our parishioners will dedicate this coming Wednesday, September 5, as a Day of Fast and Prayer for Healing. Please consider observing the Fast regulations we embrace on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstain from meat, eat only one full meal, with two smaller meals for sustenance. Join us for Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Pray with us during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

In Christ,

to. Thike O'huncer

Fr. Mike O'Connell Pastor





Statement of Cardinal Blasé J. Cupich in Response to the "Testimony" of Former Apostolic Nuncio to the United States Carlo Maria Vigano

August 26, 2018

The former nuncio makes a number of references to me in his "testimony." The first is in the sentence: "This is how one explaiens that, as members of the Congregation for Bishops, the Pope replaced Cardinal Burke with Wuerl and immediately appointed Cupich right after he was made a cardinal."

The former nuncio is confused about the sequence of these events. In fact, I was appointed to the Congregation for Bishops on July 7, 2016, and was named a cardinal on October 9, 2016.

The second reference to me is in the sentence: "The appointments of **Blasé Cupich to Chicago** and **Joseph W. Tobin to Newark** were orchestrated by **McCarrick**, **Maradiaga and Wuerl**, united by a wicked pact of abuses by the first, and at least of coverup of abuses by the other two. Their names were not among those presented by the Nunciature for Chicago and Newark."

I consider these remarks astonishing. The only substantial conversation I have ever had about my appointment to Chicago with the former nuncio was on September 11, 2014, when he called to inform me of the appointment. The former nuncio started the conversation by saying: "I call with news of great joy. The Holy Father has appointed you the archbishop of Chicago." He then congratulated me upon hearing of my acceptance. That is the extent of any conversation I have ever had about this matter with the former nuncio. Moreover, the former nuncio personally participated in my installation ceremony in Chicago in November 2014 and personally presided at the imposition of the pallium the following summer, and on both occasions offered only supportive remarks and congratulations. As to the issue of my appointment to Chicago as well as the question of episcopal appointments in general. I do not know who recommended me for the Archdiocese of Chicago, but I do know that Pope Francis, like his predecessors, takes seriously the appointment of bishops as one of his major responsibilities. Pope Francis has made it clear that he wants pastoral bishops, and I work each day to live up to that expectation in collaboration with many fine lay and religious women and men, my brother priests and brother bishops. I am proud to serve the church in Chicago and I am grateful for the help I receive. The third and fourth references to me deal with my statements on the causes of clerical sexual abuse as it relates to homosexuality. Any reference I have ever made on this subject has always been based on the conclusions of the "Causes and Context" study by the John Jay School of Criminal Justice, released in 2011, which states: "The clinical data do not support the hypothesis that priests with a homosexual identity or those who committed same-sex sexual behavior with adults are significantly more likely to sexually abuse children that those with a heterosexual orientation or behavior." John Jay researchers came to this conclusion after reviewing many studies on the topic. Their scholarly work is not to be dismissed out of hand.

As for the rest of the "testimony," a thorough vetting of the former nuncio's many claims is required before any assessment of their credibility can be made.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Statement of Cardinal Blasé J. Cupich on Misleading NBC Chicago Report

August 29, 2018

An NBC Chicago TV report that aired Monday night was edited in such a way that gave the false impression that Pope Francis and I consider the protection of children to be less important than other issues, such as the environment or immigration. Nothing could be further from the truth.

A review of the unedited footage of that interview shows that I was referring to the recent letter by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, not the terrible crime of clergy sexual abuse. I said that it was not appropriate, or even possible for Pope Francis to respond to the letter's many undocumented allegations, and I endorsed his request that journalists determine their veracity.

I was then asked whether there should be an independent investigation of the Archbishop Theodore McCarrick case, and I endorsed the call of Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, for a thorough investigation.

The edited report created the false impression that my comment that the pope should not "go down the rabbit hole" of the allegations in the Vigano letter was about sexual abuse. As the unedited footage shows, it was not.

As I wrote in my letter responding to the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report: "Whatever words we may use to describe the anguish of reading about these heinous acts, they can never capture the reality of suffering endured by victims of sexual abuse, suffering compounded by the woeful responses of bishops who failed to protect the people they were ordained to serve...We must resolve to face our failures and hold each other accountable. We must resolve to be clear-eyed about what we have done, what we have failed to do, and what remains to be done. We must resolve to live in the light of humility, of repentance, of honesty-the light of Christ. As your bishop, I pledge to continue holding firm to that resolve. And I ask for you to pray for all victims of abuse."

Walking With Purpose | September 18

Life can be messy and chaotic! God provides workable solutions to our daily challenges through the teachings of Christ and the Roman Catholic Church. *Walking With Purpose* would like to help you enjoy a deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ, nurtured through personal bible study and small group discussions created just for women!

The time has recently been changed to Tuesday evenings from 6:15-8:15 p.m. beginning Tuesday, September 18. For more information please contact Karin Lovejoy at karinlovejoy@mac.com or Jackie Ausborn at Jaclynausborn@gmail.com.



The *Legacy Campaign* in support of repairs and improvements around the St. Alphonsus campus will launch the weekend of October 13-14. In order to conduct a successful campaign, we are currently building our team. Our prayer is that every parish and school organization will be represented within our volunteer group. Please review the two roles below and let us know as soon as possible that you will leave your own legacy by assisting in this special project for the parish you love.

I would like to participate in the capital campaign as a:

- Campaign Ambassador Ambassadors attend one two-hour training session, the kick-off and then are asked to visit 10 families to explain the importance of the capital effort, answer questions and invite financial commitments.
- Campaign Host Individuals co-host Rectory or Festival Hall events with Fr. Mike or invite fellow parishioners to their homes for informal get togethers (coffee/dessert, wine/cheese, etc.). Clergy and Leaders present information about the Legacy Campaign and facility plans, answer questions and encourage volunteer involvement.

For Ambassadors, please select the training session you will attend. All will be conducted in the second floor Common Room of the Rectory.

□ Wed., Sept. 12, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	□ Sat., Sept. 15, 10:00 a.m. to noon			
□ Tues., Sept. 18, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	□ Thurs., Sept. 20, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.			
Name				
Address				
Home Phone	Work Phone			
Cell Phone	Email			
If you are interested in signing up for one or both of these volunteer opportunities, complete and return this form or contact Shari Guenther at campaign@stalphonsuschicago.org (773.525.0709, ext. 114).				



Oktoberfest Chicago is St. Al's biggest fundraiser of the year! We need your support to make it a success.

Volunteer

Sign up to pour some beers, cook up some brats, or greet people as they arrive. It takes over 500 volunteers to make our fest a success.

Sign up to volunteer by going to www.oktoberfestchicago.org/volunteer

Craft Beer Night

Sample over 40 beers at our always popular Craft Beer Night, held on Friday and Saturday night at 6pm. The event is limited to 650 people a night, so buy your tickets before we sell out! Use promo code SOCIAL20 for 20% off.

Purchase your ticket by going to oktoberfestchicago.org/entertainment/craft-beer-tasting

Brewmaster Individual Sponsorship

Purchase a Brewmaster membership and enjoy the fest as a VIP. Perks include an official Oktoberfest 1L stoneware stein which is refillable at a discounted rate, discounts on food, and so much more.

Learn more by going to oktoberfestchicago.org/brewmasters

.....See you at Oktoberfest!!!

Join the St. Alphonsus Cub Scouts



Attention 1st-5th grade boys! The Cub Scout Pack of St. Alphonsus is welcoming new scouts to join our dens for the coming year. All are welcome-participants can come from any school. The registration deadline is Thursday, September 13.



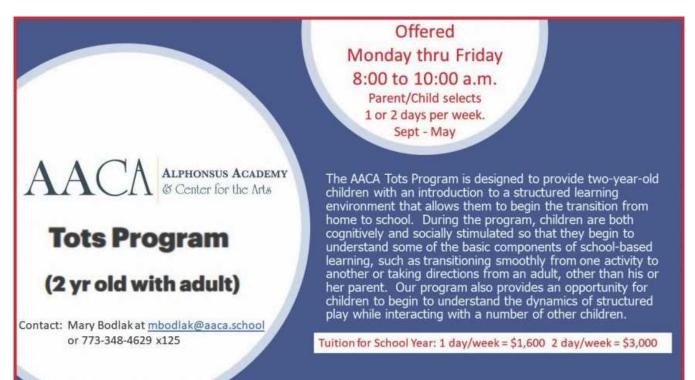
Cubs Scouts offers fun and challenging activities that promote character development and physical fitness. From the thrill of transforming a block of wood into a race car or a sailboat, to the satisfaction of improving your community or making a new friend, Cub Scouting is full of meaningful adventures you and your Scout can enjoy together. Family involvement is an essential part of Cub Scouts, and parents are encouraged to play an active role in making the most of the short time they have to impact the lives of their children.

For registration, please contact pack3889@gmail.com with your scout's name, school, and gcout Me 4 grade attending in Fall 2018.

Does Your Child Need First Communion or Confirmation?

Both sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion are a two year process at St. Alphonsus. First Communion is typically received at the end of 2nd grade, and Confirmation is typically received at the end of 8th grade, after two years of religious education. Catechists are still needed from 6:00-7:30 p.m. each Tuesday from September through early May to help share our faith with the young people of St. Alphonsus parish.

Please consider enrolling your 1st or 7th grader in religious education today! Registration is also still open for children in grades K through 8th for the 2018-19 school year. Classes begin September 18. Please contact Erica Cook at ecook@stlaphonsuschicago.org for further information. A late registration fee of \$25 now applies to new applications.



Welcome to the Parish

Erin Witt Jonathan Witt Evelyn Witt Grace Witt Connor Witt Megan Ryan Kinsman Pearson Keller Phalen Michael Compton Brianna Clancy Nicholas Lagoni Caroline do Nascimento Alec Lagoni Andrew Lagoni

Connect with the St. Alphonsus Community

Register

Have you been attending Mass regularly, are you new to the neighborhood, or have you recently turned 18? If so, please register with our parish! To register, visit our website at http://stalphonsuschicago.org or call our parish office at 773-525-0709. By registering with St. Alphonsus, you are declaring your desire to be part of our vibrant Catholic faith community. Your registration also helps us to know and serve you better! The pastoral care we offer to you including Masses, Sacraments, Ministries, and more are based upon our registered parishioners.

Get Involved

As a registered parishioner, we ask our Catholic members to participate at Mass weekly and on holy days of obligation and to provide for the support of St. Alphonsus through an active commitment to stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

Stay Informed

Have you moved recently? Be sure to contact our parish office at 773-525-0709 to provide your contact information including mailing address, email, and phone so that we can keep you informed!

Next Weekend's Volunteer Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Servers

Mass Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
Saturday 5:30 PM	L Cantu	G Wallace, H Wallace, L Cantu	A Gegax (MC), S Gegax, J Per- reault, K Perreault
Sunday 7:45 AM	T Bradbury, J Strzynski	L Pilcher, P Quinn, T Bradbury	R Gavin, B Pilcher, M Quinn, E Nejman
Sunday 10:30 AM	M Wodarcyk, C Sanchez	T Dunkas, J Meindl, V Meno, A Riley, B Sinnarajah, C Sanchez	Y Dunkas, B Lepore, J Jerabek
Sunday 12:15 PM (Spanish Mass)	S Araujo, R Gramajo	A Ballesteros, O DeLeon, Y Diaz, M Maldonado, V Martir, D Rodri- guez	C Sida, J Sida
5:00 PM	Men's Group	Men's Group	Men's Group

Are you interested in serving St. Alphonsus as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, or Server? Please contact Liturgical Ministry Volunteer Coordinator, Matthew Bauer, at bauerm@iit.edu to learn more about how you can serve St. Alphonsus.

Giving Update



Message from Fr. Mike about the importance of stewardship:

Stewardship is planned giving and does not leave giving to chance. It challenges us to plan. It asks us to ap-

praise—deliberately—what we are doing with our time, our talent, and our treasure. It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it. What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

Budget Update for:	8/26/18
Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,000
Offertory Collection	\$14,662.68
Comparison to Budget Target	-\$5,337.32
Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/18 to	8/26/18
Cumulative Budget Amount	\$180,000
Cumulative Amount Received	\$122,803.5
Comparison to Budget Target	-\$57,196.5

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." (JAMES 1:22)

Every gift is gratefully received, sincerely appreciated and put to good use.

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. *Por favor, llamar Nora Ramirez a 773-525-0709 a la oficina parroquial para obtener información en español.*

Directory

Parish Office

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School Office

1439 W Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657-4121 (P): 773-348-4629 | (F): 773-348-4829 www.alphonsusacademy.org Office Hours: Monday—Friday 8:00 AM—3:00 PM

Staff

Rev. Michael O'Connell, Pastor Dr. Casimer Badynee, Principal Tom Newman, Assistant Principal Mary Bodlak, Director of Admissions Mandy Moody, Chief Advancement Officer Dorothy Spencer, Business Manager Brooks Robinson, Pastoral Associate Brian Bloye, Director of Music and Organist Kim Wallett, Secretary Connie Del Toral, Administrative Assistant Nora Ramirez, Parish Office Coordinator (habla español) Erica Cook, Coordinator of Religious Education

A complete list of our parish staff can be found on the church and school websites.



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