



St. Alphonsus Parish Directory 2023-24

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Our Mission Statement

Guided by our faith and our sense of mission, we are called to love and serve the Lord, Jesus Christ, and our neighbor through our worship, by proclaiming the Gospel through our lives of service, and by providing a spiritual and educational foundation for growth in personal holiness.

We do this for those formally associated with our parish, and for our greater community. We hold before us the goal of being a vibrant and welcoming community that provides for and participates in a variety of ministries, services and events that support discipleship and promote God's power and presence in our daily lives.

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As pastor of St. Alphonsus, I enjoy observing the reaction of visitor's faces when they walk into the church for the first time. It doesn't matter if the person is coming in for a wedding, baptism, or if they're new to the neighborhood, the reaction is always the same: eyes pop up and jaws drop open. People are so impressed with the beauty of the church: the steeple, the stained glass windows, the statues and stations, the high altar, and the ascendant gothic architecture which lifts our gaze— and our souls— upwards.

We are indeed blessed to have a magnificent church in which to pray and worship God, but no less beautiful are the people and organizations that comprise the St. Alphonsus parish family. Our community is vibrant and spiritual, filled with life and enthusiasm, and we are delighted to welcome newcomers and visitors.

Whether you are new to the parish or just have a desire to feel more connected or share a bit of your time and talents, this Parish Directory offers a glimpse into the many groups, committees, and activities that make St. Alphonsus a dynamic parish and a welcoming and wonderful spiritual home for many people over many generations.

Founded in 1882 by German immigrants when Lakeview was but a suburb of Chicago, the parish and school has a rich legacy as well as a reputation for being a Catholic hub for families and young adults on the north side of the city. We are excited to welcome you into our parish community! Whether you are looking to connect with Christ and your Catholic faith more deeply, seeking to meet others who share your values to socialize with, wanting to grow spiritually, or are looking for ways to serve God through sharing your time and talents, we are confident that within these pages you will find something that catches your interest and can make you feel at home here.



Gracefully yours in Christ,
Rev. Steven Bauer, pastor

Worship Schedule

Sunday	9:00 AM	(English) (Every first Sunday of month—bilingual readings English & German)
	11:00 AM	(English)
	12:30 PM	(Spanish)
	5:00 PM	(English)
Monday	8:30 AM	
Tuesday	8:30 AM	
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation
Thursday	8:30 AM	
Friday	8:30 AM	
Saturday	8:30 AM	
	11:00 AM	Reconciliation
Holy Days	8:30 AM	and as announced

St Alphonsus Church

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 AM—5:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 AM— 7:30 PM

Welcome!!



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& Center for the Arts

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Current news, events, and items of interest are posted on our Facebook pages. You can find them all linked on the parish website—
www.stalphonsuschicago.org

- General Parish Page
- School and Alumni News Page
- Young Adult Ministry
- St. Alphonsus Scouts
- Oktoberfest

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I arrange for a Mass to be said?

Mass intentions can be offered for any person, living or deceased. We have a “Mass Intention” form on our website under the **Worship** tab you may fill out, or feel free to stop by the rectory office and a member of staff will be happy to assist you. The suggested offering for an intention is \$15.00.

How do I ask for prayers for an ill friend or relative?

Contact Mario Serrano in the parish office at mserrano@stalphonuschicago.church to have a name added to our prayer list in the bulletin.

What if I don't get my envelopes?

If you make your donation by check, it will be recorded. If you wish to use cash, any envelope with your name written on it will help us to record your donation. There are envelopes on the center table in the narthex that can be used. You may also call the rectory office to request more envelopes.

How do I sign up for online giving?

Many enjoy the ease of online giving, and it helps the parish to budget as well. Go to GiveCentral.org/location/39—the link is on the parish web site under the **Donate** header tab—to establish your account.



How do I get a statement of my contributions?

Contact Mario Serrano in the parish office at mserrano@stalphonuschicago.church to get a statement. Statements are routinely made available after January 15 for tax purposes.

I didn't get to St. Alphonsus this week. Where can I find the bulletin?

Our bulletin is published on our website each week! You can find it under the **Welcome** tab on the homepage.



Sacrament of Eucharist

Preparation for young children is completed through our Religious Education Formation Program and Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts. Contact Emily Ember at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Wednesdays 6:30 PM—7:30 PM
Saturdays 11:00 AM—12:00 PM

Adults who wish to become Catholic or be confirmed:

We have a variety of programs for adults who wish to become Catholic or adult Catholics who would like to receive communion and be confirmed. Each year, between 20 and 30 adults join the church or celebrate the sacraments for the first time at St. Alphonsus. For more information about these processes, contact Brooks Robinson in the parish office at brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

There are 3 programs to meet the needs of those who would like to be baptized or become Catholic. Included is a process for those without much background in the faith, one for catechized Christians and another for children of catechetical age. (Seven or older.)

Confirmation for adult Catholics

There are two different tracks for adults who have not been confirmed. Some fit best into the RCIA program. There are also both preparation sessions—both here and in neighboring parishes for those who have made their First Communion and want to be confirmed. The spring program is here at St. Alphonsus. Contact Brooks Robinson for more information.

Anointing of the Sick

The sick and elderly may call the parish office to request a pastoral visit.

Funerals

Please call a funeral director of your choice for arrangements. They will contact the church for you.

Baptisms

Children who are six years of age or younger may be baptized as infants. There is a required preparation class for first-time parents and godparents offered monthly; we recommend that you schedule a prep class prior to the birth of your child since the class is for adults only. At least one parent must be a baptized or confirmed Catholic.

More details pertaining to Godparents and the overall process can be found on our website, www.stalphonsuschicago.org under the **Sacraments** tab. The process begins by completing the baptism request form online. Following the receipt of the online form, our Sacrament Ministry Coordinator will contact you.



Weddings

For information on Weddings at St. Alphonsus, please visit the **Marriage** page found under the **Sacraments** tab on our website. If you would like to request a wedding date, please complete the Wedding Request Form and our Sacrament Ministry Coordinator will be in touch. We ask that any couple requesting to be married at St. Alphonsus be an active member either here or in their home parish. We recommend a minimum of nine months for sacramental preparation. We are also happy to assist parishioners who plan to marry in another parish or diocese with the necessary sacramental paperwork and preparation. Any couple looking to complete their marriage preparation through St. Alphonsus should complete the Wedding Request Form on the website and note the wedding date and parish they are getting married at on the form.

Altar Servers

Servers are responsible for preparing the altar and assisting the priest during the Mass. Servers assist during Sunday Masses as well as weddings and funerals held in the church. All are welcome to volunteer as servers, please contact Fr. Jesus Raya Custodio, jraya@stalphonsuschicago.church for more information. **Children:** Children who worship regularly at Mass can be trained for this ministry beginning in the fourth grade. **Adults:** Women and men are invited to serve at the 5:00 PM Mass.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

An Extraordinary Minister shares the Body and Blood of Christ with the faithful who come forward for communion. A person who aspires to this ministry must be a confirmed Roman Catholic who regularly shares in the Eucharist and is committed to the faith.



If you are interested, contact Harvey Levin, harveylevin@rcn.com

Ushers

Ushers are the official hosts of the weekend liturgies. By their presence, conversation and actions, they make all who come feel welcomed. In addition, they take up the weekly collection.

If you are interested, contact John Meindl at jmeindl66@gmail.com

Lectors

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 3 to 4 times every two months. If you are interested, contact Barbara Scharres at bscharres@hotmail.com

Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee meets quarterly to discuss important upcoming Liturgical seasons and all worship matters. Contact Brian Bloye at ext. 2140 or alphonsusmusic@ameritech.net

Arts and Decorations Committee

The committee designs seasonal decorations which foster a climate of hospitality and enhance our worship. Volunteers help to prepare and decorate the church for each of the liturgical seasons and special celebrations. In addition, volunteers take care of the flowers and plants in the church.

If you are interested, contact Kelly Lovewell at kjlovewell@gmail.com

Music Ministry

The choirs of St. Alphonsus are dedicated to excellence in liturgical music. We seek to inspire and lead the assembled worshipers each Sunday in a variety of hymns, songs, and great choral music. Each choir has a unique role in the parish's life.



The **St. Alphonsus Choir** sings at the **9:00 AM** and **11:00 AM** liturgies each Sunday. Members bring a variety of musical backgrounds with them. In addition to leading congregational song, we sing a variety of challenging, often unaccompanied, choral repertoire: four-part anthems in all styles, chant, Latin Masses and motets, Gospel spirituals, and newly-composed music. The choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM, leading directly into the 9:00 Mass. We meet one evening per month to prepare for larger works and liturgical feasts.

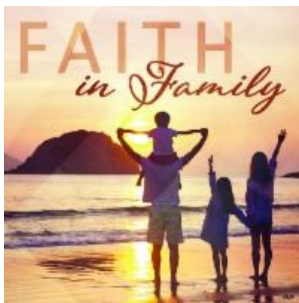
The **St. Alphonsus Ensemble** leads music at the **5:00 PM** liturgy on Sundays. The singers are joined by, piano, bass, and other instruments. We rehearse on Sundays at 3:30 PM, just before Mass.

To join either of these groups, contact Brian Bloye at ext. 2140 or alphonsusmusic@ameritech.net

The **Spanish choir** at St. Alphonsus sings at the **12:30 PM** liturgy each week, and has a Sunday morning rehearsal. Singers and instrumentalists in the Spanish choir give the 12:30 PM liturgy a joyous spirit.

If you are interested in 12:30 PM choir, contact Brian Bloye.

Family Mass



We are a parish community that actively supports, engages, and unifies the families in our school and parish in a sense of shared mission. Periodically hosted by AACA featuring music from their children's choir; be sure to subscribe to our parish e-newsletter for info on these upcoming liturgies!

AACA

ALPHONSUS ACADEMY
& Center for the Arts

St. Alphonsus parish has sponsored a school since its founding in 1882. In 2003, the school was renamed as Alphonsus Academy and Center for the Arts. The AACA program combines an excellent academic curriculum with the enhancement of the fine arts and



grounding in the Catholic faith. In 2019, our parish school was awarded the prestigious national Blue Ribbon award for academic excellence. AACA was one of only 50 private schools in the entire U.S to receive this honor from the U.S Department of Education.

AACA programs include a Parents and Tots program for those two years old, preschool for 3 and 4 year olds, along with kindergarten through eighth grade. Information about tours and applications can be found on the website, www.alphonsusacademy.org or by calling the school at 773-892-1397

Application priority is given to siblings of children already enrolled, then to children of registered, participating families.



Religious Education for Children

We offer programming for children in grades one through eight to learn and grow in our Catholic faith! The RE program meets on Tuesday nights 6:15—7:30 PM, September through early May.

Our program is supported by volunteer Catechists within our parish community! Sacramental preparation is included in our curriculum.

Children's Sacramental Preparation:

We provide family based programs for children to prepare for the sacraments. Two years of continuous catechesis (religious education) is necessary for children to prepare for a sacrament.

Baptism: Once children are seven or older, they prepare through the RCIA in a manner that is appropriate for their age. They celebrate baptism, confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Eucharist and Penance: A two year sequence of preparation is required by the Archdiocese prior to reception of First Communion. Children typically prepare for First Communion in first and second grades. Classes for these sacraments are provided through our school and religious education programs, with a parish/family component included.

Confirmation: Students can be confirmed in eighth grade or older. A two year sequence of preparation is required by the Archdiocese prior to reception of Confirmation. Children typically prepare for Confirmation in seventh and eighth grades. Classes are provided in our school and religious education programs, with additional parish retreats and activities.

Ongoing Adult Education

There are a variety of courses and speakers offered each year that cover basic teachings of the church, contemporary issues, scripture study, and spiritual reflection during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Among these are:

- Walking With Purpose women's group for women of all ages, contact Susan Combes, smbcombes51@gmail.com
- *The Bible Timeline* Bible Study, contact Pastoral Associate Brooks Robinson, brobinson@stalphonsuschicago.church
- Men's Group for young adult men, contact divineofficers@gmail.com
- Men's Communio for men of all ages, contact James Morrow, jemseoul@hotmail.com
- Theology on Tap/Views From the Veranda Summertime Speaker Series every July

Our website and bulletin can provide up-to-date information on these events as they are scheduled.

If you are interested in any of these programs, refer to our website for specific information and contact person.

Catechists

Deepen your own faith and share it with others! Be that light to the world and volunteer as a Catechist, either on the RCIA team with adults or with the RE program for children. Don't bury your talent in the ground. Give yourself in service and see God multiply the gifts you bring. Formation, resources, and accompaniment are provided.

If you are interested in becoming a Catechist, contact Emily Ember at eember@stalphonsuschicago.church or (773) 525-0709 ext. 2119

Marriage Preparation

This ministry is comprised of many opportunities to support and share in the life of the parish, while being mindful that the family is the domestic church. The ministry encompasses:



Marriage Preparation, is comprised of the *marriage seminar, Catholic Couple-Checkup, and wedding coordinators*. The marriage seminar and Catholic Couple Checkup pre-marriage inventory are required to marry in any Catholic Church. The marriage seminar is offered throughout the year. A wedding coordinator is the point person in the later planning process for St. Alphonsus weddings. They facilitate rehearsals and are present on the day of the wedding. You can contact our Sacraments Coordinator, Kathryn Kibler at weddings@stalphonsuschicago.com

St. Alphonsus offers a wealth of assistance, encouragement, and talent to help in preparing for the celebration of your marriage. Your decision to prepare for this holy Sacrament has been reached after much discussion and prayerful thought, but it is just the first step in the process of building a successful marriage. This period of engagement is an important time to deepen your love and prepare for the rest of your life together.

Our wedding package includes:

- Wedding Coordinator to assist with ceremony planning, rehearsal, and day-of coordination
- Catholic Couple Checkup pre-marriage inventory
- Altar Server
- Organist
- Cantor

The package also includes a nominal contribution to St. Alphonsus that is specifically used to maintain our parish facilities. (Please note, this donation is not a payment for the Sacrament of Marriage.) Excluded from the cost of the package is Pre Cana (the marriage seminar), additional musicians, and gratuity to those involved if you so desire.

The wedding fee at St. Alphonsus is \$1,750. A 50% non-refundable deposit is required to finalize your date once your wedding date has been confirmed. The remaining balance will be due 45 days before your wedding date.

The fee for those not getting married at St. Alphonsus, but request for Out of town marriage prep paperwork completion is \$250 (\$350 if we are contacted within 3 months of the wedding date)

Weddings at St. Alphonsus are celebrated at 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM on Saturdays. Alternative options can be discussed if a date is not available

Monaguillos/Acolitos

Los monaguillos ayudan al Sacerdote en el altar en las celebraciones litúrgicas; así como, en bodas y eventos litúrgicos especiales a través del año. Este ministerio ofrece una oportunidad para ejercitar el servicio a la comunidad y crecer en valores.

Lectores

El Lector es el encargado de transmitir la palabra de Dios a los demás. Los lectores comunican lo que el Señor quiere poner en la mente y en el corazón de los que le escuchan, con la finalidad de que esa Palabra produzca frutos de vida eterna.

Ministros de Comunión

Los ministros colaborar con el sacerdote celebrante, para la administración del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo y su distribución a los enfermos. Este ministerio se tiene que mantener unido en la reflexión y formación continua en la fe.

Ugieres

El ministerio de los ugieres proporciona un sentido de comunidad para la celebración Eucarística. Los ugieres son hombres y mujeres dispuestos a ayudar a crear un ambiente acogedor y a ayudar en cuestiones prácticas del orden antes, durante o después de las Misas.

Coro

El Coro en español es otra opción para nuestra comunidad, de expresar con el canto la oración y alabanza a Dios. “La acción litúrgica reviste una forma más noble cuando los oficios divinos se celebran solemnemente con canto y cuando en ellos intervienen los ministros sagrados y el pueblo también participa activamente.” (SC 113).

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (12 de Diciembre)

Durante la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe también se lleva a cabo la novena en su honor y otras devociones populares como las mañanitas y el rezo del Rosario.

Fiesta del Señor de Esquipulas (cerca 15 de Enero)

La fiesta del Señor de Esquipulas es una celebración de nuestros hermanos de Guatemala para la comunidad en general.

Oktoberfest

The St. Alphonsus Oktoberfest is held annually on the last full weekend in September. It is the primary fundraiser for the parish, but mostly it is a great deal of fun! We celebrate the parish's German heritage with beer, homemade brats, and a variety of bands which appeal to a range of musical tastes. There is also a Kinderfest with games, crafts and entertainment for children.

Over 500 volunteers make Oktoberfest possible, under the direction of the Steering Committee. Our volunteer coordinator is Jill Yacu, jillyacu@gmail.com

For current Oktoberfest information, go to the web site—stalsoktoberfest.org



Art & Soul

Art & Soul is the major fundraiser for Alphonsus Academy and Center for the Arts. It is held annually in early Spring. Art & Soul features music and dancing and a phenomenal silent and live auction. For more information, contact Angela Kladis at akladis@alphonsusacademy.org



May The Fourth

May the Fourth (invoking every fan's favorite pun) combines our pastor's unabashed affinity for the cultural phenomenon and fun activities for both kids and adults including a screening of a select Star Wars movie, trivia contest, and more! Contact Kathryn Kibler, kkibler@stalphonsuschicago.church for more info.



Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture

For over 100 years, the Athenaeum Theatre has stood as a cornerstone in the Lakeview neighborhood. It is Chicago's oldest continuously operating Off-Loop theatre. Management continues to bring in wide and varied lineups of talent in the performing arts ranging from stage actors, dancers, musicians, comedians, and podcast/YouTube sensations. At The Athenaeum Center for Thought and Culture, we believe that beauty has the capacity to build up culture, transform society, and change lives. We hope to help you contemplate, encounter, and delight in beauty. For more information and a full schedule of current shows, visit athenaeumcenter.org/events/



Safe Families for Children

Safe Families for Children is a national Christian nonprofit organization that connects families in crisis, often single mothers with no support system, with local "Safe Families" who volunteer to host children while the parent(s) get back on their feet. To learn more, visit chicago.safe-families.org or contact Madelyn Nelson at safefamiliesstals@gmail.com



St. Vincent De Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society administers to individuals and families who need assistance with housing, utilities, medications, and more. They disburse the funds collected in the parish poor boxes and at the Holy Thursday collection to those in need. For any questions or to request assistance, please contact our parish contact, Luis Cantu at LuSVDP@hotmail.com

Peace and Justice

The Peace and Justice ministry has three goals: to reflect on how the Gospel calls us to a lifestyle which brings about peace and justice, to help educate the members of the parish on issues of social justice and the respect for life, and to provide opportunities for parishioners to engage in direct service.

They support and work with the below organizations:

- **Nourishing Hope** (formerly known as Lakeview Food Pantry), food collection bins are located in the vestibules of the Church for non-perishable food item donations. Our rectory also hands out sandwiches to those in need if they stop by the rectory for food.
- **Women's Center and Aid For Women**- we help host a Baby Bottle drive in May and October, the proceeds of which help these organizations offer care and support to expectant and new mothers in crisis.
- **Blessings in a Backpack** is an organization that helps bring much needed food to underserved children in our communities. 1 in 5 children in the U.S do not know where their next meal will come from. In Cook County, more than 250,000 children face food insecurity. Blessings in a Backpack is a nationwide organization that helps feed hungry elementary school kids. Blessings provides weekend food bags for students who receive free lunch and breakfast at school every day of the school week and so are at risk of going hungry on the weekends. Through a partnership with Blessings in a Backpack, Alphonsus Academy & Center for the Arts provides food for 100 students every weekend of the school year.



In addition, the Peace and Justice ministry organizes:

- **Speaker series** on topics relevant to the church's social mission and the respect for life.
- **The Giving Tree**, which annually collects more than \$10,000 in merchandise distributed to clients of Catholic Charities and The Women's Center. For more information, contact Mario Serrano at mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.church or (773) 525-0709 ext. 2124

Ministers of Care

Ministers of Care are trained parishioners who bring communion and companionship to those who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or accident, hospital stays, or to new mothers who are unable to come to church. To have a Minister of Care come visit on a regular or temporary basis, contact Nancy Oliver at nancy522@sbcglobal.net

AA Meetings and Recovery Programs

St. Alphonsus is dedicated to the recovery and mental well-being of all. *AA Daily Reflections* is a group that meets on Monday mornings at 8:00 AM in the rectory. The coordinator is Lauren Sammis and she can be reached at (773) 680-7070. This meeting is always open; anyone interested in recovery, not necessarily only AA, can attend.

St. Alphonsus also hosts a group called "Young People's Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous", who meet every Sunday evening in Festival Hall at 7:30 PM. If you or someone who know struggles with alcohol consumption and addiction, please contact Paul Thiakos at thiakosp@gmail.com

Illinois Masonic Pastoral Care

The priests of St. Alphonsus provide the sacraments for Catholic patients at Illinois Masonic Hospital, as well as other various hospices in our area. To request the services of a priest, patients or the families may contact either the rectory or the Hospital's Pastoral Care Office.

Cleaning Angels Ministry

The Cleaning Angels are a group of parishioners who meet periodically to help clean the church. From sweeping and vacuuming, to cleaning the pews and the altar, these men, women, and children do it all! Cleaning the church is essential for its upkeep, and a great way to keep the church looking beautiful. It is also a fun activity that families can partake in and a great opportunity for AACCA students to get their volunteer/service hours. New "Angels" are always welcome, no registration is required. Just visit the Parish website or check the bulletin to learn about the next cleaning date and time and just show up! For more information, contact Kelly Lovewell at kjlovewell@gmail.com

Young Adult Ministry

Under the direction of active parish and Board members, the Young Adult Ministry provide an ongoing series of events centered around intellectual growth, spiritual enhancement, service to the community, and young adult fellowship aimed at those in their twenties and thirties who are either single or married.



These activities include:

- Monthly cocktails after the 5:00 PM Sunday Mass
- Periodic hospitality on the Veranda after the 5:00 PM Mass in good weather

Annual events have included:

- Speed Dating
- Trivia Night
- YAMping, a camping outing
- Apple Picking at an orchard

Since most of the adults in our community are between the ages of 21 and 39, we offer some formation options during the year designed specifically for them. Among these are:

- Theology on Tap (aka Views from the Veranda)—our summer speaker series in July Learn it. Grow it. Serve it.
- A faith retreat in the fall and during Lent
- Opportunities for prayer and spiritual growth led by the Young Adult Spiritual Enhancement Committee. Our Young Adults meet once a month for adoration accompanied by praise and worship music. For more information, contact Filip Szeszko at filip@filania.net
- Weekly Book Club meetings
- Weekly Philosophy Forum meetings
- Periodic Faith Leader Speaker Events



Contact the team at stalphonsusyam@gmail.com if you would like to receive the monthly e-newsletter. Visit their Linktree, linktr.ee/stalphonsusyam and check out YAM's Facebook and Instagram pages. You can also visit their page on the parish website, www.stalphonsuschicago.org/young-adult-ministry

The Young Adult Ministry is coordinated by a Board led by Priyanka Golwala. For anyone interested in attending Young Adult Ministry events or joining the leadership team, you can reach them at stalphonsusyam@gmail.com

The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are the largest fraternal order for Catholic men in the world. Dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, the Knights of Columbus organize and participate in numerous charitable activities each year that are designed to benefit their parish communities, to help brother Knights grow deeper in their faith as Catholic men, and to serve the needy and less fortunate in the world.



Our council is named after the parish's namesake, St. Alphonsus. Newly formed in October 2010, the St. Alphonsus Council has a strong group of motivated new Knights from all walks of life, now numbering 135 strong and growing.

They are always looking for new members, and would welcome the practicing Catholic men of the parish and surrounding community to join their ranks. Our general meetings are held at the Athenaeum/Scout Room on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM.

Our current Grand Knight is Ray San Agustin, raysanagustin15158@gmail.com

For membership inquiries, please contact Ray or Mike Winkler, mwinkler09@mac.com

You can also check their website: www.stalphonsusknights.com

Scouting

St. Alphonsus has a history of almost a century of Scouting, holding the second oldest Boy Scout charter in the United States. Currently we have two units for boys: Cub Scouts on Fridays at 3:00 PM and Boy Scouts on Fridays at 7:30 PM.

Contact Thomas Brusstar at tbrusstar.scouting@gmail.com.

There are three levels of Girl Scouting available in the parish.

Contact Renee Thomas at rthomas@alphonsusacademy.org for more information.

Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee organizes periodic brunches to welcome new parishioners. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, contact Mario Serrano at mserrano@stalphonsuschicago.church

Friday Fish Fries

During Lent, the Knights of Columbus organize the Fish Fries. The proceeds benefit the parish and other Catholic social ministries.

Besides a traditional Lenten menu, the event features games and socializing for all ages.



Trivia Night

Trivia Night takes place in the fall. More than 150 community members annually test their wits, with the chance to win fun prizes.



Catholic Sports Leagues

St. Alphonsus has an affiliation with Catholic Sports Leagues, a 501 (C3) non-profit organization. CSL is a sports community dedicated to bringing others to the faith. Their primary mission is to create and sustain a vibrant young adult Catholic community through sports for the greater glory of God. You can visit www.catholicsportsleagues.com for more information.

S.A.L.T Team

The St. Alphonsus Leadership Team is an advisory board to the pastor of the parish. S.A.L.T advises the pastor on strategic direction, communications, finances, maintenance, restoration, school, and other issues. S.A.L.T consists of 5—10 members, representing the demographic composition of the parish.

Finance Council

The Council meets monthly to review the financial status of the parish and school and to advise the pastor on operations decisions as well as strategic direction.

School Board

The School Board meets monthly to advise the pastor and principal about the operations and development of Alphonsus Academy and Center for the Arts.