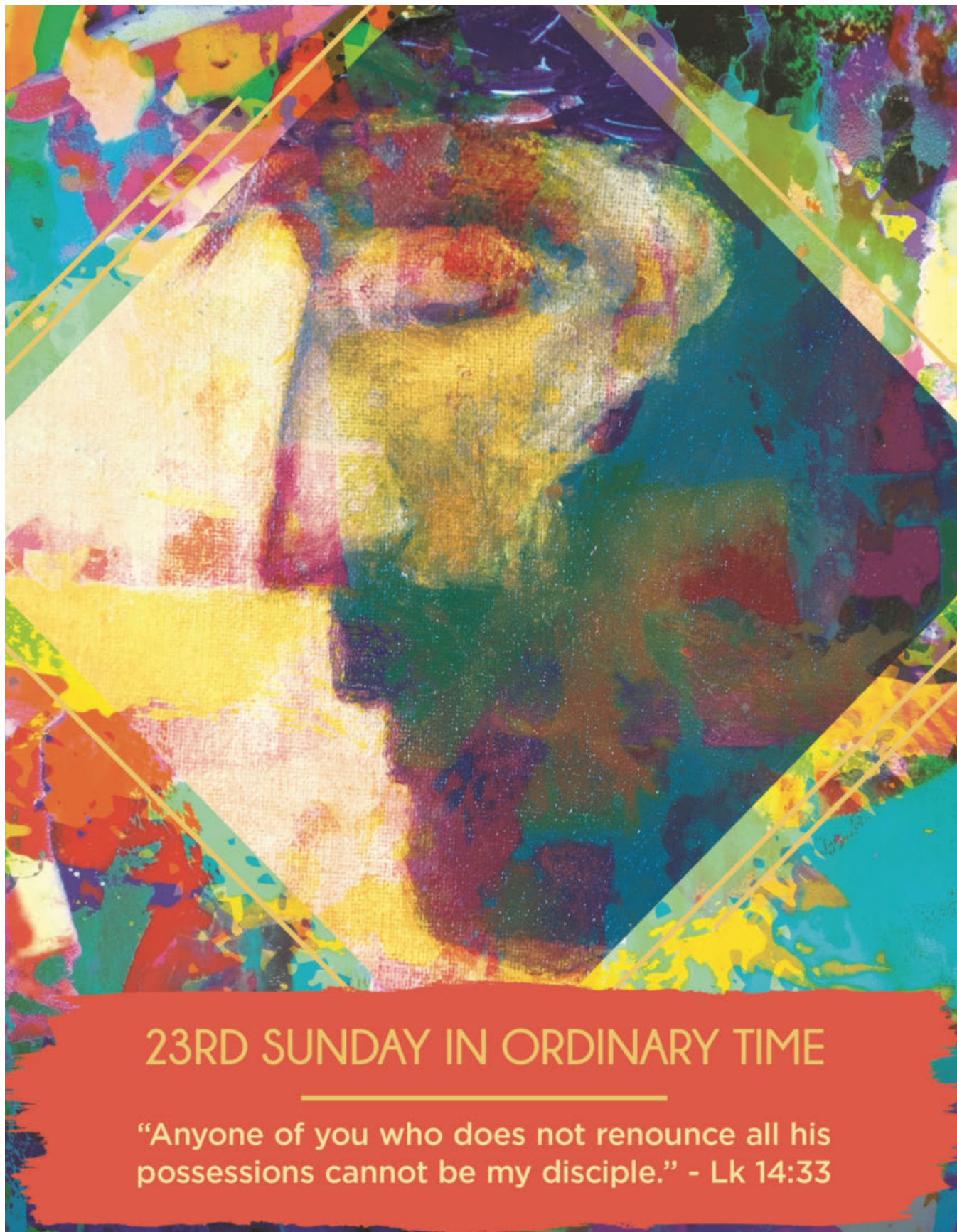




Saints Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish

Sunday, September 7, 2025 ♦ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:33

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MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS BECKET CHURCH

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. | Tues. | Thurs. | Fri. 9am
Wednesday & Friday: 7pm—Polish

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm
Sunday: 9am & 12:30pm
7:30am & 10:45am—Polish

CONFESSION

Friday: 5:30pm—6:45pm

ADORATION

Fridays: 5:30pm—6:45pm followed by
Mass at 7pm & Adoration until 10pm
First Friday Adoration: 8pm—12am

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI CHURCH

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Saturday 8:15am

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

1st Saturday Healing Mass: 8:15am
Saturday: English 5pm & Polish 7pm
Last Saturday: Polish Youth Mass 7pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4pm—4:45pm

ADORATION

Tuesday: 6pm—7pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9am—4pm (*Becket Closed Tues.*)
Friday: 9am—12pm

Welcome Back After the Summer Break!

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saints Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori parish,

As the summer months come to a close and we gather again for the new season, we give thanks to God for the gift of community and the gift of one another. Labor Day reminds us not only of the dignity of work but also of the importance of working together, hand in hand, as one family of faith.

Over the summer, many of us traveled, rested, and spent time with family and friends. Now, as we return to the rhythm of parish life, we are invited to recommit ourselves to building up our parish community. Saints Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish is blessed with so many gifts—our liturgies, ministries, volunteers, and the countless ways you share your time, talent, and treasure.

This year, we also face a new reality: the absence of St. Alphonsus Catholic School. While this change touches many hearts, we must never forget that the faith formation of our young people continues with strength and hope. Our Religious Education program is vital, but even more important is the witness of parents who bring their children to Mass and set a good example of a living faith at home. The family remains the “domestic church,” where love, prayer, and daily witness plant the seeds of faith that grow for a lifetime.

Labor Day celebrates the value of every person’s contribution. In the same way, our parish flourishes when each of us brings our unique gifts and joins them to the work of Christ. Whether you serve as a lector, usher, choir member, catechist, minister of care, or in any of the many ministries, your role is essential. And even if your work is the quiet prayer you offer in the pews, it strengthens the whole Body of Christ.

At this turning point of a new season, we must also ask ourselves: **What should we do to face the future as one parish?** The answer lies in deepening our unity, strengthening our faith, and renewing our commitment to walk together—always remembering that we are not two parishes, but one parish, one family, one Body in Christ.

To foster our parish unity, all are welcome to join us after each Mass for light refreshments and the opportunity to socialize with other parishioners. Please join us.

May the Lord bless our work, sanctify our labor, and guide us with His Spirit as we step into the future together.

In Christ,

Fr. Greg Wojcik

Pastor

Witamy ponownie po wakacyjnej przerwie!

Drodzy parafianie i przyjaciele parafii Świętych Tomasza Becketa i Alfonsa Liguori,

Wraz z końcem lata i ponownym spotkaniem się w nowym sezonie dziękujemy Bogu za dar wspólnoty i dar siebie nawzajem. Święto Pracy przypomina nam nie tylko o godności pracy, ale także o znaczeniu wspólnej pracy jako jedna rodzina wiernych.

W okresie letnim wielu z nas podróżowało, odpoczywało i spędzało czas z rodziną i przyjaciółmi. Teraz, gdy powracamy do rytmu życia parafialnego, jesteście zaproszeni do ponownego zaangażowania się w budowanie naszej wspólnoty parafialnej. Parafia Świętych Tomasza Becketa i Alfonsa Liguori jest obdarowana wieloma darami – naszymi liturgiami, posługami, wolontariuszami i niezliczonymi sposobami w jakie dzielicie się swoim czasem, talentami i skarbami.

W tym roku stoimy również przed nową rzeczywistością: brakiem szkoły katolickiej u Św. Alfonsa. Chociaż zmiana ta porusza wiele serc, nie możemy zapominać, że formacja wiary naszych młodych ludzi trwa nadal z siłą i nadzieją. Nasz program edukacji religijnej jest niezwykle ważny, ale jeszcze ważniejsze jest świadectwo rodziców, którzy przyprowadzają swoje dzieci na Mszę Św. i dają dobry przykład żywej wiary w domu. Rodzina pozostaje „domowym kościołem”, gdzie miłość, modlitwa i codzienne świadectwo zasiewają ziarna wiary, które rosną przez całe życie.

Święto Pracy celebrować wartość wkładu każdej osoby. Podobnie nasza parafia rozkwita gdy każdy z nas wnosi swoje wyjątkowe dary i łączy je z dziełem Chrystusa. Niezależnie od tego, czy pełnisz funkcję lektora, marszałka, członka chóru, katechety, duszpasterza czy też działasz w jednej z wielu innych służb, Twoja rola jest absolutnie niezbędna. Nawet jeśli Twoja praca polega na cichej modlitwie w ławce kościelnej, wzmacnia ona całe Ciało Chrystusa.

W tym przełomowym momencie nowego sezonu musimy również zadać sobie pytanie: co powinniśmy zrobić, aby jako jedna parafia stawić czoła przyszłości? Odpowiedź leży w pogłębianiu naszej jedności, umacnianiu naszej wiary i odnawianiu naszego zobowiązania do wspólnego podążania drogą – zawsze pamiętając, że nie jesteśmy dwiema parafiami, ale jedną parafią, jedną rodziną, jednym Ciałem Chrystusa.

Aby wzmocnić jedność naszej parafii, serdecznie zapraszamy wszystkich po każdej Mszy Św. na lekki poczęstunek i spotkanie towarzyskie z innymi parafianami.

Niech Pan błogosławi naszą pracę, uświęca nasze wysiłki i prowadzi nas swoim Duchem, gdy wspólnie wkraczamy w przyszłość.

W Chrystusie,

Ks. Grzegorz Wojcik

Proboszcz

From the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Beata Bosak



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CATECHISTS NEEDED!

We are seeking Catechists to teach in our Religious Education Program.
Individual(s) will encourage our children to know, to love and to serve God in accordance
with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Contact Beata Bosak, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation at
b.bosak@stbal.org or 847-255-9490 ext. 116

Liturgy at St. Alphonsus Liguori Church

Masses / Observances	Mass Intentions	Presider	Readings
Saturday, 9/6, 8:15am—Healing Mass	*Parishioners of SS. Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish	Fr. Slawomir Fr. Greg Fr. Steve	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/ Lk 6:1-5
Saturday, 9/6, 5:00pm	†Joseph Boffa, †Kenneth Marcotte, †George Fine, †Ann Cozzone, †Amico & Petro Families, †Thomas Brown, †Kudjer & Wurtz Families	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	
Saturday, 9/6, 7:00pm--Polish Mass	†Iwona Król, †Maria Brezowska	Fr. Greg Wojcik	
Sunday, 9/7, 8:30am 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day	†Baggio Family, †Mike Ricard	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12 -17/Lk 14:25-33
Sunday, 9/7, 11:00am	†Irene Hendricks, †Jill Mikolas, †Martha Wieland, †Bronia Brzozowska, †John Paoletta, †Raymond B. Ralston, †Stephanie Ostrowski, †Damian Kawa, †Tadeusz Gut, †Władysław Kielbasa	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	
Monday, 9/8, 8:15am The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	†Marueen Adam, †Albert & Mary Tuffey, †George Ryan, †Patricia Tuffey	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Tuesday, 9/9, 8:15am St. Peter Claver, Priest	†Margaret Knaup, †Virginia Panza	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday, 9/10, 8:15am	†Jean Perkowitz	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday, 9/11, 8:15am Patriot Day	†Peter Wisniewski	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5 -6/Lk 6:27-38
Friday, 9/12, 8:15am The Most Holy Name of Mary	†Teresa Gallagher	Fr. Greg Wojcik	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday, 9/13, 8:15am St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	†John D'Amour, †Joseph Kurtyka *Parishioners of SS. Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
Saturday, 9/13, 5:00pm	†Joseph Boffa, †Kenneth Marcotte, †George Fine, †Ann Cozzone, †Josephine Amico, †John Paoletta, †Thomas Brown, †Richard Moretti	Fr. Bob Heinz	
Saturday, 9/13, 7:00pm--Fatima Mass -Polish	†Peter Wisniewski	Fr. Greg Wojcik	
Sunday, 9/14, 8:30am The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	†Josephine Balajadia, †Mike Ricard, †Matus Turansky	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34- 35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Sunday, 9/14, 11:00am	†Irene Hendricks	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	

This Week's Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Liturgy at St. Thomas Becket Church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

1PM—WEDDING: ALEKSANDRA KALITA & FILIP JEDRZEJCZYK

4PM—FR. STEVEN DOMBROWSKI

†MARZENA STOLARZ

†LEE MARABOTTI

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

7:30AM—FR. GREG WOJCIK

†MARIA I ANTONI ZAUCHA

†ADELA I WACŁAW POPIEŁUSZKO

†STAŚ, KATARZYNA I WOJCIECH CIELOCH

†ARTHUR KOSIBA

MARCIN—O ŁASKĘ UZDROWIENIA

ANNA I WOJCIECH—33 ROCZ ŚLUBU

9AM—FR. SŁAWOMIR KURC

†LARRY LADENDORF

†BOGUSŁAW BARTNIK

†LIBUSE CAROSELLA

10:45AM—FR. GREG WOJCIK

†KAZIMIERZ KOZIOŁ

†WŁADYSŁAW KIEŁBASA

†WŁADYSŁAW ZIOMEK

†IRENA PEERY

†MICHAŁ HIPNER

†SEBASTIAN MICUN

†CZESŁAW LIBERACKI

†JAN ALEKSANDER ZYGIEL

†ANNA KRUSZEWSKA

†BOLESŁAW GLUZA

JÓZEFA KIEŁBASA—URODZINY

VICTORIA—15 URODZINY

AGNIESZKA—50 URODZINY

12:30PM—FR. SŁAWOMIR KURC

†STANISŁAW ZACHEMSKI

†JÓZEF SOWA

†WŁADYSŁAW BARAN

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

9AM—FR. STEVEN DOMBROWSKI

†ALEX KORNAS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

9AM—FR. GREG WOJCIK

†KATHLEEN SWAN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

7PM — FR. GREG WOJCIK

WOJCIECH—O ZDROWIE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

9AM—FR. STEVEN DOMBROWSKI

†PETER KUHN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

9AM—FR. STEVEN DOMBROWSKI

†PAT JASON

7PM—FR. GREG WOJCIK

ZA PARAFIAN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

4PM—FR. GREG WOJCIK

†MARZENA STOLARZ

†GERTRUDE COAKLEY

†LILLIAN KOLBUS-STAN

†ED & JOAN HILL

†JOSEPH LEWAND

†STANLEY & CATHERINE PROSTKO

HILL & PROSTKO FAMILIES—GOD'S BLESSINGS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

7:30AM—FR. GREG WOJCIK

†MARIA I ANTONI ZAUCHA

†ADELA I WACŁAW POPIEŁUSZKO

†STAŚ, KATARZYNA I WOJCIECH CIELOCH

†LUCYNA RUTKOWSKA

†ARTHUR KOSIBA

†BONIFACY KUZNOWICZ

†ZOFIA, PIOTR, TADEUSZ I EDWARD KACZÓWKA

9AM—FR. GREG WOJCIK

†BOGUSŁAW BARTNIK

†CHERYL O'BRIEN

†LIBUSE CAROSELLA

10:45AM—FR. GREG WOJCIK

†WŁADYSŁAW KIEŁBASA

†STANISŁAW KIEŁBSA

†KAZIMIERZ KOZIOŁ

†WŁADYSŁAW ZIOMEK

†IRENA PEERY

†BOLESŁAW GLUZA

12:30PM—FR. STEVEN DOMBROWSKI

FOR PARISHIONERS

W niedzielę 14-go października po porannej Mszy Św. o godz. 7:30am zapraszamy do sali parafialnej u Św. Tomasza Becketa na spotkanie przy kawie ze śniadaniem. Przyjdź i spędź z nami wspólnie czas.



PRECANA—Bardzo serdecznie zapraszamy wszystkie zainteresowane pary do zapisywania się na jednodniowy kurs przed zawarciem związku małżeńskiego:
13 wrzesień 3pm w jęz. polskim.
Kurs poprowadzą Ks. Sławomir Kurc oraz Renata i Jacek Sosin.
Pytania i rezerwacja miejsca: 847-827-9220.



PreCana—marriage preparation in Polish on Sept 13

Ks. Krzysztof Kulig zaprasza na pielgrzymkę do Sanktuarium Matki Boskiej z Guadalupe, w tym zwiedzanie:
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4-13 grudnia 2025, Cena: \$2450



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9/13 & 9/14

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Wasza hojność wspiera mężczyzn, którzy odpowiadają na Boże wezwanie do życia w służbie dla Archidiecezji Chicago.

Prosimy złożyć dziś ofiarę w Internecie:
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Dziękujemy!

Sunday Donations

Saints Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish Collections

Y-T-D Sunday Collection: \$101,508.00
(For Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025)

Sunday 8/17 Collection: \$ 10,096.00

Sunday 8/24 Collection: \$ 12,573.00

Building Fund: \$ 16,351.00

Assumption Collection: \$ 3,206.00

Rel. Ed. / Youth Ministry: \$ 2,186.00

Next week's Second Collection will be for the Seminarian Education Fund.

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St. Alphonsus Liguori



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THANK YOU for a great year!

We are back assembling lunches October - May on the first Sunday of the month after the 11 o'clock Mass. Please check webpage for exact dates as there could be some changes. There are 25 slots available for assembling lunches and making kindness cards. **Please consider donating.** Information along with a list of food items are listed and can be selected on the sign up genius page.



Below is the QR Code to the parish website that has information, as well as the sign up genius link for volunteering and donating. You can also visit our website at www.saintalphonsusph.org

If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Lori Loquercio at lovinglunches@stbal.org



*Loving Lunches is a 501c3 Organization.
Your donation is tax deductible to the extent of the law.*

Ministry News & Events

Join the Parish Music Ministry

Are you a singer or musician who is interested in sharing your gifts with the parish? Are you someone who has only sung in the shower, but would love to improve and learn more about worshiping the Lord through music? We will officially be kicking off the Music Ministry season and would love to welcome any new interested singers and musicians!

Rehearsals at St. Alphonsus begin Thursday, September 11 from 6:00-7:30pm in church.

Please contact Lesley Sharkey -
l.sharkey@stbal.org

Rehearsals at St. Thomas Becket begin Thursday, September 18 at 6:00pm in church.

Please contact Paula Kowalkowski -
p.kowalkowski@stbal.org

KIDS GOSPEL POP BAND

Invites all kids age 6 and UP



St. Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish

Invites all kids age 6-16 for GOSPEL POP vocal band

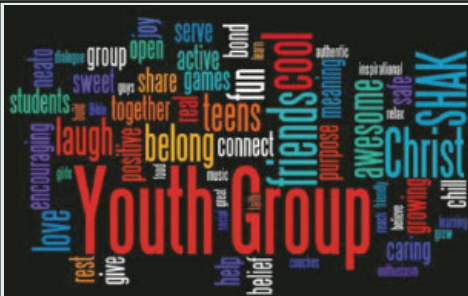
Practice will be held every Saturday 2:15PM - 3:45PM
at Saint Alphonsus Liguori - 411 N Wheeling Rd, Prospect Heights, IL 60070



For More information and registration, contact us :

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SAINTS THOMAS BECKET & ALPHONSUS LIGUORI YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY INVITES YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE MEETINGS!

We invite all young people from grades 7, 8 and High School to join the Youth Group, which meets at the St. Alphonsus Parish Rectory.

The main purpose of the Youth Group meetings is to introduce young people to the Truth of the Catholic Faith, to form their spiritual and liturgical life, to grow closer to God and build a relationship with Him, as well as to get to know each other, build mutual relationships and friendship based on mutual support and motivation for greater things. In addition, during the meetings young people will learn to work in a group, to be responsible for themselves and others, as well as to respect other people. Part of our meetings will also feature group outings to the movies, mission trips to other states, service hours, dances and games. Our meetings will be divided into two groups and will be held every other week in the lower level of the St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish Rectory **"BURKE HALL."**

Group I – Youth - grades 7 & 8 - meetings will be held on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

First meeting will be on Friday, September 26th - from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Group II – High school Youth - grades 9 to 12 - meetings will be held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

First meeting will be on Sunday, September 28th - from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

We ask all parents to pass this information on to their children and encourage them to come and participate in these meetings. If you have any questions, please contact us at # **847.255.9490 ext. 116.**

Beata Bosak

Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

CONVERSION,

Following the Call of Christ

A Bishop Barron / Word on Fire Bible Study

This 6-week Wednesday Evening Bible Study begins Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00pm in the St. Alphonsus Library.

Bishop Robert Barron illuminates six biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how six ordinary people, just like you, were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through Him. The common theme in each story is the turning of all one's attention and energy toward an ever deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

In his characteristically energetic style, Bishop Barron explains how conversion is not so much a one-time event, but a life-long process. He explains, "Jesus Christ calls us in thousands of different ways to follow Him, as we strive on the path for spiritual excellence."

Study Guide Cost \$20. For Information or to Register, Contact Brad Vallem at 847-714-2574 (bsvallem@aol.com), Joe Cotugno 847-650-4921 (j.cotugno@icloud.com) or contact the parish office.



Fatima Procession

September 13

7:00pm

St. Alphonsus Church

****This Mass will be in Polish followed by Bilingual Rosary***

Join us for 7:00pm *Mass at St. Alphonsus Church. The Fatima Procession will follow Mass with the prayers of the Rosary. All families, parish groups, Knights of Columbus, lectors, altar servers and ushers are invited. We invite people in regional costumes and First Communion children in their outfits. Please bring candles or lanterns with you.

Msza Św. **w jęz polskim** i procesja Fatimska odbędzie się 13 września o godz. 7pm w kościele Św. Alfonsa. Zapraszamy wszystkie rodziny, grupy parafialne, Rycerzy Kolumba, lektorów, ministrantów i marszałków. Zapraszamy osoby w strojach regionalnych oraz dzieci pierwszokomunijne. Prosimy o przyniesienie ze sobą świec lub lampionów.

Prayerful Creations Ministry

Meeting Date - September 9 at 9:00am

St. Alphonsus Rectory - Burke Hall

Do you knit or crochet? If yes, this parish ministry needs your time and talent. Our group meets monthly to knit and/or crochet items for children, birth to 5 years old, to donate to TLC Pregnancy Center and Bethany House. We are also making hats and scarves for the homeless in our community. We even have some yarn available to make these donated items.

Please consider joining us for the first meeting in September. If you would just like to craft at home and donate items, please leave items in the Bradle chest in the lobby at St. Thomas Becket, or at either parish office. Contact Laura Prostko for more information. Laura.Prostko@gmail.com or 224-522-1724.

Thank you!

Prayerful Creations Ministry (grupa wyrabiania artykułów na drutach i szydełkach) zaprasza zainteresowanych na spotkanie 9-go września o godz. 9 rano u Św. Alfonsa – wejście przez drzwi #5.

Czy robisz na drutach lub szydełkujesz? Jeśli tak, to potrzebujemy Twojego czasu i talentu. Nasza grupa spotyka się co miesiąc, aby robić na drutach lub szydełkować rzeczy dla dzieci w wieku od urodzenia do 5 lat. Te są następnie przekazywane do Centrum Ciężowego TLC i Bethany House. Robimy również czapki i szaliki dla bezdomnych. Mamy zapas włóczki na wyroby.

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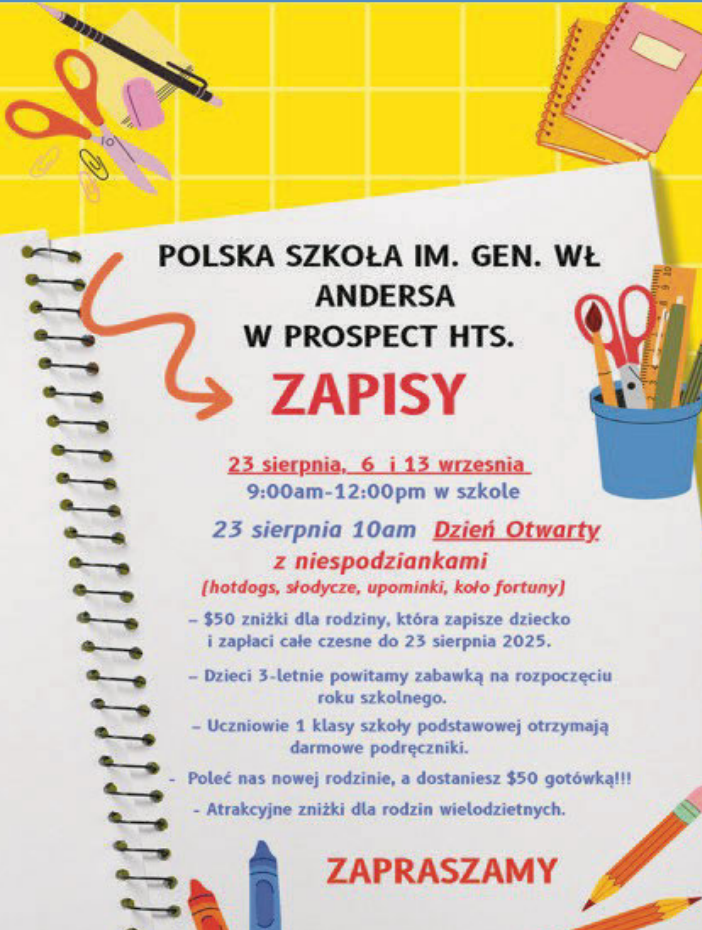
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ZAPRASZAMY



Women's Guild Meeting

September 15, 2025

SS. Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori's Women's Guild is for ALL women of our parish, 18 and older!

This month we will welcome our new and existing members at an opening **MASS at 6:30 pm – St. Thomas Becket.**

Immediately following we will have our 1st Women's Guild Meeting for the 2025-2026 year!

Questions? Please call the Parish Office.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The First Meeting of the Parish Men's Club will be held

Tuesday, September 16

at 7:00 pm

in the

St. Thomas Becket Church Hall.

All the men of our parish are welcome to attend!

FOOD PANTRY NEWS...

16 Families were provided bags of food at the last Food Pantry Distribution.



As always, we are most appreciative for your continued support of the Food Pantry, with your donations which help the needy in our community.

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Canned/Jarred Fruit

Beans

Rice

Spaghettios

Pasta Sauce

Tuna/Chicken

Peanut Butter

Jam/Preserves



Grief Group

As much as happiness is a part of life, so is loss, and its burden may feel a little lighter when it is shared. If you have experienced a loss recently or even long ago, we would like to journey with you.

Gatherings are the Second & Fourth Tuesday of the Month from 6:30pm—8:00pm in St. Thomas Becket Hall

Questions? Contact Doreen Kelly, 847-255-7452 x 157

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~ Those Requesting Prayers ~

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To be added to this prayer list, or have your name removed, please call the Parish Office at 847-255-7452.

~ Those in the Military ~

We would like to keep Active Duty Military who proudly serve our country in our prayers.



MD LTMC Joshua Junge, USN, *grandson of Sheilya Hackett*
 SMSgt. Bobby Yarnes, U.S. Space Force, *nephew of Gail & Pat McGeever*
 Capt. Peter Straka, U.S. Army, *son of Timothy and Carol Straka*
 Lt. Ryan Pattullo, USN, *grandson of Maria Wirth*
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 Sgt. Robert McKavanagh, USMC, *son of Deana McKavanagh*



Add a Person / Update Rank / Remove from List

Contact Deana: 847-255-7452 x 131

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~ Our Beloved Deceased ~

Joan Puzzo
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Register with our Parish

Call the Parish Office at 847-255-7452 or 847-827-9220, register on our website, or register in person.

If you would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, or have an emergency requiring a priest, please contact us at 847-255-7452.

Prayer Circle

Ministers offer spiritual and moral support to those experiencing serious concerns in their lives. They want to pray with you for special intentions, such as a serious illness or emergency situation. When called upon, these ministers pass your prayer request to all members. Prayers are kept within the Prayer Circle and are not announced at Mass unless you wish.

If you are in need of this prayer support, please call or text Diane at 847-630-3564

Community Events and Support Groups:

Vicariate I Adult Confirmation | Fall 2025—



Preparation Sessions begin September 15 at St. Edna Church 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Hts. For Information and to Register, contact Lori Crepeau at lcrepeau@stedna.org or 847.398.3362, ext. 325.



ST. MARY MEN'S MINISTRY

Are you looking for something MORE? More community? More Growth? More fun, More Jesus!

All men are invited to join us:
Saturday mornings beginning September 13th
7:00 - 8:30 a.m. | Parish Meeting Rooms
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This Fall the group will explore the "That Man Is You!", an interactive men's program focused on the development of authentic Christian leadership. Wherever you are in your spiritual life, Jesus wants to encounter you and take you further!

TMIY sessions will include:

- A little food.
- The main content/topic for the week.
- A little small group conversation.



Take a chance and join us!



For more information visit the Men's Ministry page at www.stmaryfc.org

Questions contact Kevin O'Connell
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Faith on Fire Event

Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
St. Mary of the Annunciation
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Whether you attend Mass every week, are already super involved, or just curious, this night is for you! Fr. Tom will lead us in laughs, a message of God's love and speak to our hearts about what we are truly searching for. Enjoy vibrant music, short parishioner sharings and some amazing community.



Don't miss this inspiring event!

About the presenter:
Fr. Tom McCarthy is a Chicago native, and Augustinian priest. currently serves as Vocation Director for the Midwest Province and is the Director of St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel in Chicago. Fr. Tom is dynamic speaker, teacher and parish mission preacher engaging audiences nationwide. Read more at www.frtoommccarthy.com

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LOSS: Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide—

Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) is a non-denominational program that supports individuals who are grieving the loss of a loved one by suicide offered by Catholic Charities. LOSS offers a safe, non-judgmental environment where survivors of suicide can openly talk about feelings, and find resources for healing. Call 312-655-7283 or visit www.catholiccharities.net/loss

Support for Loss of a Loved One—

Grief and Loss Services at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care offers one-on-one counseling, support groups and education for anyone who has lost a loved one. For more information visit www.RainbowHospice.org or call 847-653-3141

Widowed Men & Women's Monthly Support Group—

To Be Joyful Again, a non denominational support group for widows, widowers, or anyone who has lost a significant other, meets the **1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm** at Holy Family Parish, 2515 Palatine Road, Inverness. Get the support you need in this difficult time. All are welcome. Contact Peggy Emerson at 224-595-3613 or Bob Boho at 847-438-2884

Joyful Again! Support for Widowed Men & Women—

For upcoming Retreats and Workshops please check us out at www.joyfulagain.org, or call 708-354-7211

NAMI Support Group at St. Emily Parish—

Family members of individuals living with mental health conditions are invited to the National Alliance on Mental Illness Family Support Group the **second Tuesday of each month 7:00-8:30pm** 1400 E. Central Road in Mt. Prospect. Questions? Contact Mary Rose at 847-496-1415

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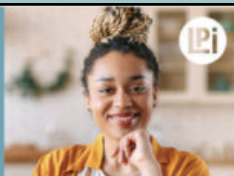
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