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St. Alphonsus & Blessed Sacrament

Grand Rapids, MI

August 3, 2025 | Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**The Solemnity of
The Blessed
Virgin Mary**

August 14 - 6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
- Blessed Sacrament

August 15 - 12:15 p.m. Mass
- St. Alphonsus

Pastor Installation Mass

Father Christopher will be formally installed at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Aug. 17. Bishop Walkowiak will be at Blessed Sacrament for this special occasion. There will be a small reception after Mass. Contact Marie LeMire at 616-260-4685 if you would like to help with the reception.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Mary Kirvan 6/14/25
Roger Markle 6/24/25
Sydney McVoy 12/16/24
Robert (Bob) O'Connor 7/19/25
Marilynn McKay 7/24/25

Location Key: Blessed Sacrament - **BSC** St. Alphonsus - **SAC**

Weekend Masses

Saturday . . . 4 p.m.SAC
Sunday . . . 9 a.m.SAC
Sunday...10:30 a.m.BSC

Weekday Masses

Tuesday...8:30 a.m.BSC
Wednesday...10:30 a.m. (School Days Only).....BSC
Tuesday & Wednesday . . . 5:30 p.m.SAC
Thursday & Friday . . . 12:15 p.m.SAC

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. & 6 - 6:30 p.m.SAC
Wednesday 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.SAC
Thursday & Friday 11 a.m. to noonSAC
First Saturday of month 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.SAC

Parish Schedule

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Saturday, August 2

4 p.m. **Mass** | +Dale Rupinski, Souls in Purgatory
Jim Regan, +David Hume.....BSC

Sunday, August 3 - Eighteenth Sunday in OT

9 a.m. **Mass** | + Gene Sova, Bishop David Walkowiak.....SAC
10:30 a.m. **Mass** | Freddy DeVries,
+David Dodge, Parish Family.....BSC

Tuesday, August 5

8:30 a.m. **Mass** | +Elsie Yob.....BSC
10 a.m. **Sew & Sews**SAC
4 p.m. **Food Truck**SAC
4:30 p.m. **Confession**SAC
5 p.m. **Supper House**SAC
5:30 p.m. **Mass** | Jacob & Sarah RolfSAC
6:30 p.m. **Adoration**SAC

Wednesday, August 6

3:30 p.m. **Altar Server Training**SAC
4:30 p.m. **Confession**SAC
5:30 p.m. **Mass** | + Jennifer Albrecht, +Sam CarianoSAC
6:30 p.m. **Young Adult Bible Study**SAC

Thursday, August 7

11 a.m. **Confession**SAC
12:15 p.m. **Mass** | Jason EpplertSAC
7 p.m. **Revive Ladies Basketball**BSC

Friday, August 8 - St. Dominic

1 a.m. **Confession**SAC
12:15 p.m. **Mass** | Fr. Jordan DeGuire, O.P.....SAC

Saturday, August 9

4 p.m. **Mass** | + Mary AdamsSAC

Sunday, August 10 - Nineteenth Sunday in OT

9 a.m. **Mass** | For the PeopleSAC
10:30 a.m. **Mass** | +Richard & +Dolores Powers.....BSC

Meet Whitney!

Hi! I'm Whitney Doane, the new Director of Youth Evangelization & Discipleship for our parishes. My husband, Mark, and our 1.5 year old son, Joseph, have been attending St. Alphonsus and Blessed Sacrament on occasion for about a year now, as we live less than 5 minutes from both.

I grew up attending St. Jude & studied Theology at Aquinas. (During my senior year at AQ, I was the Youth Ministry intern at St. Al's!) Then, for 8 years, I served as the Youth Minister at Holy Family Parish in Caledonia. Most recently, I was the Director of Youth Ministry at St. Sebastian in Byron Center for 3 years, before I felt the tug of the Holy Spirit to be closer to home and to serve in a new way.

I have loved serving in ministry and having the chance to teach about our Lord & His beautiful Church. It has been a great joy and privilege to walk alongside many young people as they journey closer to Christ, and I'm humbled to be given the opportunity to continue to do so. Please know that I am praying for all of you, and that I'm relying on your prayers for me, too.

I'm genuinely SO excited to be here and to see all that the Holy Spirit has planned for us all! If you see me around, please say hi and introduce yourself!

In Christ,
Whitney Doane
whitney@stalphonsusgr.org



Interested in Catholicism?

Are you searching for a deeper relationship with God? Fulfillment of your purpose in life? Are you attracted to the truth, beauty, and goodness you've experienced in the Catholic Church? Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Fr. Christopher at cepplett@stalphonsusgr.org

Altar Server Training

New and current altar servers are invited to a training on Aug. 6 for both parishes (and for serving at ASA school Masses). The training will be held at St. Alphonsus 3:30-4:15 p.m. Parents are welcome to stay and pray in the church during the training. Altar serving is open to all those entering fourth grade this fall through high school seniors. If you cannot make this training, we will offer another option later this summer. Whether you attend regularly at St. Alphonsus or Blessed Sacrament, you can be scheduled to altar serve at either location. Contact Fr. Christopher with any questions: cepplett@stalphonsusgr.org.

Arts & Environment Ministry



We're looking for people who are interested in decorating St Alphonsus for the various liturgical seasons. If you're interested in helping out or would like more information, please contact Jodi Deschaine at jdeschaine@comcast.net.



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Happy August!

Check out our social media to see how students enrolled in our summer childcare have spent their summer, here are a few of our favorite memories! ASA's social media provides stories and pictures of daily life at ASA and allows our larger ASA community to stay connected with what happens inside our buildings. Follow us today on Facebook (facebook.com/ASAEagles), Instagram (@asa_eagles)!



Blessed Sacrament Card Ministry

Please remember in your prayers parishioner Lorna Wysocki. Feel free to include a birthday wish as she is celebrating her birthday this month. Cards to Lorna may be sent to 741 Sligh NE, Grand Rapids, 49505.

Book and Media Sale

Come to the St. Jude parish Book/Media Sale on Saturday, August 9, 2025, from 9 am to 2 pm in the Thaddeus Center. Books, tapes, records and more. 1120 4Mile Rd. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences Coming Up!

Nurture your Sacrament of Marriage at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience!

Upcoming experiences are being held Aug. 1-3 and Oct. 3-5 at Augustine Center in Petoskey, and Nov. 21-23 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit. Apply today at wwme.org or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more info.

Christian Service Update

Food truck this week: Our next monthly food truck will be here Tuesday, Aug. 5 from 4-5 p.m. Volunteers are desperately needed to help set up, repackage items, load food into boxes, and load boxes into vehicles. (Many of our volunteers are not available this week). Thank you to the many volunteers that help make this program run well, you are so appreciated! If you or someone you know needs food, please feel free to attend (our process is drive-thru style to get your box).

WANT TO MAKE A SUBMISSION?



Bulletin, Flocknote and Social Media Submissions may be sent to Makenzie at communication@stalphonsusgr.org

Prayer of Peace in the spirit of Taizé

August 11 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary Church, 423 1st St NW, Grand Rapids. If you are familiar with prayer in the spirit of Taizé, you know that its contemplative, musical nature opens a channel for a powerful experience of the divine. You remember how joy, surrender and hope can be nourished by the mantra-like singing and the moments of silence. And you understand how the use of candlelight and beautiful icons or simple symbols can be keys for a prayerful person to explore their deepest longings for God. If you are not familiar with this type of prayer, perhaps this description has sparked your interest. Parking is free for this event. Visit prayerofpeacegr.org.

Young Adult Ministry

Ages 21-33

Tuesday Night Adoration & Social

6-7 p.m. Adoration (at St. Alphonsus)
Graydon's Crossing after Benediction
Come for one or both!

Wednesday Bible Study

In the St. Alphonsus parish lounge
6:30-8 p.m.

Questions please contact Jacob: jacobblundy033@gmail.com



St. Alphonsus & Blessed Sacrament

Youth Discipleship Registration

Join us Wednesday Nights!

4:45-6 p.m.

3 year olds - 3rd grade
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
4-5th grade Ascend
9-12th grade Bible Study

6:15-7:30 p.m.

3 year old - 3rd grade
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
6-8th grade Edge (youth group)

Register
online!



For questions, contact
Whitney (MS & HS) - whitney@stalphonsusgr.org
OR
Brittany (3 yr - 3rd grade) - brenne@asagr.org

Prayer for Vocations

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come to You. Bless the Diocese of Grand Rapids with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Give Your sons and daughters the confidence to accept Your call, and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your beloved Son with courage and dedication to Your will. Amen.

From VBS to Discipleship!



The Holy Spirit was on the move at VBS! Thanks to your prayers, support, and amazing volunteers, we saw a big jump in participation and powerful encounters through the Sacraments. Let's keep the momentum going—Youth Discipleship sign-ups are open now!



Meet a Seminarian! Anthony H. Duong



Our Lady of La-Vang, Wyoming, MI
Parents: Huy Duong & Trang Nguyen
Siblings: Ashley Duong
Education: Grand Valley State University, Kelloggsville Public Schools
Hobbies: Playing volleyball, camping, and reading new books!

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cepplett@stalphonusgr.org

Evangelization & Discipleship
Adults - Carol Fedewa
Youth - Whitney Doane

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