

The Catholic Church of

St. Alphonsus



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Parish Mission Statement

St. Alphonsus is a Roman Catholic Community providing a spiritual home for people of diverse ages, ethnicity and economic status.

As a Christian community, we seek to welcome all individuals and families to grow in faith and express it.

We affirm Christ's presence in all people and value service, giving, worship, and education in all forms.

We strive to be the vibrant body of Christ in all its parts, energizing and evangelizing both ourselves and others.



MOTHER

MAY 9, 2010 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Communion April and May, 2010



Eddie Arroyo Torres
Didier Klusse Attipou
Christina Biluma Babaya
Philip Thomas Bania
Gavin Sheldon Baribeau
Kaitlyn Anne Baribeau
Abranette Faith Barry
Morgan Rae Bashel
Benjamin Emmett Carroll
Annika Marie Daley
MacKenzie Rose Diaz
Matthew Gene Doebler
Kevin M. Donoho
Jarred Dominique Doron
Jackson W. Dwyer
Ethan Minh-Truc Freeman
Mary Elizabeth Thanh Gasca
Sophia Elizabeth Goman
Alyssa Ann Guenther
Rebeca I. Guerrero Isordia
Maria Elizabeth Hall
Logan Taylor Hardy
Cesar Hernandez Hernandez
Gabriela Huerta Herrera
Andrew Gerald Hunt
Natalie Marie Jasicki

Alberto Lopez-Fierros, Jr.
Kaylan Grace Kocur
Savannah Frances Koontz
Anna LaLuzerne
Eleanor Renee Lanzel Paulson
Cole William Lindstrom
Shay Lee Lodermeier
Joseph Michael Manthey
Ivan Anthony Martinez
Charlie E. Matijasevich
Ian Andrew Monroe
Luis Jafet Monroy Pimentel
Prince Aloysius Moore, II
Callie Ngoc Tram Thi Nguyen
Duchess Ugochukwu Onyemeh-Sea
Taylor Sky Peake
Alan Rafael Salomon Acosta
Luis Yuliany Sanchez Briones
Jose David Sanchez-Flores
Dianne Geraldine Sanchez-Flores
Ariatna Saldivar Santos
Joseph William Schmidtbauer
Emily Louise Schmidtbauer
Liam Joseph Harrington Stack
Connor Isaac Harrington Stack
Angela K. Taormina
Japhet Tovar Toledo
Jordyn Nicole Vowels

God Bless Each of You

Mass Intentions for this Week

A † before a name indicates the person is deceased.

Monday, May 10

7:00 AM Thanksgiving and Many Blessings
 8:30 AM † Eleanor Miller

Tuesday, May 11

7:00 AM † Alice Eskierka
 8:30 AM † Helen Sharp

Wednesday, May 12

7:00 AM † Maureen Bueche
 8:30 AM † Loren LeBlanc

Thursday, May 13

7:00 AM † Bob Booth
 8:30 AM † Sophie Julkowski

Friday, May 14

7:00 AM † Albertina Stupak
 8:30 AM † Helen Bauer

Saturday, May 15

8:00 AM † Richard Hall
 5:00 PM † Sue Jude

Sunday, May 16

7:00 AM † Richard Dank, Sr.
 8:30 AM † Cathy Ralph
 10:30 AM For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
 12:30 PM Intentions of the Day
 5:30 PM The Dhani Family

Liturgical Ministers for Next Week

May 15 & 16 - Ascension of the Lord

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lectors Frank Barry & Peggy Gilsdorf
 Cantor Elaine McLane
 Accompanist Kathy Drew

Sunday 7:00 AM

Lectors Kevin Haeg & Melissa Dubuque
 Cantor Tony Meyer
 Accompanist Anthony Vella

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lectors Jim Hibbs & Preston Hardy
 Cantor Michael Steinmetz
 Accompanist Beth Kirsch

Sunday 10:30 AM

Lectors Rick Christensen & Barb Slagle
 Cantor Audrey Merfeld
 Accompanist Kathy Drew
 Ensemble Exultation Choir
 Instrumental Mary Ann Marschall

Sunday 12:30 PM

All Liturgical Ministers are from the Latino Ministry

Sunday 5:30 PM

Lectors Judy Catton & Vicki Lokken-Paverud
 Music Youth Praise Band

A Redemptorist Community

7025 Halifax Ave.
 Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
 (763) 561.5100
 Latino oficina (763) 503.3326
 www.stalsmn.org
 Email: parishoffice@stalsmn.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday
 5:00 PM
 Sunday
 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM,
 12:30 PM (in Spanish)
 and 5:30 PM

Holy Days As Announced

Weekdays Mon-Fri

7:00 AM & 8:30 AM
 6:00 PM (During Lent)

Saturday morning

8:00 AM

Confessions

Every Saturday 4:00-5:00 PM
 Also in Vietnamese
 the 1st & 3rd Saturday

Parish Staff

763.561.5100

Pastor

Rev. Pat Grile, C.Ss.R.

Redemptorist Pastoral Staff

Rev. Bill Bueche, C.Ss.R.
 Rev. Brian Gilles, C.Ss.R.
 Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.
 Rev. Wil Lowery, C.Ss.R.
 Rev. Thomas Pham, C.Ss.R.
 Rev. Joseph Stenger, C.Ss.R.
 Rev. Martin Stillmock, C.Ss.R.

Permanent Deacons

Deacon David Holst
 Deacon John Winkelman

Administrator

David R. Johnson
 503.3344
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Parish School Principal

Robert E. Terry
 763.561.5101

Religious Education Staff

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 503.3340
 Jon Q. Heyer
 503.3342

Youth Ministry Coordinator

Teresa Rousseau
 503.3349

Bilingual Pastoral Assistant

Michael DePass
 503.3326

Director of Music

Mary Raeker
 503.3322

Mother's Day Flowers Today

Corsages and bouquets are available Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Get something lovely for all the mothers you know. Proceeds to Respect Life.

KC Waffle Breakfast Mother's Day



Dad's waffles are famous in our area. **All-you-can-eat!** Bring your Mom/friends to the breakfast and be served by our own

Knights of Columbus from 8 AM -12:30 PM. You will enjoy Belgian waffles and all the toppings, sausage and a beverage. It is \$6 per person, Kids under 5 are free!

Fountains of Living Praise Regional Prayer Gathering Here

Tuesday, **May 11**, St. Alphonsus will host a gathering of area Prayer groups. You are most welcome to join us at 7:00 PM in the CSSR Hall for Praise and Worship followed by fellowship. If you wish, come at 6:15 for Rosary in the Chapel. The St. Al's group meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month.

Cribbage Tournament

All cribbage players and guests are invited to the St. Al's Cribbage Tourney **May 11th** at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria for a great night of fun and prizes. Cost of \$7.00.

Annual May Marian Morning

On **Tuesday, May 18** we will again have a special morning devoted to the Virgin Mary, Mother of God. There will be a Rosary in the Church at 8:00 AM followed by the 8:30 Mass and Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. There will be your favorite Mary Hymns. You are invited to the CSSR Hall afterwards for refreshments and hospitality.

Keep the date open – Fun Fest 2010 is coming Aug 7 & 8!



Here's an easy way you can help ... Donate a gift basket to the Silent Auction. Pick up a FREE BASKET at the table in the CSSR Hall after all Masses the next two weekends. Fill it with

goodies of your choice and then bring it back and we'll wrap it to be part of the Silent Auction! Any Questions call Terri @ 763.566.7961 or Kathy @ 763.424.4676.

Parish Events

| | |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| May 9 | Mother's Day |
| May 9 | KC Waffle Breakfast |
| May 11 | Regional Prayer Gathering |
| May 11 | Cribbage Tournament |
| May 12 | Virtus Training |
| May 13 | Prepare Pot Luck |
| May 15 | Pork Chop Dinner |
| May 16 | Sundae Sunday |
| May 16 | Latino Ministry Fair |
| May 16 | ISAIAH Visits Celebration |
| May 17 | Confirmations |
| May 18 | Marian Day |
| May 18 | Branch Meal Prep |
| May 19 | Adoration Mass |
| May 20 | St. Al's Seniors |
| May 22 | Fare Share |
| May 22 | CPR for KCs |
| May 22 | KC Awards Banquet |
| May 23 | Latino Ministry Workshop |
| May 23 | Special Ed party |
| May 25 | Sharing & Caring Meal Prep |
| May 27 | Choir Pot Luck |
| May 27 | 8th Grade Graduation |
| June 1 | Morning & Evening Devotions |

This Week From Dave

Parish Administrator David Johnson



Dear Parish Community,

I encourage you to keep informed concerning the anticipated changes that will come from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis strategic planning process. This plan has been in process since March of 2009 and will be rolled out over the next year or so. While the details haven't been revealed yet, expect changes in the funding of Catholic education, parish consolidations and greater collaboration between parishes. Some of these changes may be difficult especially for deeply committed parishes who will feel forced to accept new ways of doing things. Resource blessed parishes may feel put upon while less well positioned parishes may feel loss of control. Admittedly adjustments and timing changes may be necessary to fully implement some changes but realistically some pain and unhappiness is expected. We all are comfortable with the status quo but we all know that most everything except God changes. *The Catholic Spirit* newspaper is running a series on the Archdiocese planning process. I encourage you to follow what is being discussed.

God Bless! Dave

Parish Phone Numbers

Parish Office 763.561.5100
 Fax 763.561.0336
 Email parishoffice@stalsmn.org

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30-8:00 PM
 Friday 8:30-4:00 PM
 Saturday 8:30-7:00 PM
 Sunday 8:00-1:00 PM

Business Office

763.503.3389

School

763.561.5101

Parish Health Ministry

Message Line 763.503.3331

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Open 24 hrs. every day
 Becky and Rob Borchardt
 763.566.8276

Parish Trustees

Randy Pearce 612.886.1800
 Lynne Wyffels 763.315.3432

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Council meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at the Parish Office. Parishioners are welcome to contact a council member if you wish to include an item on the agenda.

Council Meeting Minutes are available at the Parish Office.

Dave Muehlberg, Chair
 763.315.9375

Bob Byrnes 612.490.3790
 Gerie Fischer 566.3222
 Katherine Hibbs 561.6796
 Brian Johnson 425.6418
 Joe McCue 493.5754
 Mike Rose 493.5158
 Kami Schmitz 425.8735
 Ryan Snee 566-8583
 Luz Zagal 612.889.2658

Finance Commission

Ed Daley, Chair
 763.566.5232

Faith Formation, Youth Ministry & Young Adults

Young Adult Ministry Opportunities

SAYA Discussion Nights are on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Our May topic is *Mary – the Mother of God*. We meet on May 13th from 7:30 – 9 pm! Remember our Young Adult activities are open to all those from 18 to 30, single or married, with or without children. Please stay tuned for future young adult ministry opportunities. For more information, please call Teresa at 763-503-3349.

Resource for Parents

Please check out this website: www.nfcym.org/family for free parent resources. The National Federation For Catholic Youth Ministry is a great organization who believes that the parents are the first teachers of our children. Check it out – I did!!!!

Out of Office

Our Youth Minister, Teresa, will be out of the office for a couple of weeks, however, she can be reached by email at stalsyouth@aol.com please be patient for a return email. If you have an immediate need, please contact Barb Walhood at 763-503-3340. All programs are covered and will continue as scheduled!

•Barb Walhood 763.503.3340, •Jon Heyer 763.503.3342,
•Teresa Rousseau 763.503.3349, •Michael DePass, en Español 763.503.3326

Annual Guide Book and Directory

Please let us know if you would rather **not** have your name and/or address and/or phone number listed in our directory. It will be mailed out to our registered parishioners who are listed. To remove your name, or other information, please call the office, 763.561.5100.

Pork Chop Dinner

The St. Al's School wrestling program is holding a dinner on Saturday, May 15, 4—8 PM. You will be served a grilled pork chop, mashed potatoes and gravy, baked beans, corn, applesauce, cake and beverage. Tickets are \$10, with children under age 10, \$7. Tickets are available at the parish office. Proceeds will be used for new wrestling mats.

Knights of St. John and Auxiliary

Those who are interested in becoming members are encouraged to attend a very important meeting after the 10:30 Mass on May 30 in the CSSR Hall. This is the second meeting as is open to people of all nationalities who are practicing Catholics. Come find out about this noble and fraternal organization. Questions? Please call Gabriel at 612.454.8515.

Music Ministry Celebration

St Alphonsus Music Ministries are having their annual Spring Pot Luck Supper on Wednesday, May 26th, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the CSsR Hall. Anyone who has been involved with the music ministry is encouraged to attend this event. Any questions, please contact Mary Raeker at 763.503.3322

New! Young Women's CCW Guild

If you are a young woman in your 20's or 30's, married, single, with/without kids and have a desire to serve the church and grow spiritually, there is a new CCW guild forming at St. Al's and we invite you to be a part of it!! Help us to form our guild's vision, make a difference in other's lives (and your own!), and have fun, too! Please join us on Tuesday, **May 11th** at 6:30 pm in the CSSR Hall (south side-Oscar Romero Room). For more information, please contact Kourtney Hebert at 952.237.5811.

Parish Mission at St. Williams

You are invited to a 3 night parish mission, May 16—18, at St Williams—61st and University in Fridley. "The Big Question: Healing Hurts, Letting Go of Grudges" offered by Fr. Frank Desiderio, CSP. The mission is at 7:00 pm each evening. The intention of the mission is to help people with the spiritual process of releasing the need for vindication and resentment against those who have offended us in one way or another. There is no fee, free-will donations will be accepted.

Sacramental Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:15 PM

Confesiones

Todos los Domingos 30 minutos antes de la misa en Español.

Baptisms

A program for both parents is offered before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office for the date of the program and to register.

Bautismo

Pláticas Bautismales el 1^o Martes de cada mes a las 7:00 PM. Llamar para reservar su lugar 763.503.3326

Bodas

Contactar Padre Bill 763.503.3313

Weddings

Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to your anticipated wedding date.

Rosary

After the 8:30 AM daily Mass Please join us!

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesday after 8:30 AM Mass

Prayer Request Box

A box to receive special prayer requests is located by the Baptistry. These requests will be remembered during the daily rosary.

St. Alphonsus Endowment Fund

Please contact the parish office for more information on how to donate to the Endowment which provides long term support for the parish.

St. Alphonsus School Endowment Fund

Brochures are available at the parish office, or on our web site www.stalsmn.com

Happy Anniversary!

May God continue to bless the marriage of:

**Pete and Joann Prehatney—50 years
May 21**



Linder's Nursery Gift Card Fundraiser – Last Weekend!

This is the last weekend Linder's Nursery gift cards will be available for purchase before or after mass. Consider purchasing a Gift Card after Mass or at the Parish Office for your garden or as a gift or for the St. Alphonsus gardens. It's a great way to brighten a day and give back to St. Alphonsus Parish School at the same time!



Another testimony about our nice kids at St. Al's

Mrs. Claussen recently received the following message: I just wanted to send you a quick note to say thank you for bringing your wonderful 3rd and 4th graders to the Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement. We really enjoyed having your students! They are so well behaved and eager to learn. We can't wait to have your group come out and visit us again. We are very proud that the students at St. Al's present themselves in such a wonderful manner.

Talent Show – Monday, May 17th – Mark your calendar!

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual St. Alphonsus School Talent Show on Monday, May 17th at 12:30 PM in the school gym. There will be dancing, singing, music and many other exciting acts to watch!



Virtus Session Scheduled at St. Al's

Jon Heyer has announced the Virtus sessions for the next few months at St. Al's: Wednesday, May 12th, 6:30PM, CSSR Hall. If you plan to help and will be around the kids, you must complete a background check, do the Virtus training and sign an Archdiocesan Code of Conduct. Although we announce the Virtus sessions conducted at St. Al's, there are many others conducted at various sites around our area. You must register online at <www.virtusonline.org>

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Tired or anxious? Find your peace by spending an hour with Jesus—it's the best therapy you could ever imagine!

Adorers Needed: Sun. 2 AM, Sat. 1 PM, 3 PM, 6 PM

Wanting a Partner: Mon. 2 AM, 5 AM, 4 PM, 7 PM, Wed. 1 PM, Thurs 9 AM, Sat 9 AM, 7 PM, 8 PM

Catholic Youth Camp

CYC-On big Sandy Lake in McGregor offers resident camp programming for youth in 1st–12th grades. Currently taking registrations at www.cycamp.org or call 651.636.1645 for information. CU @ CYC! :)

Keep the Food Shelves Stocked

Non-perishable food can be dropped off anytime. There are boxes at the church entries and at the parish office for CEAP and for Sharing & Caring Hands. The first Sunday of each month is a Food Drive, and your food contributions can be brought then to the altar during the Offertory of the Mass. Thank you for your help in providing food for the families in need.

Parish Visits

The parish visiting will be completed by May 16. To celebrate our success and to share our stories, all participants, visitors and visitors, are invited to a gathering in the CSSR Hall Sunday evening May 16th from 6:30-8:30 PM.

Sacred Heart Rummage Sale

May 13 from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM and May 14 (\$3.00 bag day) from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. 4087 W. Broadway, Robbinsdale.

Food Processor from Garage Sale

If you bought a nice food processor at the Garage Sale, you left behind the blades! We have them at the Parish Office.

Financial Stewardship

May 1 & 2, 2010

| | Weekly | Year to Date |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Actual | \$32,590 | \$1,365,518 |
| Budgeted | \$33,269 | \$1,297,262 |
| Variance | (\$678) | \$68,256 |

For Debt Reduction \$694

Thank you for your generosity!

Readings for the Week of May 9, 2010

Sunday
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 / Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 / Jn 14:23-29

Monday
Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26--16:4a

Tuesday
Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1
Jn 6:12-15

Thursday
Acts 18:1-8 / Jn 16:16-20

Friday
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / Jn 15:9-17

Saturday
Acts 18:23-28 / Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday
Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23
Lk 24:46-53

Please Pray for the Sick

Gail Joranger

Jim Kadlec,
former parishioner

Mary Prince,
Mother of Gary Prince, Sr.

Gladys Regan

Eternal Rest, O Lord

Richard Borowicz

Brother of Roger Borowicz

Robert Solarz,

Father of Craig Solarz and
Lynnae Sniker

Pedro Centreras,

Father of Luz Zagal

Sgt. Joseph Bergeron

**Wedding Banns
God's Blessings for:**

May 15

**Justin Juettner &
Meaghan Marette**

May 22

**Carolina Mijangos &
Raul Reyna Rojas**

May 29

**Jessica Dunn &
Tuan Le**

NOTICIAS DE NUESTRA COMUNIDAD

Jesús y el Padre vendrán a nosotros

La Pascua sigue adelante. Y hoy los textos litúrgicos son especialmente hermosos. Desde el relato de los Hechos de los Apóstoles hasta el Evangelio, pasando por el anuncio en el libro del Apocalipsis de la bajada de la Jerusalén Celestial. En el Evangelio Jesús nos promete la llegada del Espíritu Santo...Nos acercamos, pues –serán los dos siguientes domingos--, a la Ascensión y a Pentecostés, con lo que terminaremos el tiempo de Pascua. Pero la promesa emocionante de este domingo es que, si creemos, Jesús y el Padre vendrán a nosotros. Esa teofanía personal e intransferible para cada uno es prueba del gran amor divino y seguro de salvación.

Calendario de Bautizos

Pláticas de Preparación

(En el salón de la iglesia)

A las 7:00 de la tarde

El primer martes

1 de junio
6 de julio
3 de agosto
7 de septiembre
5 de octubre

Bautizos

A las 11:00 de la mañana

El segundo sábado

12 de junio
10 de julio
14 de agosto
11 de septiembre
9 de octubre

Nuestro Encuentro

Pre-Matrimonial

Es Tiempo de inscripciones.

La Fecha: **Junio 5 y 6 del 2010**

Comienza el sábado a las 8:00am hasta las 8:30 pm. y el domingo de 8:00 am y termina con la misa de la 12:30pm en la Iglesia de San Alfonso. Se presentan varios temas y actividades para enriquecer la relación de la pareja.

Para registrarse y reservar su lugar Lllamar TEL. 763-218-4835 con Sislán o Maritza, 612-396-3916 con Jose o Maritza, o 763-315-0534 con Heredia o Alberto.

Primeras Comuniones

Felicidades a los niños que hicieron sus primeras comuniones el domingo pasado y a los niños que acaban de hacer sus primeras comuniones este domingo. Les invitamos a ustedes a orar por ellos, sus padres, padrinos, y catequistas. Que Dios les bendiga.

¿Tiene su hijo(a) problemas de los huesos, músculos, o articulaciones?

Los Hospitales Shriners para Niños-Ciudades Gemelas ofrece tratamiento médico ortopédico de alta calidad a niños sin ningún costo. Si su hijo(a) es menor de 18 años y tiene problemas de los huesos, músculos, o articulaciones, llámenos hoy para sacar una cita con un especialista ortopédica al teléfono: 612-596-6105 o 1-888-293-2832, o puede pasar sin una cita el martes, 11 de mayo entre las 12 y 3 de la tarde.

Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES)

Busca seguro medico?

Clues y Portico Healthnet están ofreciendo servicios de búsqueda de seguro medico. Clues tiene un representante de Portico en las oficinas de Minneapolis, 720 East Lake St. todos los miércoles de 1:30pm a 3:00pm, no necesita cita. El representante le ayudara a identificar un seguro medico a través de los programas de salud o directamente a través de Portico. Llame a Clues al teléfono 612-746-3500 o directamente a Portico al teléfono 651-603-5100.

Horario de las Misas

Misa en español

Domingo 12:30 PM

Misas en inglés

Sábado 5:00 PM

Domingo

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM,
5:30 PM

Misa Diario

Lunes a Viernes

7:00 AM y 8:30 AM

Sábado 8:00 AM

Confesiones

Domingo 12:00 PM

O llámenos para hacer una cita

Bautismo

Plática Bautismal el primer

Martes

de cada mes a las 7:00 PM

en el salón de la iglesia,

CSSR Hall

Bautismos son regularmente

el segundo Sábado

de cada mes

Matrimonio

Llámenos para hacer una cita

Con Padre Bill

La Primera Comunión

Clases empiezan en septiembre

Inscripciones empiezan en

agosto

Adoración al Santísimo

Es perpetua – 24 horas al día,

7 días

De la semana

Oficina Parroquial

Lunes a Jueves 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM

Viernes 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Sábado 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM

Domingo 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

763.561.5100

Oficina Ministerio Latino

Lunes a Jueves 8:00 AM –

4:00 PM

Michael DePass,

Asistente Pastoral

763.503.3326

¡Que Dios los bendiga!

Padre Bill Bueche, C.Ss.R.

Reporte de la Coleta

Del Ofertorio Semanal

24 de abril y 25 de abril del 2010

Sobres, dinero recibido \$ 39,260

Ofertorio Semanal Presupuestado \$ 34,238

Variación +\$5,022

Recibido para la Reducción de la Deuda

\$1,461.50

Recibido hasta hoy **(Anual)** \$1,332,938

Presupuestado para **el año** \$1,263,993

Variación +\$68,945

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Bingo Ministry

Once a month, for at *least* 30 years, volunteers from St. Alphonsus have gone to the Robbinsdale Rehab Facility (formerly know as Trevilla of Robbinsdale). We now need someone to take over this ministry. A group of volunteers brings the bingo prizes (provided by our parish), and helps the residents to mark their Bingo cards. The residents are long-term, all ages, with varying physical and mental challenges. Bingo is a much anticipated event and very rewarding way to brighten up someone's day. For more information call Yvonne at 763.391.5793.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing After Abortion

If you are struggling from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat on May 21-23, 2010 in the Twin Cities area. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or registration contact Nancy at rvr-nancy@usfamily.net or 952.882.2072. The cost is \$160.00 for meals, room and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. Additional information can also be found on the Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

All St. Al's Women:

The May packet of Contribution Envelopes includes a green envelope for the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Dues. (A plain envelope can be used too.) **All** women of the parish are welcome to become members of CCW. The dues are used for organizing the CCW events during the year. You don't have to belong to a guild to be a CCW member. For more information about CCW or Guilds call Beth Perry at 763.425.9260

Attention St. Al's Seniors (50+)

The St. Al's Senior's May meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20, beginning with a social at 5:30 in the C.Ss.R. Hall. This will be followed by our famous Spring Salad Buffet at 6:00. Please bring a favorite salad to share. Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you and enjoy the evening. There will also be an election of officers and a plea for "kitchen supervisors." You will be entertained by the Brooklyn Community Band under the direction of Jan R. See you there!

Pre-K Coming to St. Alphonsus Next fall we will be offering a Pre-K program for 4 and 5 year olds. For more information, please call the school office at 763.561.5101 or send an email to seldenb@mystals.org.