

The Catholic Church of

St. Alphonsus



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.

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Women's Day of Reflection 2009

*Saturday, February 28, 2009
8:00 am—2:00 pm*

*St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
7025 Halifax Avenue N, Brooklyn Center, MN*

"Women in the Gospel of Mark"
(Leading from Fear to Faith)
Guest Speaker—Sr. Joan Mitchell, CSJ., Ph.D.

Tickets are \$12 and must be purchased by February 14th

The day includes: Mass - Continental Breakfast - Guest Speaker - Lunch - Benediction and Rosary Service

Lunch Menu: Boneless Chicken Breast with Mushroom Sauce, Roasted Mashed Potatoes, Spring Salad with fresh strawberries, Bread sticks, & Assorted Dessert Bars

*Sponsored by St. Alphonsus Council of Catholic Women
Tickets are available at the parish Office or from a Guild Member
For more information contact Linda at 763-315-0027*



Remember the Past!

Celebrate the Present!

Believe in the Future!

FEBRUARY 8, 2009 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



From the Pastor's Desk

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

St. Alphonsus Parish was officially started on February 29, 1959. This is the year of our 50th Anniversary as a parish. We will begin our celebration with Archbishop Nienstadt presiding at our 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM Masses on Sunday, February 22, 2009.

We thank God for the many gifts and graces He has poured out upon us over these 50 years. We are the CHURCH, the BODY of CHRIST, the Church universal right here in St. Alphonsus Parish. Over the course of this year, **WE WILL REMEMBER THE PAST, CELEBRATE THE PRESENT, AND BELIEVE IN THE FUTURE!**

Over these many years St. Al's has embraced peoples of many cultures and ethnic groups. It is part of our heritage and welcoming spirit. One very simple way to express who we are as this People of God at this moment and time in history is to share food with each other. After the 10:30 and 12:30 Masses we are going to have receptions to greet the Archbishop and mingle with each other. Thus I invite everyone to bring your family favorite sweet breads, bars, rolls, and other breads (spice, lemon, pumpkin banana, etc.) to the reception! We have so many different foods that we can share with each other and this is the perfect time to do so. So let us bring all these delicious foods from our cultures and family origins and have a great food feast in honor of all the people of St. Al's. (I can taste these delicacies already.)

Please bring your baked goods to the parish office on Saturday, February 21, or to the CSSR Hall on Saturday afternoon until 5:00 PM. Please mark your item and put it in a non-returnable container of possible. Thanks to all who will help make this reception so special as we begin our 50th Anniversary celebration.

May God bless us all through this wonderful year as we celebrate 50 years of His loving presence in the great people of St. Alphonsus Parish.

Joyfully,
Fr. Pat, CSSR

PS: If you have any questions, please call Kathy in the office at 763-561-5100 or these folks and numbers: Pam & Chris Carlson (Parish Life Commission) 763-561-3958; or Margaret Dillon (St. Alphonsus Prayer Group) 763-566-4990.

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

5:30 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

Saturday 4:00-5:15 PM

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. Jimmy Pham, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Joseph Stenger, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Martin Stillmock, C.Ss.R.

Permanent Deacons

Rev. Mr. David Holst

Rev. Mr. John Winkelman

Administrator

David R. Johnson

503.3344

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Parish School Principal

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Religious Education Staff

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Teresa Rousseau

503.3349

Bilingual Pastoral Assistant

Michael DePass

503.3326

Director of Music

Mary Raeker

503.3322

Mass Intentions for this Week

A † before a name indicates the person is deceased.

Monday, February 9

7:00 AM † George Satovich

8:30 AM † Gerald Pennington

Tuesday, February 10

7:00 AM † Ruth & David Hingos

8:30 AM † Richie Hall

Wednesday, February 11

7:00 AM † Bud Miranowski

8:30 AM † Vern Fern

Thursday, February 12

7:00 AM † Leander & Marcella Van Heel

8:30 AM † Richie Hall

Friday, February 13

7:00 AM † John Foster

8:30 AM † Jerome Minor

Saturday, February 14

8:00 AM † Ivan Hayes

5:30 PM For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, February 15

7:00 AM † Elizabeth A. Larson

8:30 AM † Mary Paul

10:30 AM † Cleo Mangel

12:30 PM Intentions of the Day

5:30 PM † James Kalaher

Liturgical Ministers for Next Week

February 14 & 15, 2009

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5:30 PM

Lectors Christina Wilson & Loretta Jerome

Cantor Bill Miller

Accompanist Kathy Drew

Sunday 7:00 AM

Lectors Mike Jereczek & Emily Nguyen

Cantor Jean Olson

Accompanist Beth Kirscht

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lectors Judy Jordahl & Peggy Gilsdorf

Cantor Mary Ann Marschall

Accompanist Kathy Drew

Sunday 10:30 AM

Lectors Jill Collins & Gerald Hunt

Cantor Ken Shallbetter

Accompanist Kathy Drew

Music St. Alphonsus Chorale

Sunday 12:30 PM

Music Spanish Choir

Sunday 5:30 PM

Lectors Robert Thell & Jackie Skilondz

Music Youth Praise Band

**BEGINNING FEBRUARY 28, 2009
THE SATURDAY EVENING MASS WILL
BEGIN AT 5:00 PM.
SUNDAY EVENING WILL REMAIN AT 5:30 PM**

Friendship Sunday Today!

Its Friendship Sunday! Serving you will be young people in our Confirmation program. Come have a bagel or donut and coffee or juice and chat before rushing out into the cold. We will see you after all Sunday morning Masses.

Teams of Our Lady (TOOL)

In the vocation of Christian Marriage, we are called to a live as "**Sacramental Couples**". Sacramental couples live as communities that reveal God's blessings, reach out to heal the brokenness of the family and the world, and share their gifts with those around them. That's a tough job for us humans, but when we band together, it can be done. TOOL is one way that married couples can band together in support and mission. More information to follow....

St. Al's Cribbage

Come join us on February 10th at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria. Cost is \$6 and we promise a fun evening with friends.

Garage Sale in April

Heads up! The third annual parish Garage Sale will be held on April 17, 18, 19. Start thinking about what you no longer treasure, but some else might! Drop off day will be Saturday, April 11.

New Lector Schedules Are Ready

Ministers of the Word—please pick up your new schedule in Liturgical Ministry Room.

Debt Reduction Sweepstakes

The annual Debt Reduction Sweepstakes is back! The lucky winner's names will be drawn at the St. Patrick's Day Family Dance on March 14 in the school gym. *There are only 300 chances sold*, and this year, there will be **two big winners** of \$5000 each, as well as the 2nd place prize of \$500 and four winners of \$200 each. The chances are being sold at the parish office and after weekend Masses in the corridor. What a fun way to chip away at our Capital loan!



St. Al's February 15 Blood Drive

Give the gift of life! St. Alphonsus Health Ministry is sponsoring a Blood Drive, Sunday, February 15 from 8:30 am—12:30 pm. To sign up, call Dorothy at 763-560-0675, or leave a message at the parish health line, 763.506.3331. *Did you know—your single donation can save 3 lives! Blood is needed for cancer and surgery patients, burn victims, premature infants...the list is endless.* You must be 17 (16 with a parent's permission), be in good health—no very recent cold or flu, and bring a photo ID.

Respect Life Bake Sale-Next Week

Valentine's weekend, February 14 & 15, show your love for unborn children by baking something tasty for the sale. (Just drop it off on your way into weekend Mass.) Then buy something delicious for yourself or someone you love. The proceeds help pregnant women facing difficult circumstances.

Women's Day of Reflection

Begin your Lenten Journey at the Women's Day of Reflection on Saturday, February 28. Details on the Bulletin cover.

Charismatic Conference

A winter teaching conference sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office will be held Saturday, February 14 from 8:30-4:00 at St. John the Baptist in New Brighton. Come for excellent speakers, workshops and lunch. Pre-registration is necessary, call Jolene at 763.571.5314 or



This Week From Dave

Parish Administrator Dave Johnson

Dear Parish Community,

Having been blessed with the unique opportunity of being both a parishioner and an employee, the insights I gain watching you volunteer for our parish is inspiring. So many of you are giving so much of yourself to this family of faith and the joy with which you are doing it is rewarding to see. Another way to give a gift of you to the local community is to support the Health Ministry's Blood Drive this coming Sunday, February 15. Memorial Blood Center and area hospitals are in need of blood of all types to meet a growing demand. Check the postings and bulletin articles for further details. Whether you are a leader, servant or perhaps both thank you for all you do for St. Al's.

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
Call Becky at 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.

Bob Byrnes, Chair
424.7630

Jill Collins 536.0079
Gerie Fischer 566.3222
Jose Flores 208.2092
Kathy Hartley 566.3067
Brian Johnson 425.6418
Joe McCue 493.5754
Dave Muehlberg 315.9375
Kami Schmitz 425.8735
Ryan Snee 566-8583
Terrance Spanier 503.6760

Finance Commission

Ed Daley, Chair
763.566.5232

FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Schedule

Youth Praise Band – Sundays at 3:30 PM
 YPB sings at the 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday, Feb. 15
 S.A.L.T. – Wednesday, Feb. 18, 6:30 pm
 Sr. High Youth Night – Wednesday, Feb. 11 and 25, 6:30 pm
 Youth and Young Adult Commission – Monday, Feb. 16, 7 pm
 Latino Youth Group – Sunday, Feb. 15, 2:00 pm
 Virtus Session – Tuesday, Feb. 17, 6:30 pm

Thank You Cana Youth!

A late thank you goes out to all the youth who served the Cana Dinner. Thank you especially to **José Ruacho** who worked so hard to organize youth from both our Latino Youth Group and our S.A.L.T. team. These young people worked together to give the married couples of our parish a wonderful evening out! Great Job everybody!!

Summer Mission Trip

It is time to start planning for our annual summer Youth Mission Trip. We are headed to Chattanooga, Tennessee, to serve those in need. The Mission Trip is scheduled for July 6th – 13th, 2009. We will join Alive in You workcamps for an experience that is part service camp and part Catholic Youth Conference. So pack your bags, and join other young people from around the country on this incredible journey of faith. Please join us on Thursday, February 12th, 6:30 PM in the Youth Room for an informational meeting. For more information, please call Teresa at 763-503-3349.

Prayers for Youth

Our young people in the 11th grade religious education program are on retreat this weekend. The theme of the retreat is Gifts of the Spirit. Please pray for them that they may be inspired by the Holy Spirit to live lives of faithfulness and service.

Jubilee Masses on February 22

Archbishop Nienstedt will celebrate the 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM Masses on Sunday February 22. These will be a special celebration of our 50th Anniversary as a parish. In honor of the Archbishop's visit and our anniversary, we will have a reception after those two Masses. To celebrate our parish family we are asking you to bring your family's favorite sweet bread, bars or rolls for the reception. For more information, call Margaret at 763-566-4990 or Kathy at the parish office, 763.561.5100.

Parish Special Events

February 7—8	Blood Pressure Screening
February 8	Friendship Sunday
February 14	Baptisms (Spanish)
February 14	Children's Ministry Party
February 14-15	Respect Life Bake Sale
February 15	Blood Drive
February 15	Special Ed Valentine's Party
February 15	Baptisms (English)
February 19	St. Al's Seniors
February 22	Parish 50th Jubilee Masses
February 22	Pan African Meeting
February 25	Ash Wednesday
February 27	Lenten Soup Supper-CCW
February 28	Women's Day of Reflection
March 1	Sundae Sunday
March 6	Lenten Soup Supper

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

We are in need of adorers who will commit to the following hours: **Sun:** *3AM, *4AM, 3PM; **Mon:** 4AM and 4 PM; **Wed:** 11AM, *noon; **Thurs:** *7 AM **Fri:** 6 AM, *10AM, 1PM, 5PM, *8PM; **Sat:** 9AM, *1AM, 2AM, NOON, 1PM, 8PM. (*we are currently filling that hour with subs) God bless all who keep our Chapel open. Call Becky at 763.566.8276 if interested.

Missing Bible Study Video Tapes

We have accumulated quite a Bible Study video library. These videos are available to borrow. Several from our collection are missing. Do you have a set at your house? Please return to the Parish Office so they will be available for others to use. If you have a question, call Rose at 763.566.4193.

Caregiver's Renewal

Come to a day of quiet spiritual renewal just for you on Saturday, February 14, 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM. at St. Vincent de Paul 9100 93rd Ave. N. Brooklyn Park, MN 55445. This event will include the celebration of Mass, prayer, conferences and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Cost is \$10-lunch will be provided. For more info, or to register please call Deacon Sean or Joan Curtan at 651- 291-4543.

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



VIRTUS Sessions at St. Al's

Remember, all adults who volunteer with our students, at St. Al's, are required to take the VIRTUS training session, sign a code of conduct form and complete a background check before spending any time with kids. This is a directive from our Archbishop. Jon Heyer has set up the following VIRTUS session at St. Al's:

Tuesday, February 17th at 6:30pm in the CSsR Hall

Please register for a Virtus Session at www.virtusonline.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Terry, or the school office at (763) 561-5101.

Join Us – Children's Mass every Wednesday

Wednesday morning Mass at 8:30am is hosted by the students of St. Alphonsus School. Please feel free to join us as students present the reading, prayers and music.



Reminder – No School, February 13th or February 16th

Just a reminder that there is no school on Friday, February 13th or Monday, February 16th. Enjoy the long weekend!

February 14th – Happy Valentine's Day!

The U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates approximately one billion valentines are sent each year worldwide, making the day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year behind Christmas. The association estimates that women purchase approximately 85% of all valentines.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valentine's_Day



Cana Dinner Pictures are Here

If you had your Picture taken by the photographer at the Cana Dinner, please stop by the parish office to pick them up. The cost is \$4/picture. If you have questions, please call Michael DePass at 763.503.3326.

Making Monthly Lunches for Sharing and Caring Hands

"The Old Timers" get together on the fourth Tuesday of each month to prepare and deliver a lunch to Sharing and Caring Hands. They need additional helpers to be able to continue this very worthwhile Ministry. If you could help, or want more information, please call Jim Joranger at 763.535.7879.

Attention: St. Al's Seniors (50+)

News Flash: Winter Picnic on Thursday, February 19, in the C.Ss.R. Hall beginning with a social at 5:30. This is an annual event consisting of hotdogs, potato salad, beans, etc. and dessert (but no ants!) for \$6.00. Reservations are needed, so please call Lillian Stay at 763-561-4026 or Marlin or Rita Roehrl by Monday, February 16. After the picnic, there will be a short meeting followed by cards and games. Bring your friends and neighbors and enjoy the evening together.

Looking for St. Al's School Alumni

In conjunction with the Parish's 50th Anniversary, there will be an **all-school reunion** on Marathon weekend (October 3, 2009). We need your help! Please call or email the school with the names and addresses of **everyone** you know who attended the school, so we can invite them to this splendid get-together! 763.561.5101 or email the Secretary: seldenb@mystals.org.

Appeal-We Are One Body in Christ

Next Weekend begins the new 2009 Catholic Services Appeal. This Appeal supports many ministries that help provide for spiritual, educational and social needs to many within our Archdiocese. Coming soon in your mail will be a letter from Archbishop Nienstedt. Each parishioner should receive this letter. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the Appeal.

**Financial Stewardship
January Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, 2009**

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Actual	\$30,016	\$921,675
Budgeted	\$29,672	\$948,252
Variance	\$345	(\$26,577)
For Debt Reduction	\$1507	

Thank you for your generosity!

Readings for the Week of February 8, 2009

Sunday

Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7/ 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1: 29-39

Monday

Gn 1:1-19 / Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

Gn 1:20—2:4a / Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17

Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

Gn 2:18-25 / Mk 7:24-30

Friday

Gn 3:1-8 / Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

Gn 3:9-24 / Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 / 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 / Mk 1:40-45

Please Pray for the Sick

Gunner Gruenke

Kurt LeDell

Bill Rowe,

Friend of Pam and Chris Carlson

Romana Jorgensen,

Former parishioner and mother of Bruce Jorgensen

Sue Theobald,

Mother of Rosemary Seifert

Harold Payne,

Father of John Payne

Ewan Chown,

Brother of Kate Freeman

Ken McIntosh

God Grant Eternal Rest

Dorothy Jean Nelson,

Sister of Robert Nelson

Tom Pohl,

Former parishioner

Gertrude Dupla,

Mother of Ray Kroll

Happy Anniversary!
May God continue to bless the marriage of:
Vern and Cathy Ralph-58 years
February 3

NOTICIAS DE NUESTRA COMUNIDAD

Misa con el Arzobispo Nienstedt

Domingo, el 22 de febrero tenemos una Misa Especial con el Arzobispo Nienstedt. Nuestro arzobispo celebrará Las Misas de 10:30 AM y con nosotros a las 12:30 PM. Todos están invitados al salón de la iglesia después de la Misa para darlo la bienvenida.

Pedimos Pan Dulce

para ofrecer algo tradicional de nuestra comunidad. Cada cultura de la nuestra Parroquia va a traer una comida típica. Si todos puedan traer pan dulce **sábado, el 21 de febrero** durante el día a la oficina de la iglesia o directamente al salón sábado en la tarde sería buenísimo. Así podemos representar La Comunidad Latina aquí en San Alfonso.

Calendario de Bautizos

Pláticas de Preparación

A las 7:00 de la tarde

Martes

3 de marzo (salón)

No hay en abril

5 de mayo (salón)

2 de junio (salón)

Bautizos

A las 11:00 de la mañana

Sábado

14 de febrero

14 de marzo

No hay en abril

9 de mayo

13 de junio

La Cena de Cana-Fotos

Las fotos están listas. Se puede recoger su foto en la oficina de la iglesia. Cuesta \$4 por foto. Gracias.

Nuestra Capilla de Adoración Perpetua

Todos están invitados pasar por la capilla y adorar al Santísimo. Si le gustaría comprometer una hora cada semana adorar, se puede llamar a 763.503.3326.

Nuestro Programa de Catecismo

Hay dos pláticas obligatorias para los padres de niños(as) **de los grados 2° y 3°** quienes son haciendo La 1° Comunión.

El 18 o 21 de febrero

Miércoles – 6:30 pm en la iglesia

Sábado – 9:30 am en la escuela –salón 138

El 25 o 28 de Marzo

Miércoles – 6:30 pm en la iglesia

Sábado – 9:30 am en la escuela –salón 138

Ensayo para La Primera Comunión. Los daremos más información cuando acercamos las fechas.

El 15 o 22 de abril

Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES)

ofrece clases de inglés como segundo idioma (ESL) y clases de ciudadanía. Todas las clases son gratis y ofrecidas en St. Paul y Minneapolis. CLUES es el proveedor más grande en Minnesota de servicios de salud mental y humanos a Latinos en las áreas de: Salud Mental, Fármaco Dependencia, Bienestar de Personas Mayores, Educación y Empleo. Para más información y para inscribirse, por favor llame a 651-379-4200.

Ministerio de Evangelización

Es para adultos que tienen interés de estudiar La Biblia, rezar, y desarrollar su vida espiritual. Los sábados entre las 9 am y las 11 am. Reúnen en la casa de Formación de La Fe atrás del gimnasio. Se puede entrar por el lado de la calle. Todos están invitados. No es necesario registrarse.

El Grupo Juvenil

Nos reunimos e; primer y tercer domingo de cada mes después de la misa. Todos los jóvenes de edades 7 a 12 están invitados.

Horario de las Misas

En Español

Domingo—12:30 PM

En Inglés

Sábado: 5:30 PM

Domingo:

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

Días de la semana
(lunes a viernes)

7:00 AM y 8:30 AM

sábado – 8:00 AM

Información De Los Sacramentos

Confesiones:

Todos los domingos 30 minutos antes de la misa en español.

Bautismo

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

Bodas:

Debe hacer una cita con
Padre Bill.

Confirmación:

Llama la oficina a
763.503.3326.

Unción de los Enfermos:

Llama la oficina a
763.503.3326.

Se puede llamarnos a 763.503.3326.

Estamos aquí para servirles.
Paz y alegría en Jesucristo,
Nuestro Salvador,

Padre Bill Bueche,

Ministerio Latino

Michael DePass, Asistente



Parish Health Ministry

The Gathering Place

Are you a care giver in your home? You may both need a break. Come to Brooklyn United Methodist Church on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month. The nurses in St. Alphonsus Health Ministry help staff "The Gathering Place." Care and fellowship is provided for care *receivers* from 10:00 am—3:00 pm. There is a support meeting for care *givers* at 10:00 am. For more information call: **The Parish Health Line: 763.503.3331**

WomenSource Restoring Hope

For Women Facing Unplanned Pregnancies, a new Total Life Care Center has opened in Osseo. Located at 106 Central Avenue, Suite C. WomenSource can be reached by calling 763.425.4637 or womensource@gmail.com/ Pregnancy Testing, help for you and your baby.

Paint-A-Thon Homeowner Applications

Low-income elderly and disabled homeowners with homes in need of a fresh coat of paint are encouraged to apply now for the 2009 Metro Paint-A-Thon. Homeowners should call Metro Paint-A-Thon at 612-721-8687, ext. 321 and leave a message, including your address and phone number. The application also is available online at www.gmcc.org/paint-a-thon.

Update Family Information for Directory

Does our parish database have YOUR family membership record correct? We will have a parish Guide Book and Directory published this spring. Please let us know if there have been any changes, additions or deletions that have occurred in your family.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Will you be moving soon? Have any of your children grown and left your home? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the parish office about changes, please let us know now, so our directory is correct. The Parish Office number is: 763.561.5100 or email us the information at: parishoffice@stalsmn.org.

Your Business Communication Opportunity

Our Bulletin publisher, Liturgical Publications, will have a representative here in February to review and update the ads that appear on the last two pages of our weekly Bulletin. Advertisements can be purchased for business, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting a community service organization which would help them and the parish. If you are interested, or know someone who may be, or want more information, please call our rep, Jim Byrne at 1.800.678.4574 x215.