

The Catholic Church of **St. Alphonsus**

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From the Pastor's Desk

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Minnesota Food Share has the *March Campaign*, a statewide food drive to end hunger in Minnesota. During this March campaign, all food donations given to CEAP are matched by Minnesota Food Share and the Feinstein Foundation. Thus the more food and dollars CEAP raises the greater the match and the greater the value of our donation.

I am asking St. Alphonsus parishioners to make the **last weekend of March, 28 & 29, our food drive for CEAP** rather than the first weekend of the month. Please bring nonperishable food items and place them around the altar. For every \$5.00 donation, CEAP can purchase \$25.00 worth of food. Let us make the *March Campaign* a great outpouring of St. Alphonsus' generosity to fight hunger.

We have three feast days for saints this week. March 15 is the feast day of St. Clement Hofbauer, one of our Redemptorist saints. St. Clement founded the first house of the Redemptorists in Warsaw, Poland where he had a very fruitful apostolate with the collaboration of young men of various nationalities. Clement also worked in Vienna, Austria until his death in 1820. He is co-patron of Vienna and Austria and under his guidance the Redemptorist Congregation spread from Vienna throughout Northern Europe.

On Tuesday, March 17, we have the feast of St. Patrick, the patron of Ireland and my patron saint as well! Tis a glorious feast day for all the Irish and those who wish they were Irish.

On Thursday, March 19, we have the feast of St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus and husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus. St. Joseph is the patron saint of workers and carpenters. Thursday is also the patronal feast of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI.

An Irish Blessing:

May God give you.....

*For every storm a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial,
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.*

Blessings!
Fr. Pat, CSSR

LENT 2009

**Daily Masses,
Monday—Friday**

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 6:00 PM

Saturday morning

8:00 AM

Stations of the Cross

Friday at 5:30 PM

Friday Soup Supper

CSSR Hall at 6:30 pm,
following Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday 4:00 pm—
5:00 PM

Tuesday, March 31,

9:00—10:00 AM

Friday, April 3,

4:00—5:00 PM

Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 PM

a Communal

Taizé Penance Service

Wednesday April 8,

9:00—10 AM &

4:00—5:00 PM



**Remember the Past!
Celebrate the Present!
Believe in the Future!**

MARCH 15, 2009 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Music Notes:

You may have noticed a few little differences the last weeks at church. For instance, there was no opening song, and we sang the Penitential Rite (Kyrie Eleison). During Lent, the season of penance, the Penitential Rite takes on a special importance. We use this rite to acknowledge our own sinfulness and our need for God's goodness in our lives. We begin Mass in silence, omitting the usual greeting and handshake we are accustomed to and focus on God and his goodness and mercy. Singing the Kyrie Eleison together places further emphasis on this rite of the church.

Some of you have asked me why the cantor is singing the psalm from the brick ambo. The psalm is more than a musical break in the action at church. It is the word of God, and in keeping with the recommendation of the church, we are proclaiming it from the same place the rest of scripture is proclaimed. Part of the reason we had not been going to the ambo in the past is because the cantors had a hard time hearing the piano from the ambo. We have made adjustments to the monitor speakers in the sanctuary, allowing us to hear the piano, and make the change to singing the psalm from the ambo.

Mary Raeker

Sponsor a Special Needs Student

The Archdiocesan retreat for special needs students will be held in April. The weekend retreat's cost is \$140 per student. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** in sponsoring our Special Ed students so they can experience this opportunity. Any donations at all will be gratefully accepted. We would like to send as many students as we can. You can put your donation in an envelope marked "**Special Needs Retreat**" and drop it in the basket at Mass or send it to Barb Walhood, St. Alphonsus, 7025 Halifax Ave N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429. Thank you!

KC Breakfast Next Week

Next Sunday, March 22 the Knights of Columbus will be preparing a terrific breakfast featuring eggs and sausage, with all sorts of great sides. Stop by 8—12:39 for a real morning treat. Your donations will help the Knights with their good works throughout the year for our parish and our community.

Branch Meal Served This Week

Your home-baked cookies and bars make it a special meal that we serve at Catholic Charities Branch shelter. Please have them to the office by 9:00 am Tuesday. Thanks for Caring!

Mass Intentions for this Week

A † before a name indicates the person is deceased.

Monday, March 16

7:00 AM † Erin Brunkhorst
8:30 AM † Hilda Tomczik Sundstrom
6:00 PM † Stephen Kronebusch

Tuesday, March 17—St. Patrick's Day

7:00 AM † Nho Tran
8:30 AM † Pat Kucera
6:00 PM † Bob Morrisette

Wednesday, March 18

7:00 AM † Don Polack
8:30 AM † Stanley & Joanne Zvoloski
6:00 PM † Otto Salchert

Thursday, March 19

7:00 AM † Emmet Beckel
8:30 AM † Mary Paul
6:00 PM † George Lauzon

Friday, March 20

7:00 AM † George Lauzon
8:30 AM † George & Ruth Fast
6:00 PM † Don Polack

Saturday, March 21

8:00 AM St. Al's Ministers of Care
5:00 PM † Mary Sargent

Sunday, March 22

7:00 AM † Ivan Hayes
8:30 AM For the Parishioner of St. Alphonsus
10:30 AM † Elizabeth A. Larson
12:30 PM Intentions of the Day
5:30 PM † Topper Thibodeaux

**Liturgical Ministers for Next Week
March 22, 2009 — 4th Sunday of Lent****Saturday 5:00 PM**

Lectors Judy Jordahl & Mike Kraemer
Cantor Carol Carlson
Accompanist Mary Raeker
Ensemble Contemporary Praise Choir

Sunday 7:00 AM

Lectors Ray Kroll & Robert Thell
Cantor Jean Olson
Accompanist Carol Vickery

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lectors Anna Hardy-Brown & Jill Collins
Cantor Mary Raeker
Accompanist

Sunday 10:30 AM

Lectors Laura Rohlik & Frank Barry
Cantor Mike Steinmetz
Accompanist Carol Vickery
Ensemble Chorale Choir

Sunday 12:30 PM

Music Spanish Choir

Sunday 5:30 PM

Lectors Michelle Buechner & Karen Blanchard
Cantor Ed Dziedzic
Accompanist Kathy Drew

CEAP had a **30% increase** in pounds of food given and a **18% increase** in families served this January compared to 2008. These numbers tell the story: it is a hard time for families—our neighbors.

**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

Saturday 4:00-5:00 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.

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Rev. Mr. John Winkelman

Administrator

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503.3344
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Youth Ministry Coordinator

Teresa Rousseau
503.3349

Bilingual Pastoral Assistant

Michael DePass
503.3326

Director of Music

Mary Raeker
503.3322

"Right or Wrong" Lenten Series

The Adult Ed Commission presentations are Thursdays at 7:00pm in the CSSR Hall by Redemptorist Moral Theologians. The March 19 topic is "Input, The Raw Data Processing Tool" with Fr. Don Kirschner, CSSR, addressing the sources used to form our conscience—nature, society, scripture. Where do we look for guidance? You are welcome to come for any or all sessions.

Ladies of the Parish

Are you looking for a connection to the other women of this parish? The CCW (Council of Catholic Women) has a number of small groups, called guilds, formed by neighborhood, or by common interest, or lifestyle, etc. The guilds participate in the Bazaar, and enjoy social time year round, as well as spiritual sharing, and have a mission project. For more information, call Carol at 763.424.7217. A guild is a great way to feel at home in this large parish.

Girl Scout Cookies Sold Here

Cookies are available after all Masses this weekend and next. Help a St. Al's Troop!

Old Blessed Palms

Drop off the blessed palms from previous years in the boxes at all the church entrances.



This Week From Dave

Parish Administrator Dave Johnson

Dear Parish Community,

In recent years the Archdiocese has instituted two programs to safeguard employees, protect property and reduce costs in worker's compensation and minimize liability claims. This program referred to as PACE/PRISM offers as an incentive to parishes a credit of as much as 20% against the costs of insurance. In the most current year of the program over \$475,000 in credits were distributed to the 60 (out of 222) parishes that elected to participate. In addition to the cost savings the program improves the human resources and risk management policies of participating parishes. Parishioners should be proud that St. Alphonsus was an early adopter of the program and the parish was recently informed that it will receive a credit of \$14,870 towards our next insurance premium.

God Bless! Dave

New Parish Phone Directory

Thanks to all who have called to update their listing for the directory. Be sure to let us know if you don't want your phone number/address given. Let us know too, if your grown-up kids have moved out (or moved back in). Do you have a new phone number now? Do you want it listed? We can keep your number here for staff use, but have it unlisted for the directory.

Businesses—consider sponsoring an ad in the directory. Call Administrator Dave Johnson at 763.503.3344.

Building Healthy Communities – a Friday Night Series

Each Friday we explore the ways social conditions affect the health of our community. This week's topic: *Becoming American*. Many new immigrants arrive healthier than the average American, but lose that edge as time passes. Why? Topics upcoming in remaining weeks: *Bad Sugar*, and *Place Matters*. Shown and discussed in the south portion of the CSSR Hall during Soup Supper. Info: Mary Ellen 763.561.1761.

Could You Be a Minister of Care?

We take the sacrament of the Eucharist to those who are homebound, at Care Centers and Hospital. If you are interested in this ministry, please call Joyce Ellis at 763.561.7351.

Adult Education Lenten Series

"Right or Wrong-How Can You Decide"
Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM

Isaiah Video/Discussions

"Building Healthy Communities"
Friday evenings—South side of CSSR Hall during Soup Suppers.

Living Stations

Presented by St. Alphonsus Youth
April 3, 7:00 PM; April 5, 7:00 PM
Good Friday, April 11, at Noon

Lenten Regulations

All Fridays through the year, and especially during Lent, are penitential days.

Abstinence

14 years old and older—abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent.

Fasting

Ages 18 - 59, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

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
 S.A.L.T. – Wednesday, March 18th, 6:30 pm
 Sr. High Youth Night – Wednesday, March 25th, 6:30 pm
 Latino Youth Group – Sunday, March 15th, 2:00 pm
 Gifts of the Spirit Retreat – Sat & Sun. March 14-15th
 Living Stations Meeting – Sunday, March 15th, 3:00 pm

Summer Mission Trip

It is time to prepare 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. **Registration Deadline March 15th**. Please call Teresa for information on how you can become a part of this fabulous opportunity. Teresa - 763-503-3349

Living Stations of the Cross

Preparation has begun on the Living Stations of the Cross presentation. The Living Stations is a presentation put on by the Youth Ministry Program portraying the Stations of the Cross. Again this year we need all of our youth to participate. Join us on Sunday, March 15th at 3:00 pm in the Youth Room to plan and practice. We will meet in the Youth Room. If you are interested, please come to rehearsal or call Teresa in the Youth Office at 763-503-3349. All are welcome to participate!!

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

March is Food Share Month

The food and cash given to CEAP this month is multiplied through matching funds. This is an excellent time to use the CEAP envelope in your monthly packet!

Parish Special Events

March 15	Latino Health Fair
March 19	<i>Moral Decisions</i> Adult Ed
March 20	Soup Supper by Priests/Staff
March 22	KC Egg & Sausage Breakfast
March 22	Pan African Meeting
March 22	Civil Rights Assembly
March 26	<i>Moral Decisions</i> Adult Ed
March 27	Soup Supper by the School
March 29	Sundae Sunday
April 2	Baptism Class (English)
April 2	<i>Moral Decisions</i> Adult Ed
April 3	Soup Supper by Choir
April 4 & 5	Spring Boutique
April 5	Palm Sunday
April 5	Friendship Sunday
April 7	Taizé Penance Service
April 9	Holy Thursday
April 10	Good Friday
April 11	RCIA Retreat
April 12	Easter Sunday

Job Club—Job Loss Support

Come be part of the sharing and networking of those looking for work. We will have a meeting at 5:30 PM **March 19** in the St. Alphonsus Room of the Faith Formation Building (behind the gym at 4111 71st Ave. N.) For more information call Kevin Haeg 763-561-5092 or klhcash@comcast.net.

Prepare Ministry

This Program is an opportunity for married couples to help prepare engaged couples for the sacrament of marriage. This ministry can be conveniently performed in your own home on your own schedule. A training session will be held in May. If you are interested, please call Rudy or Lucy Anderle for more information at 763.566.5829.

Cana Dinner DVD Set Available

This two-disc professional DVD is not only a beautiful representation of our intercultural community for anyone to enjoy, but also a wonderful keepsake for all who attended. It contains footage of the Bilingual Mass, the dinner, the talk, "The Grace of Marriage", a moving "slide show" of the couples present, and the dance. To order this set, please bring or mail \$15 to the Parish Office.

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 1º 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



St. Al's Kids Advance in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Six St. Al's kids won at the district level competition of the KC's Free Throw Contest. The competition was held at St. Al's last month. The winners were: Marissa Stelzer, Ali Hall, MacKenzie Lundstrom, Danny Martinez, Alton Brooks and Riley Reuter. Then the regional level competition was held at Holy Name of Jesus and the following students won their division: Marissa Stelzer, Ali Hall and Riley Reuter. They will now move on to State on March 28th at Jefferson High School. Congratulations to everyone who competed!



Annual Garage Sale

We have this news item from Pat Gaffner: Our annual garage sale will be coming up soon. Please start saving anything you would like to donate. Our drop-off day will be Saturday, April 11th with the actual garage sale on April 17th, 18th and 19th. Watch for more information.



St. Patrick's Day – Tuesday, March 17th

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and the Irish. He was born about 389 A.D. in Northern Wales, which at that time may have been part of England or Scotland. St. Patrick had an adventurous life. He was captured by pirates at the age of 16. The Irish pirates brought him to Ireland to tend the flocks of a chieftain in Ulster. Six years of slavery made him a devoted Christian. He escaped to France and became a monk. In 432, a vision led him to return to Ireland as a missionary bishop. He brought Christianity to Ireland and taught there for 29 years. He used the shamrock, a 3 leaf clover, (Ireland's national flower) to explain the Blessed Trinity. St. Patrick founded 365 churches, baptized over 120,000 people and consecrated 450 bishops. <http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/st-patricks-day/about.html>



Pray For Faith Formation Students

For Lent, the grade 2—6 Faith Formation students are praying **the Stations of the Cross** and have a reflection to discuss with the adult giving them a ride home. Our goal for the students is to learn the story of Jesus' death and resurrection and share their knowledge and thoughts with others. Also, All elementary students will be **collecting and donating hygiene items** for Sharing and Caring Hands. You can donate too—there will be a collection box beneath the Faith Formation bulletin board in the CSSR Corridor. Thanks for helping!

Habitat For Humanity

If you want to volunteer this year, please do so through another church in the coalition. If anyone has an interest in being St. Al's HFH chair/coordinator, please contact Rick at (763) 424-5585.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

St. Alphonsus receives 25% of the gifts/pledges that are made through the parish. No gift is too small! Return a "0" pledge if you are unable to give this year. Follow-up calls begin in April to non-responders.

We are one body, one body in Christ.

CCW Deanery Meeting

The Catholic Women in this area will meet on Monday, March 23 at St. Charles Borromeo in St. Anthony, MN for a Retreat Day with Most Rev. Anthony Crisotelli, TOF as speaker. The Day includes Rosary, Mass and Luncheon. Please call Lorrie May 763.657.1757 **by March 16th** to make reservations.

Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly Seeks Peer Counselors

If you are 55 or older, a good listener, supportive and interested in helping isolated seniors, consider becoming a peer counselor. The program serves older adults in Ramsey and Hennepin counties. A free 36-hr training is provided. For more information, call Nicole at 612.747.0753

**Financial Stewardship
March 7 & 8, 2009**

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Actual	\$25,702	\$1,068,250
Budgeted	\$25,332	\$1,093,769
Variance	\$380	(\$25,519)

For Debt Reduction \$454.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Readings for the Week of March 15, 2009

Sunday

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 / 1 Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab / Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a

Friday

Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21

Please Pray for the Sick

Darlene Fitzpatrick

Elaine Spudic

Pauline Seglem

Christine Lange,
Daughter of Angie Henry

Lucille Topel,
Mother of Judy McAlpin

Dolores Kocieniewski,
Sister of Mary Meyer

God Grant Eternal Rest

Donald Bonander,
Uncle of Janice Rose

Thomas Borchert,
Son-in-law of Larry & Diane DeRosier

Joseph Nhat
Uncle of Fr. Jimmey Pham

Lillian Mitchell,
Mother of Barb Miller

Jim Sehm,
Friend of several parishioners

Happy Anniversary!
May God continue to bless the marriage of:

Dave & Barb Kalliber—50 years
March 11

NOTICIAS DE NUESTRA COMUNIDAD

Calendario de Bautizos

Pláticas de Preparación (En el salón de la iglesia)

A las 7:00 de la tarde

El primer martes

No hay en abril

5 de mayo

2 de junio

7 de julio

4 de agosto

Bautizos

A las 11:00 de la mañana

El segundo sábado

14 de marzo - No hay en abril

9 de mayo

13 de junio

11 de julio

8 de agosto

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.

Venta de Garaje Parroquial

¡Es tiempo ahorrar dinero! Esta venta de garaje será el 17, 18, y 19 de abril. **Se puede donar sus cosas sábado, el 11 de abril atrás de la escuela.**

Celebramos el Cinco de Mayo

Será sábado, el 2 de mayo a las 6:00 de la tarde en el gimnasio de Nuestra Escuela. Todos están invitados para esta celebración importante. También, buscamos gente trabajar de voluntario ayudarnos hacer el evento un éxito. Favor de llamarnos si puede ayudar. Gracias.

Video de la Cena de Caná

Si le gustaría ordenar el DVD de 2 discos, se puede pagar \$15 y apuntar su nombre después de misa o en la oficina. Es un recuerdo tan bonito de la misa bilingüe, la cena, la orientación matrimonial, los presentes, y el baile. También, es una representación excelente de quien somos como comunidad intercultural.

Cuaresma- los viernes

Misa (inglés) -6pm

Cena de sopa después

El Vía Crucis (inglés) 5:30 PM

Bilingüe (**español e inglés**)

Viernes, el **27 de marzo**

Viernes, el **3 de abril**

Viernes Santo – Ceremonia bilingüe de Veneración de La Cruz -7:00 PM

Domingo de La Pascua – 12:30 PM

Somos Un Solo Cuerpo

El Llamada de los Servicios Católicos de 2009 es para recaudar fondos para los ministerios, para los programas y para las oficinas que benefician a tantas personas y parroquias de toda la Arquidiócesis. Se puede encontrar sobres para poner su donativo en la entrada de la iglesia. Muchas gracias por su generosidad.

Registrarse en La Parroquia

Se puede registrarse en La Parroquia de San Alfonso cualquier día en la oficina de la iglesia. También, la hoja de registración está puesta enfrente de las puertas de la entrada principal de la iglesia. Los miembros registrados de la parroquia reciben sobres cada semana para entregar sus donativos. Así, cada enero podemos enviar por correo **un record de la cantidad total que fue donado** a la iglesia para poder declararlo en sus **impuestos (taxes) oficialmente.**

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. Llámenos a 763.503.3326.

El Grupo Juvenil

Nos reunimos después de misa. Todos los jóvenes de grados 7 a 12 están invitados.

Viaje de Servicio de Jóvenes

El 6 de julio al 13 de julio de 2009.

Asamblea de Sus Derechos Civiles

Será domingo, el 22 de marzo después de la misa. Comienza a las 2:00 de la tarde en el gimnasio de nuestra escuela. Hay guardería por los niños. Todos están invitados aprender más de sus derechos al respeto de inmigración. Es para preguntas específicas también.

Horario de las Misas

En Español

Domingo—12:30 PM

En Inglés

Sábado: 5:00 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.

Estamos aquí para servirles.

Paz y alegría en Jesucristo,

Nuestro Salvador,

Padre Bill Bueche,

Ministerio Latino

Michael DePass, Asistente

**Se puede llamarnos a
763.503.3326.**

Help Sponsor a Special Needs Student

The Archdiocesan retreat for special needs students will be held in April. The retreat is held from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon and the cost is \$140 per student. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** in sponsoring our Special Ed students so they can experience this opportunity. Any donations at all will be gratefully accepted. We would like to send as many students as we can. You can put your donation in an envelope marked "**Special Needs Retreat**" and drop it in the basket at Mass or send it to Barb Walhood, St. Alphonsus, 7025 Halifax Ave N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429. We are fortunate to have Religious *Special Ed* here! Thanks.

PARISH CAPITAL LOAN

Your debt reduction contributions were \$86,557 for the period July 1, 2008 through Feb 28, 2009. Our loan payments (7/1/08 – 2/28/09), Principal = \$25,724, Interest = \$ 48,665, Total = \$74,389. The Loan Balance as of February 28, 2009 is \$1,206,128. This 20 year term loan is with Knights of Columbus at an interest rate of 5.98%. The monthly loan payment of \$9,299 is made with your Debt Reduction envelopes. Any contributions above the loan obligation will be used to pay down additional principal. *Thank you* for all your contributions towards the St. Alphonsus Loan Debt. If you have any questions about the loan, contact Karen Evans in the Business Office 763.503.3389.

On The Go with the Seniors

Tos Orchestra Hall – Sunday, May 3. Vocal Essence: Orchestra Hall welcomes 6 prestigious professional and community choirs from Minnesota to join together for a celebration of incredible music. We have reserved great main floor seats. The cost is only \$34.00 which includes motor coach transportation and admission. Call Alice at 763-424-6094 for further details and to sign up. (The Holy Thursday trip is filled –call Alice for waiting list.)

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Regular Adorers are needed: **Sun:** *3 AM, *4 AM, 3 PM; **Mon:** 4 AM, 2 PM; **Wed:** 11 AM; **Fri:** 6 AM, 1 PM; **Sat:** *1 AM, 2 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM NOON, 1 PM, 8 PM. Call Becky Borchardt at 763-566-8276. *indicates there is no regular adorer for that hour, it is being temporarily filled by a substitute. Everyone is welcome to stop in anytime. This is a wonderful way to enhance your prayer life.

Dear St. Alphonsus Parish Community...

A few months ago you were asked to **SHARE IN THE CARE** of retired religious and in these uncertain financial times, you generously contributed **\$4990.50**. THANK YOU! May God bless you abundantly.
-Sister Midge Breiter, SSND Archdiocesan RFFR Coordinator

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