

The Catholic Church of

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A Prayer of Thanksgiving

We are gathered here as Your family, Oh Lord.

As family of faith and love, we give You thanks.

As your guests at the table of life, we are grateful that

You have set a place for us.

As Your children, we strive to follow You in all we do.

As servants to Your will,

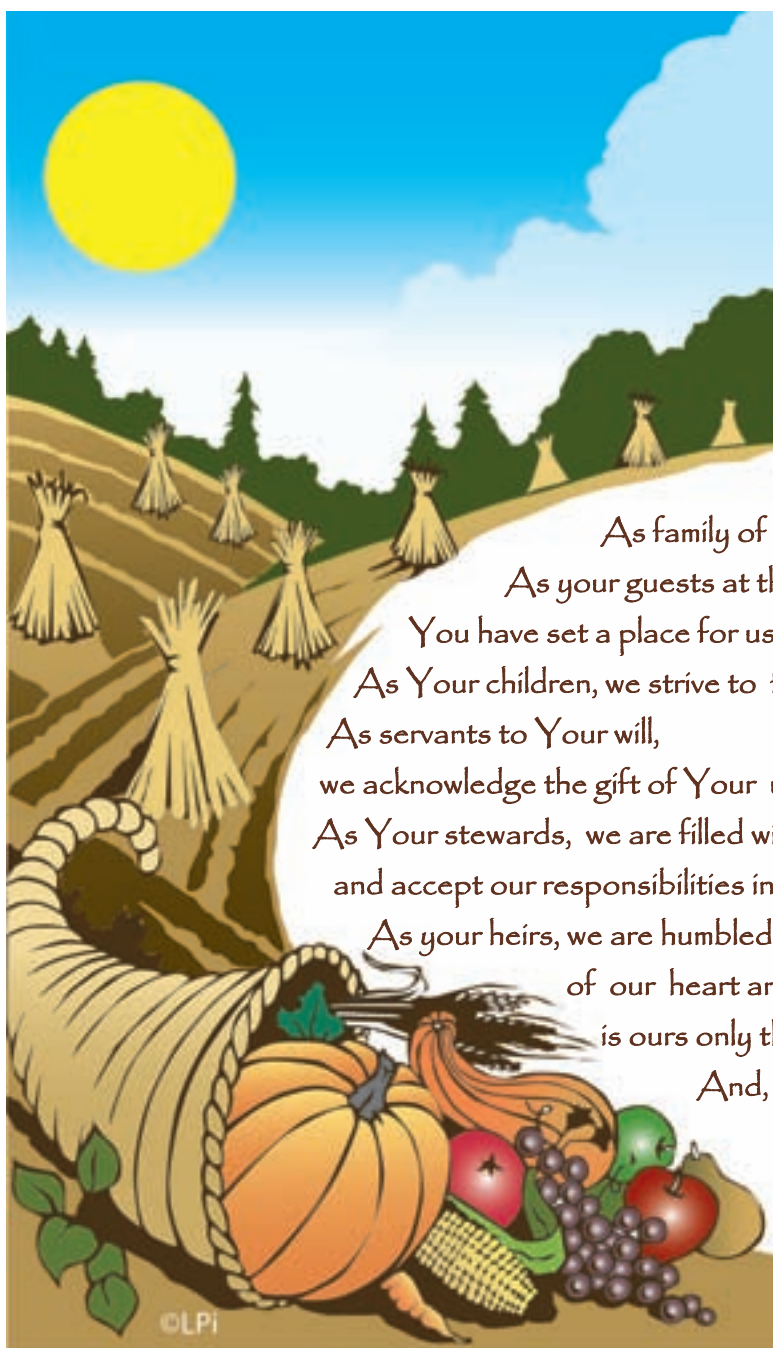
we acknowledge the gift of Your understanding and mercy,

As Your stewards, we are filled with wonder in the presence of Your mighty deeds and accept our responsibilities in Your service.

As your heirs, we are humbled by the bounty You have given us, for each beat of our heart and each breath that we draw, |
is ours only through Your grace.

And, as Your family, we shout your name and give
You all glory and honor, praise and thanks.

Amen.





From the Pastor's Desk

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On behalf of all the Redemptorists and the lay staff who serve you here at St. Alphonsus, we wish you a blessed and restful Thanksgiving. We are honored to serve you in the parish and are most grateful for your support in all of our ministries. St. Alphonsus Parish is a caring and loving community and we all must be grateful for the blessings that God has given us over these 50 years.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2009 we will have one Mass at 9:00 am. Plan to attend this beautiful liturgy and give thanks to our God for our blessings as a nation, parish community, and in our individual families and lives. Gratefulness is our gift to God for all that He has given us, especially in giving us His Son Jesus Christ. We will have a food collection at the Thanksgiving Mass. There is a great need this year at the food shelves, so gifts of non-perishable can be brought to the altar at the Offertory. May we be as generous in our sharing with others as our God is with us.

I want to express my personal thanks to all those who have responded to the Stewardship Appeal. Many have increased their Sunday offerings and this will help keep St. Al's on a solid financial foundation and provide for the future needs of the parish. Let us pray in gratitude for all our St. Alphonsus parishioners for their giving of time, talent, and treasure.

God bless us all this week. May we enjoy the company of family and friends. May those who are traveling have safe journeys.

Gratefully,
Fr. Pat, CSSR

Mass Intentions for this Week

A † before a name indicates the person is deceased.

Monday, November 23

7:00 AM † Paul Bentley
8:30 AM † Mary Paul

Tuesday, November 24

7:00 AM † Jack Yevnatich
8:30 AM † John O'Sullivan

Wednesday, November 25

7:00 AM † Vivian Bisek
8:30 AM † Helen Sharp

Thursday, November 26—Thanksgiving

7:00 AM Tuan & Kim Anh Huynh

Friday, November 27

7:00 AM † Sidney Chaffee
8:30 AM † Jerome & Evelyn Minor

Saturday, November 28

8:00 AM † Jim Donahue
5:00 PM † Wally Lund

Sunday, November 29

7:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
8:30 AM † Jill Lang-Zajak
10:30 AM † Martin Wuebben
12:30 PM Intentions of the Day
5:30 PM † Alice Eskierka

Liturgical Ministers for Next Week

Thursday, November 26—Thanksgiving

Lector Mike Kraemer
Cantor Ken Shallbetter
Accompanist Kathy Drew
Ensemble Chorale / Contemporary Praise Choir

November 28 & 29— 1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lectors Robert Thell & Melissa Dubuque
Cantor Scott Miller
Accompanist Kathy Drew
Ensemble Contemporary Praise Choir

Sunday 7:00 AM

Lectors Kevin Haeg & Judy Jordahl
Cantor Jeanne Olson
Accompanist Anthony Vella

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lectors Anna Hardy-Brown & Gerald Hunt
Cantor Ed Dziedzic
Accompanist Gary Lien

Sunday 10:30 AM

Lectors Michelle Buechner & Preston Hardy
Cantor Tony Nelson
Accompanist Kathy Drew
Ensemble Chorale

Sunday 5:30 PM

Lectors Andrew Eromobor & Kim Pappas
Cantor Larry Nelson
Accompanist Kathy Drew

A Redemptorist Community

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Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
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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. Thomas Pham, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Joseph Stenger, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Martin Stillmock, C.Ss.R.

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Rev. Mr. John Winkelman

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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

Today— the KCs Famous Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast !



Next Sunday morning, Nov. 22, 8:00 am—12:30 pm All-You-Can-Eat waffles with all the toppings plus sausage and beverages will be served in the CSSR Hall. Only \$6, children under 5 are free. Carry-out is available, too. Religious Christmas Cards will also be available in the Hall during breakfast.

Christmas Cards Available

Knights of Columbus are selling religious Christmas Cards the weekends of November 22 and November 29 from 8am-noon. Large selection available. Remember to keep Christ in Christmas.

Ministers of Care Commissioning

The newly trained Ministers of Care are being commissioned at the 8:30 AM Mass. We congratulate: Carmen Almen, Nancy Blitsch, Margaret Borowicz, Kieth Gilsdorf, Anna Hardy, Mary Jo Kelly, Vicki Lokken-Paverud, Linda Mack, Lorrie May, Colleen Meyer, Carol Schneider, Sharon Thole, and Kevin Warne. Thanks you for your involvement in this caring ministry. Questions? For questions about this ministry, call Joyce 763.561.7351.

Lectors

Please pick up your new workbooks and schedules in the Liturgical Ministry Room this weekend. Your copy will be labeled.

Gifts of Love

It is absolutely overwhelming each year how the members of this parish respond so well to the support of this program. It is through your generosity that Christmas gifts are possible for hundreds of people who otherwise would find this special day without the joy of gifts. The gifts are distributed to CEAP, Sharing and Caring Hands, the Aliveness Project, to patients at the Regions Hospital Behavioral Health units and to members of our parish whose needs are brought to our Pastor's attention.

We have placed the familiar colored slips at the ends of the pews. You are invited to take as many slips as you would like, attach them to the appropriate **unwrapped** new gift and place them in the huge gift boxes marked GIFTS OF LOVE at the church entries or Parish Office. God Bless You. For questions, please call Gertrud at 763.561.7986.

St. Alphonsus Kindergarten

Registration for the 2010—2011 School year is now open to all parishioners. Space is limited so please call Mrs. Selden in the school office at 763.561.5101 to request an information packet and/or set up an appointment for a tour.

CEAP Holiday Program

For families in need—registrations closes Dec. 3 (if not already filled). You may register for holiday food and gifts if you live in Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park or East Champlin **and** have children in your house 18 or under. CEAP's Holiday Phone Line, 763.450.3674, will be answered 9AM—3PM until registrations are filled. You **must** schedule an appointment.

Pre-Holiday Clean Up

On Saturday December 5, we need volunteers to help with special cleaning of the church facilities in preparation for the holidays. Volunteers will meet following morning Mass (about 8:30 AM) with a lunch provided at 12:00 noon. This clean up will focus on areas of the church not regularly cleaned by Tuesday volunteers. Please join us in service and fellowship. Call 763.503.3344 or email Dave Johnson if you can help.

This Week From Dave

Parish Administrator David Johnson



Dear Parish Community,

Alert parishioners who happen to be accountants have pointed out an error on the balance sheet in the recent financial statements provided to parishioners. The error came about due to a missed interest payment credited to assets that should be reflected in an increase in parish equity. We have made the appropriate corrections to the report and will have substitute pages available in the parish office or by mail upon request. We will also post a corrected copy on the parish web page. While we regret the error it does not substantially impact the financial state of the parish. We appreciate parishioners bringing this to our attention and apologize for our mistake. Thank you to all parishioners who demonstrated your commitment to St. Al's by coming to the annual meeting on 11/15.

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

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 AND YOUTH MINISTRY

National Catholic Youth Conference-NCYC 2009

Pray for our young people and their leaders as they travel to and from The National Catholic Youth Conference being held in Kansas City. Pray that they may experience the joy of Christ as they share in fellowship with other youth from around the country. You may also join on-line virtual NCYC at www.mycatholicvoice.com/ncyc

Sr. High Youth Night

Need a break???? Stressed out????? Take an hour and a half out for you to chill! Come and join others grades 9-12 to talk about life and teen issues or just to have a laugh or play a game. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Youth Room. Our next gathering is Wednesday, November 25th, and don't forget to bring a friend. For more info call Teresa, 763-503-3349.

Youth Praise Band Is Back – We Need YOU!!

We are desperately **seeking an accompanist** or a couple of accompanist who would be available regularly to assist the youth praise band in rehearsals and in leading worship at Mass. We need YOU to continue on worshipping. Without an accompanist we may be forced to discontinue the Youth Praise Band. Please help us!! Call Teresa for more info. 763-503-3349!

Latino Youth Group

Latino Youth Group meets every other Sunday from 2-4 pm in the Youth Room of the church. Join us for fellowship and fun! Anyone in Jr. or Sr. High School (Grades 7 – 12) is welcome to come. English speaking or Spanish speaking who cares, just come for fun!! Our next youth group is Sunday, November 29th! For more information call Michael DePass, Bilingual Pastoral Associate at 763-503-3326 or Teresa Rousseau Coordinator of Youth Ministry at 763-503-3349. And just a reminder – All Are Welcome!!

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

Adoration Update

"So you could not keep watch with me one hour." (Matthew 26:40)

Perhaps you could keep watch one hour with Jesus at the Adoration Chapel during one of the following hours: Sat. 1PM, 4PM, 6PM, 7PM; Mon 5AM and Fri 10AM or at any other hour that would fit your schedule. Call Gerri at 763.494.3163.

Altar Servers:

Holiday and Holy Day Mass days and times are now available in the server sign-in book in the vesting room. Please sign up so we have all altar servers at all Masses. The January to June server schedule will be prepared in December, so contact Mary Thell at 763-315-2735 or marythell@comcast.net by December 11 if you need to be removed or have been trained and wish to be added to the schedule.

Happy Anniversary!

May God continue to bless the marriages of:

Don and Kitty Carson—56 years

November 28

Jose Perez & Rosa Arellano —19 years

November 16

Happenings Books Available!!

Get your **Happenings Book** at the Parish Office. At \$30.00 they are a bargain. All proceeds benefit St. Al's Youth Programs! Call Teresa at 763.503.3349 with questions.

Power Chair Available

A parishioner has a 5 year old *Hover Round* that will go to the person making the best offer. The money received will be donated to the St. Alphonsus Endowment Fund. For more information or to make an offer, call Angie at 763.315.3189.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Families are Struggling. Faith is Calling. CCHD funds organizations and economic development programs. The CCHD was established in 1970 by the bishops of the United States as the Catholic Church's domestic anti-poverty program. The goal is to make long term changes addressing the root causes. Please use the envelope in your November packet.

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



Volunteer Opportunities!

Our school has a few Volunteer Opportunities available:

Lunchroom Supervision: We are in need of volunteer lunchroom supervisors on Tuesdays and every other Wednesday. Our kids are well behaved but they do need to have an adult supervising during their lunch. The first of the two groups begins lunch at 11:15 AM and the second lunch is finished by 12:15 PM



Vacuuming Help Needed: Volunteers are needed to vacuum in the library one week each month. Vacuuming must be done after school from 2:00p.m.-2:30p.m.; approximately 20-30 minute time commitment. Vacuum cleaner provided.



If you are interested in either of these volunteer opportunities, please contact the school office at 763-561-5101. ALL volunteers in Catholic schools and Parishes Must complete the following steps:

- * Consent to a Criminal Background Check
- * Sign a Code of Conduct for Volunteers
- * Attend a Virtus Training Session for Adults (Sorry, no children are allowed to attend)

Thanksgiving Break – No School

Reminder – There is no school on Wednesday, November 25th, Thursday, November 26th or Friday, November 27th. We wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!



Parish Special Events

November 22	Commissioning of Ministers of Care
November 22	KC Waffle Breakfast
November 26	Thanksgiving Day
November 28-29	Latino Marriage Prep Retreat
December 1	Latino Baptism Class
December 3	English Baptism Class
December 5	St. Nicholas Dinner
December 5	Christmas Concert
December 5-6	Blood Pressure Checks
December 6	Friendship Sunday
December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day
December 8	Cribbage Tournament
December 12	Latino Baptisms
December 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 13	Pan African Christmas Party
December 14	Taize Communal Penance

Ladders of Remembrance

You are invited to bring pictures of your deceased loved ones to be placed on the *Ladders of Remembrance* during the month of November. Be sure your name is on the back.

Thanks for the Baby Shower Gifts

As always, the Respect Life October Baby Shower was a great success! We collected lots of diapers and formula which is most welcome, and adorable clothes. Everything was delivered to North Side Life Care on November 3 and was received with great appreciation. Thank you! -Respect Life Comm

Financial Stewardship

Due to the early Bulletin deadline, the Financial report for last weekend will be published in the November 29 Bulletin.

Readings for the Week of November 22, 2009

Sunday
Dn 7:13-14 / Rv 1:5-9 Jn 18:33b-37
Monday
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 / Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday
Dn 2:31-45 / Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19
Thursday
Dn 6:12-28 / Lk 21:20-28
Friday
Dn 7:2-14 / Lk 21:29-33
Saturday
Dn 7:15-27 / Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday
Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Please Pray for the Sick

Bro. Ray Bowersox, CSsR

Veryl Olson,
Husband of Lynne Olson

Jean Freeman,
Daughter of Kate Freeman

Geri Cunningham

Jim McAlpin

Susan Larson,
Daughter of Ione Maasen,

Tom Klein

God Grant Eternal Rest

Catherine Calebaugh,
Mother of George Calebaugh

Victor Benson

Joyce Dalrymple

Tom LaPlante, Jr.,
Son of Barb and Tom LaPlante

Please Pray for Service Men and Women

Elizabeth Carson Hamilton
USAF,
Granddaughter of Don and Kitty Carson

Garrett Christiansen, Army
Grandson of Agnella Christiansen

Sgt Mark McGuire,
Grandson of Dan and
Judy McGuire

**All those serving in the
American Military**

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Saturday, December 12

St. Alphonus' annual celebration will begin with **Morning prayer (mañanitas) at 5:00—6:00 AM.** Come for the Rosary, prayer and Mariachi band and stay for a light breakfast of traditional Mexican Sweet bread and hot beverages. The evening procession will form in the gym at 6:30 PM and proceed to the church **for Mass (in Spanish) at 7:00 PM.** A potluck gathering will follow in the CSSR Hall.

Everyone is welcome!



NOTICIAS DE NUESTRA COMUNIDAD

Celebración de La Virgen de Guadalupe

Todos están invitados a celebrar con nosotros. El día sábado, el 12 de diciembre a La Iglesia de San Alfonso. **Las mañanitas** se celebrarán a partir de las 5:00 AM, seguidas de un ligero desayuno. **En la tarde**, se iniciará la celebración en el gimnasio de la escuela a las 6:15 PM. Misa empezará a las 7:00 PM y luego habrá un pequeño convivio en el salón de la iglesia, CSSR Hall.

CCW Latina-Bazaar de 2009

El grupo mujeres de CCW Latina, que se llama Madre Teresa de Calcuta, le gustaría agradecer a todos para su participación en el Bazaar de 2009. Fue un gran éxito para nuestra Parroquia gracias a ustedes. También, si usted está interesada en servir a Dios y a su prójimo, **le invitamos a nuestro grupo**. Para mayor información, llame al 763.425.3995.

Adoración Perpetua al Santísimo

La Adoración Perpetua es oración continua ante Jesús en el Santísimo. Es Una expresión de nuestro amor por Jesús. Se puede comprometer a pasar una hora ante Jesús. La adoración sigue continuamente 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana. Se puede escoger cualquier hora, pero necesitamos adoradores para las horas siguientes: **los lunes** a las 5am; **los viernes** a las 10am; **los sábados** a la 1pm, 4pm, 6pm, 7pm. Llámenos al 763.503.3326.

La Banda de Alabanza

Se llama Youth Praise Band y buscamos jóvenes entre los grados de 7° y 12° y jóvenes adultos para cantar, tocar instrumentos y alabar a Dios por música. Los ensayos son los domingos a las 3:30 de la tarde en la iglesia. Llame a Teresa para recibir mayor información al 763-503-3349.

El Grupo Juvenil Latino

Nos reunimos 2 o 3 veces cada mes después de la Misa de las 12:30 PM. Jóvenes de los grados 7 a 12 están invitados.

El primer martes

1 de diciembre
5 de enero
2 de febrero

Calendario de Bautismos

Pláticas de Preparación (En el salón de la iglesia)

A las 7:00 de la tarde

No hay en marzo

Bautismos

A las 11:00 de la mañana

El segundo sábado

12 de diciembre

9 de enero

13 de febrero

No hay en marzo

Rezar el Rosario en Casa

Si necesita alimentación espiritual o el apoyo del Ministerio de Oración, se puede llamar a la oficina al 763-503-3326 para más detalles.

Encuentro Pre-Matrimonial y Conyugal

Es para los que van a casarse y los que ya están casados por La Iglesia. Noviembre 28 y 29 en el salón de nuestra iglesia de San Alfonso.

Sábado 8:00am a 8:30 PM.

Domingo de 8:00 AM y termina con la misa de la 12:30 PM. Para registrarse y reservar su lugar llame al 763-218-4835 con Sislan o Maritza o 612-396-3916 con Jose o Maritza.

Concierto de Navidad

Sábado, 5 de diciembre del 2009 a las 7:00 PM en nuestra Iglesia de San Alfonso tendremos un concierto para toda la parroquia. Nuestro Coro participará para cantar canciones tradicionales en español también. Hay una Cena que empieza a las 5 PM. ¡Los esperamos!

Tarjetas de Navidad

Venta de tarjetas religiosas de Navidad los fines de semana del 22 y 29 de noviembre aquí en San Alfonso de 8:00 AM a medio día.

Curso de Estudio Bíblico

Se reúne los miércoles de 6:30 PM a 8 PM en el salón de clase 131 que está localizado en el pasillo entre la iglesia y la escuela.

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.**



Before the Christmas Concert
Come to

St. Alphonsus Annual St. Nicholas Dinner

Saturday, December 5, 2009
4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. CSSR Hall

MENU

- Polish Sausage
- Roasted Boneless Pork Loin
- Glazed Baby Carrots
- New Potatoes
- Apple Sauce
- Beverages
- Sauerkraut
- Roll & Butter
- Dessert

Generous Servings, and seconds are available.
Take-out available.

\$9.00 for High School and Adults
\$5.00 K—8th grade

Prepared by the 'Old Timers'
and served by St. Alphonsus Youth

Proceeds provide meals at Sharing and Caring Hands.

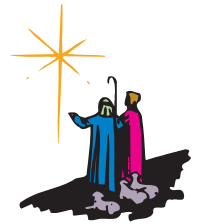


Christmas Concert

In keeping with the excitement of our 50th Anniversary as a Parish, the Music Ministry will present a great Concert of Christmas Music for all to enjoy to begin your celebration of a Merry and Holy Christmas

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009

**7:00 p.m. in the
Church**



(Following the St. Nicholas dinner)

A free will offering will be taken.