

# St. Alphonsus Parish Update

## April 14, 2024



### **Coffee Sunday**

The African community will host the Coffee Sunday May 5th, 2024 after the 9am and 11am Masses. Hope you can join us.

### **Catechesis of the Neocatechumenal Way - Starting April 8 and 9, 2024**

Since the pandemic many aspects of our lives have changed drastically. Maybe we feel even more alone; we feel less valued; we feel limited; we feel more vulnerable. Where is love? In the middle of your questions and struggles, God wants to meet with you. Do not be afraid, the Lord is with you. Come listen to words of life and encouragement . . .

- at St. Alphonsus (315, Munroe Avenue) every Monday and Thursday at 7 pm starting April 8.
- at St. Gerard (45, Foster Street) every Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 pm starting April 9

### **Help Needed**

We currently have 6 people who volunteer to count the collection. There is a need for more help with this volunteer task. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office. Training is provided.

### **Prayer Intention for April, 2024**

#### **For the role of women –**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

### **Important Dates to Mark in Your Calendars !**

Here are the dates for families whose children are preparing for the Sacraments at St Alphonsus.

- First Reconciliation - Saturday, May 4 at 10.30 in the church.
- First Communion is Sunday, June 2 at 2 pm.
- Confirmation on Sunday, May 26 at 3 pm. Confirmation candidates visit with Archbishop Albert LeGatt is Saturday, April 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We encourage arrival at least 15 minutes before to settle in. All candidates visiting the Archbishop must be accompanied.

### **Synod on Synodality:**

The church must “avoid repeating the mistake of talking about women as an issue or a problem. Instead, we desire to promote a Church in which men and women dialogue together, in order to understand more deeply the horizon of God’s project, that sees them together as protagonists, without subordination, exclusion and competition.”

The synod concluded that in the church “It is urgent to ensure that women can participate in decision-making processes and assume roles of responsibility in pastoral care and ministry.”

*In: Reese, Thomas, SJ. 15 hidden gems in the Synod report. Nov 8, 2023.*

## Marriage Tips Marriage, Family & Life

“I should like you to be free from anxieties.” (1 Cor 7:32)

Daily married life includes its share of anxieties: bills, schedules, personality conflicts, chores. Pray and talk together about the best way to handle these forms of anxiety.

## Cinema Divina –

viewing movies through the eyes of Scripture and Tradition. Sunday, April 14 at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, 460 Munroe Ave. 6:00 pm – Potluck supper, 7:00 pm – Movie. This month’s selection – Sister Act. Contact cinemadivinahe@gmail.com or 204-881-3150.

## Winnipeg Pops Orchestra Live – April 25, 2024

You’re invited to celebrate with us! WINNIPEG POPS ORCHESTRA LIVE, performing Popular and Classical Music! THURSDAY APRIL 25 at St. Emile School Gym – 552 St. Anne’s Road. Sponsored by the St. Emile Knights of Columbus All Funds raised in Support of the St. Emile School Music Program. Tickets \$10.00 Each (Cash Only) 7:00PM – 8:30PM. Tickets Available April 6, 2024 At the Parish Office – Phone: 204-253-4176

## Horizons of Hope Series – On Suffering and End of Life

Mary Mother of the Church Parish, Catholic Women’s League (CWL) Council and Our Lady of the Prairie Council of the Knights of Columbus (K of C) invite you to participate in learning sessions of Horizons of Hope. The program will help parishioners, caregivers, friends, and family members (including their children, aunts/uncles, etc.) facing a terminal illness to learn more about palliative care. Throughout the 4 modules, the learning and discussion sessions (in English) address: Module 1 Understanding the Human Experience of Dying and Death. Sunday, May 5th Module 2 Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life. Sunday, May 19 Module 3 Accompanying those at the End of Life. Sunday, May 26 Module 4 Supporting and Integrating within the Wider Community. Sunday, June 2 Note: No sessions on May 12th (Mother’s Day). These free sessions will be held from 2pm to 4pm, with a break midway through, are offered in person at Mary, Mother of the Church, 85 Kirkbridge Dr, Winnipeg. Everyone is welcome! For more information and to view a promo video of the program: [click here](#) Please register by April 29 at: [mmoc.ca/horizons-of-hope](http://mmoc.ca/horizons-of-hope) For questions, please call Marian at 204-510-9065 or email her at [mgrg1956@gmail.com](mailto:mgrg1956@gmail.com)

## Thank You for Your Contributions

### April 6 & 7, 2024

Regular donations	\$ 5400.05
Online donations	\$ 1714.99
Building fund donations	\$ 2257.50
Online building fund donations	\$ 2310.00
<b>Total to the Parish</b>	<b>\$ 11,682.54</b>

*Donations which leave the parish -*

Development and Peace - \$140.00

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land - \$40.00

### March 28 - 31, 2024

Regular donations	\$ 6019.30
Online donations	\$ 1065.00
Building fund donations	\$ 2896.75
Online building fund donations	\$ 215.00
Easter Offering	\$ 3260.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 1225.00

**Total to the Parish** **\$14,681.05**

*Donations which leave the parish -*

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land - \$1710.00