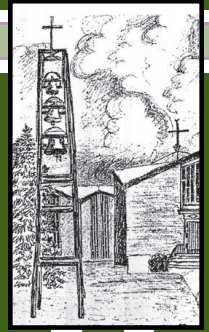


# St. Alphonsus Parish Update

## January 25, 2026



Dear Parishioners,

My name is Alejandra Merino, and I am the new Administrative Assistant at our parish. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in this role. Over the past weeks, I've had the privilege of working alongside Maria, and I would like to sincerely thank her for her guidance, kindness, and patience as she helped me navigate this transition. Her willingness to answer my countless questions and share her experience has been a true gift as I begin this new responsibility.

This parish community is especially meaningful to me, as I am also a parent of a student at our parish School. Because of this, I hold a deep appreciation for the people and families who make up this community. I am truly excited to place my talents at the service of the parish and to contribute with care, dedication, and joy.

I look forward to getting to know you, walking together in faith, and serving our parish community to the best of my ability. Thank you for your kindness, patience, and prayers as we continue this journey together.

Peace and blessings, Alejandra Merino.



### Immaculate Conception Drop In - St Alphonsus CWL January 18, 2026

What a day! Despite the bitter cold and blizzard warnings, this turned out to be one of our busiest Sundays of the year. We served over 500 people, and every bit of food was used.

A huge thank-you to St. Alphonsus Parish and to Beryle, Rick, and Diana, who arrived bright and early with 504 hot dogs, bananas, milk for families, rice crispy cakes, and water.



*Chili-doggers - volunteers at Immaculate Conception Drop In this past weekend*

We also distributed toques, socks, mitts, and other winter gear, which were very appreciated on such a frigid morning . . . A heartfelt thank-you to the St. Alphonsus CWL, all our volunteers, and our supporters . . . Thank you for your kindness, dedication, and resilience—especially on days like today. Steve Chipman

## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A)

We have this year 4 people who are called to Baptism in our community. But they do not know of any practicing Roman Catholic Christians who can sponsor them. Therefore, we are looking for Sponsors. Here are the requirements:

1. That you are a practicing Roman Catholic
2. That you have time to meet with your candidate (have a coffee or tea together) and get to know each other a little.
3. That you accompany them to the Rite of Election at the Cathedral Sunday, February 22, at 3 p.m.
4. That you accompany them at 3 different blessings (after the homily) at the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Alphonsus (3 different Masses) prior to Holy Week.
5. That you accompany them at the Easter Vigil, Saturday evening, Saturday April 5 (9-11 p.m.).
6. That you "check in" with them after baptism... a few weeks later... a few months later to see how they are doing... and let Fr. Greg know how they are doing... if they need any help, etc.

If you are interested or have any questions, please call Fr. Greg at 204 782 3135. Thanks, Fr. Greg

## Help the Needy Week

Lent is coming soon (February 18) and parishioner, Steve Gadiant, has suggested a type of activity that has been successful in other churches. This activity would be setting aside one week during Lent in which we as a parish would focus on helping people who have needs in the area of food and clothing. By focusing on this one week, we do not suggest that only one week a year is necessary. Rather, this "Help the Needy Week" will serve to remind us that we can be helping all year long.

There will be 3 basic activities:

1. **A food drive** in which we donate the proceeds to Manitoba Harvest. We already do this... but during this week we encourage you to give even more than usual.
2. **A clothing drive.** Donate gently used clothing from all age groups. This clothing would be sorted out and taken to a ministry in our city that helps single young mothers (Villa Rosa); young people in general (Rossbrook House); and adults (Salvation Army or M.C.C. Thrift Shops).
3. **A Poor Person's Lunch.** We will participate in Deacon Gilles Lenten Retreat in the hall on Saturday, February 21 from 10 a.m. until noon with a conclusion of a simple meal of soup and sandwiches.

Steve will co-ordinate this Lenten Activity. But he needs help. If you are interested please call the parish office 204 667 9580 or Fr. Greg 204 782 3135

## Knights of Columbus

General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026 @7:00 pm in the Hall.

## Coffee Sunday - February 8

To mark the beginning of Catholic Schools Week and to celebrate our parish and school connection, St Alphonsus School will be hosting Coffee Sunday after the 9 am and 11 am Masses on Sunday, February 8th. Please join us after Mass for some fellowship and treats.

## World Day of the Sick

February 11 is the 34th annual World Day of the Sick. For information about this important day, please visit the [Vatican News website](#), or [Catholic Health Association of Manitoba](#).

## Pope Leo XIV Proclaims Franciscan Jubilee Year

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a “Special Year of St. Francis” to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint’s death. During this time of grace, which will extend until January 2027, the faithful are granted the opportunity to obtain a [plenary indulgence](#).

This Franciscan Jubilee Year, considered a gift for the entire Church and an occasion for authentic spiritual renewal, was inaugurated on Jan. 10 with a [decree](#) issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See. Until Jan. 10 of next year, the faithful can obtain this grace under the usual conditions — sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope — by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world. Furthermore, the elderly, the sick, and those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God. In a world where “the virtual takes over the real, disagreements and social violence are part of everyday life, and peace becomes more insecure and distant every day, this Year of St. Francis spurs all of us, each according to our possibilities, to imitate the poor man of Assisi, to form ourselves as far as possible on the model of Christ,” the decree states. For the Order of Friars Minor, this time is also an opportunity for the faithful to become “models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace.”

## Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion – February 22, 2026

3:00 PM at Saint-Boniface Cathédrale, 180 de la Cathédrale Ave. (English Celebration) Candidates, Catechumens, their families and friends, sponsors, RCIA teams, and pastors are warmly invited to join us for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. This beautiful liturgy marks an essential step in the journey toward full initiation into the Catholic Church.

## St. Alphonsus School Nursery - Grade 8 Open House

**Sunday, January 25 from 12 to 2 pm**  
**343 Munroe Avenue**



- K to 8 Catholic school
- ▲ Inter-school sports program
- Before & after school program
- ▲ Programming for kindergarten students available on non-kindergarten days
- Morning nursery program for 3 & 4 year olds
- Afternoon care option available for nursery



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## Mass Intentions

January 24 at 9 am	Margaret Reichardt+
January 24 at 5 pm	Maria Nahalkova+
January 25 at 9 am	Marianne Rowbotham+
January 25 at 11 am	Parishioners of St Alphonsus
January 27 at 8 am	Ana and Family
January 28 at 8 am	Paul and Blanka
January 29 at 8 am	Max and Guillermo
January 30 at 8 am	Max
January 31 at 11 am	Domingo Borges+
February 1 at 9 am	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
February 1 at 11 am	Elsie Ganchar+
February 3 at 8 am	Han Family

## Thank You for Your Contributions

### January 17 & January 18, 2026

Regular donations	\$ 3865.25
Online Regular Donations	\$ 1566.11
Building fund donations	\$ 2660.00
Online Building Fund Donations	\$ 1450.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00
Initial Offerings	\$ 105.00
Christmas Offerings	\$ 5.00
<b>Total to the Parish</b>	<b>\$ 9671.36</b>



## Mass Times

### Mass Schedule

Saturday evening 5 pm  
Sunday 9 am & 11 am  
Tuesday to Friday 8 am  
Saturday 9 am

### Adoration

First Friday of the month  
8.30 am to 3 pm

Divine Mercy at 3 pm  
followed by Vespers

### Reconciliation

Confession is available Saturdays  
at 4.30 pm before the 5 pm mass  
or by appointment. To arrange for  
Confession, please call Father Greg  
at 204-782-3135.

### Baptism

Please see Father Greg after Mass  
or contact the office.

### Marriage

Please contact the office to make  
an appointment with Fr. Greg.  
Please contact us at least 6 months  
prior to the wedding date.

## Contact Information

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Bulletin submissions deadline  
is Monday at 4 pm.

### Office Hours:

Monday to Friday:  
8.30 am to 12  
& 12.30 pm to 4 pm

### Staff:

Pastor: Fr Greg Mulligan  
Parish Office: Alejandra Merino  
Catechetics: Fr Greg Mulligan  
Caretaker: Ernesto Samiana  
Bookkeeper: Tess Atkins

### Health Care Workers Mass – February 11, 2026

While the Mass is rooted in the Catholic tradition, the Health Care Workers' Mass is intentionally inclusive and open to people of all faiths, spiritual traditions, and backgrounds. It is offered as a moment of gratitude, reflection, and solidarity for everyone who serves in health care - clinicians, support staff, administrators, caregivers, volunteers, and learners regardless of belief or affiliation. All are welcome to attend in the spirit of respect, compassion, and shared commitment to care.

Date: Wednesday, February 11  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: St. Gianna Beretta  
Molla Parish

Who it's for: All health care workers, caregivers, and those who support the health system (everyone is welcome). Fellowship (Registration Required) Following the Mass, there will be a fellowship gathering. Please register here for planning purposes: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/hcwmass>

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