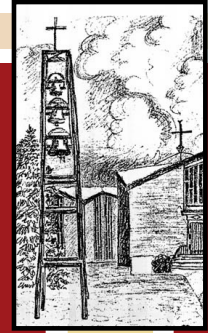


St. Alphonsus Parish Update

November 9, 2025



2025 Good Shepherd Campaign

During this second week of the Good Shepherd Campaign, we invite you to visit the Archdiocese's website to watch the video of Archbishop LeGatt and three of our seminarians.

The cost to support a seminarian is about \$50,000 per year. This includes accommodation and food, tuition, medical insurance and a monthly stipend. For international seminarians, it is also a question of legal fees and travel costs to bring them from abroad. At least twice during their studies, we pay for a trip home to see his family.

The cost to bring in an international priest is about \$20,000. This cost includes legal fees, travel costs, two and a half months' salary paid by the Archdiocese during his enculturation, language classes if needed, and an allowance for him to purchase warm clothing for his first winter here.

We invite you to discern in prayer to support the Good Shepherd Campaign 2025, because priests play a vital role in the Life of the Church. It is important that we continue to support seminarians and international priests in their vocations.

We invite you to pray for our seminarians as they continue to discern God's will in their lives and their journey toward the priesthood.

Employment Opportunity

St Alphonsus Parish is looking for an Administrative Assistant. The Administrative Assistant is the first point of contact for most visitors and parishioners. The role of administrative assistant involves the daily running of the parish office, supporting the pastor and parishioners and parish communication through the bulletin and website. The position will begin in January 2026. Resumes and cover letters may be emailed to the parish office at contactstals@gmail.com or dropped off at 341 Munroe Avenue.

St Alphonsus Parish Administrative Assistant -

- Warmly welcome visitors in person, via telephone or email and answer questions or refer them to the Pastor
- Maintain the office area, order supplies as required and see to maintenance of office equipment
- Responsible for opening and closing the office and the scheduling/booking use of the office, hall and church
- Handle incoming mail and funds for sacraments, books and Mass intentions
- See to the timely payment of invoices
- Oversee the weekly donation collection
- Enter weekly and direct deposit donations into the database
- Maintain and issue Sacramental records and certificates
- Receive and record Mass intentions
- Create monthly schedules for various ministries at Mass
- Create the weekly bulletin and distribute through email/print and by uploading to the website
- Prepare the weekend Mass script with reflections, announcements and prayers
- Maintain the website
- Responsible for hall rentals
- Assist the pastor in duties as requested

This position requires confidentiality, sensitivity and knowledge of the Roman Catholic faith. The position is fulltime, Monday to Friday but additional time is sometimes required outside of regular office hours.

Christmas Hamper (gift card) Collection

will begin the weekend of November 22/23 and end the weekend of December 6/7. If you know of a person or family in need of a hamper, please call the parish office at 204-667-9580 with the names of all family members, gender and ages of children, address,

Sunday Missal -

The 2025-2026 are now available at \$6 at the church and at the parish office.

The Legion of Mary

is inviting families to welcome the statue of our Mother Mary into their homes for a week. Members of the Legion will visit the family, pray with them, and then leave the statue of Mary in their homes for the week as an inspiration to devotion. If you are interested, please meet with members of the Legion of Mary after the Mass.

Reminder that it is time to renew our CWL membership.

Due are \$45 . Our November General meeting is on Tuesday Nov 11 at 7 pm in the Hall. Please join us as it is the Memorial service for our deceased members and Bishop Legatt will be visiting us. Thank you

Games Night!

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a parish games night on Wednesday, November 26 from 7 pm to 9 pm. Open to all members of the parish plus family and friends. We will have a cribbage tournament, and a Scrabble table. The cost is \$5 per person which will cover the cost of prizes, drinks and snacks. We invite everyone to come out and play with a chance to socialize with others in the parish. Come out and give it a try. Not sure how to play, or a little rusty, no problem, we'll help you learn, or re-learn, the games.

Introduction to Centering Prayer: Saturday, November 29, 2025 at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall from 10 am to 4 pm

Drawn from ancient prayer practices of the Christian contemplative heritage, and made accessible to contemporary Christians by Fr. Thomas Keating, OSB, Centering Prayer is a receptive method of silent prayer in which we experience God's presence within. This prayer facilitates the movement from more active modes of prayer into resting in God. Jacquie Reimer, Lynn Langdon and Kathleen Mico will be introducing this prayer practice at a day-long workshop which will include presentations, prayer, Lectio Divina, a video and discussion on subjects such as "Prayer as Relationship" and "The Effects of Centering Prayer." The cost is \$30 which includes a follow up session. Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch. Contact Kathleen at kathleenmico@shaw.ca or 204-612-3348 by November 22, 2025 for details.

Annual CCRS Fundraising Gala Night -

Saturday, November 15, 2025 at St. Martyrs Canadiens Parish Hall, 289 Dussault Ave. This event will bring together community leaders, families, and supporters for an evening of fine dining, silent auction, award presentations, and music and dancing. Tickets are \$90/person. Payments can be made via: - E-transfer: ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com - Cheque payable to: CCRS of MB, mailed to 230 Golden Eagle Drive, Winnipeg, MB, R2K 4M4 Your support will help strengthen CCRS of MB's mission and ensure this Gala is a meaningful success for our community. We look forward to seeing you there. Questions? Please contact us at 431-777-8877.

Thank You for Your Contributions !

November 1 & 2, 2025

Regular donations	\$ 5391.85
Online donations	\$ 930.00
Building fund donations	\$ 2799.00
Online building fund donations	\$ 1055.00

<u>Total to the Parish</u>	<u>\$10,175.85</u>
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