



# St. Alphonsus Parish Update

December 21, 2025

*If God gave the soul his whole creation she would not be filled thereby but only with himself. — Meister Eckhart*

I had to read this slowly, 2 or 3 times and reflect before I could make sense of it. But for me, it means that even if we possessed the entire creation - having all that power, beauty and riches - we would still not be satisfied. Only God can satisfy our hungry heart. That is why God was born into our world in the person of Jesus; and fills our hearts with the Spirit of Jesus. May you be open to God's blessings as we soon celebrate with great joy Jesus' birth among us and within us. Fr Greg

## Christmas Masses 2025 at St Alphonsus

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| • December 24 | Mass at 7 pm and 9 pm  | (Wednesday) |
| • December 25 | Mass at 9 am and 11 am | (Thursday)  |
| • December 31 | Mass at 5 pm           | (Wednesday) |
| • January 1   | Mass at 11 am          | (Thursday)  |

## St. Alphonsus Outreach Program

Are you searching for a New Year's resolution ? Please consider giving of your time to help others. A half day a month would help immensely.

Our parish is developing activities to reach out to people in this area. It may involve soup kitchen work, volunteer activities at personal care homes, or other types of involvement. Are you interested ? Phone Steve at **204-223-7757**. Please get involved and brighten someone's day.

One volunteer opportunity which is coming up shortly is '**Christmas Caroling**' at Concordia Personal Care Home and River East Personal Care Home. Both caroling events will take place on Dec. 26th (separate groups). Call Steve if you would like more information or if you wish to sign up to sing at either venue.

## Knights of Columbus Counsel 4107

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who attended our first games night. We had 18 people come out, with one Scrabble station and seven cribbage stations. Prizes were awarded to the winner of the Scrabble game (Beth) and the cribbage tournament (Brian). The consensus from those who attended was that they would like to see more game nights in the future. Stay tuned for an announcement about a games night in January 2026.

## 2026 Donation Envelopes

The 2026 donation envelopes are now at the church. All the boxes which are at the church **have already been assigned**. Boxes are arranged alphabetically, so you don't have to know your envelopes number to pick up your box. If you would like a box of envelopes and haven't had one in the past, please contact Maria at the parish office [contactstals@gmail.com](mailto:contactstals@gmail.com). Donations made by next weekend (December 27 and 28) will be included in the 2025 tax receipts. Donations made on New Year's Day will be on next year tax receipts.

## CWL News -

A reminder that it is time to renew our CWL membership. Due are \$45 .

## Marriage Tips -

During this Christmas season, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us remember to cherish our humanity. Christ honored us by humbly sharing our human condition. Today, grant yourself and your spouse the right to simply be human: accept imperfections, laughter, and even mistakes. That is where true love lies.

## Diocesan Celebration for the Closing of the Jubilee 2025 Year – December 28, 2025

The Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 will conclude in the particular Churches on Sunday, 28 December 2025, the Feast of the Holy Family. Our diocesan celebration will be at Saint-Boniface Cathedral at 3:00 PM, with a light reception to follow. [Please visit the diocesan Jubilee 2025 webpage for information, a guidebook, videos of the Jubilee shrines and much more!](#)

## St. Alphonsus School

### Nursery - Grade 8

# Open House

**Sunday, January 26 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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## Thank You for Your Contributions

### December 13 & 14

Regular donations	\$ 5657.95
Online donations	\$ 181.11
Building fund donations	\$ 2683.50
Online building fund donations	\$ 65.00

**Total to the Parish \$ 8587.56**

## Mass Intentions

December 20 at 9 am	Louis Stegne
December 20 at 5 pm	Domingo Borges+
December 21 at 9 am	Jane Barske+
December 21 at 11 am	William & Ann Chanway+
December 23 at 8 am	Belinda & Ernie Samiana 25th Ann.
December 24 at 8 am	Tanya Simmonds
December 24 at 7 pm	Norma Isaacson
December 24 at 9 pm	Jay Walkow+ & Virgilio Nicolas+
December 25 at 9 am	Jack & Jean Sinnott+
December 25 at 11 am	Parishioners of St Alphonsus
December 26 at 8 am	Noël Cyr+
December 27 at 9 am	Marjorie & Harry Hagman+
December 27 at 5 pm	Walter Nierobisz+
December 28 at 9 am	Joseph Bommersbach+
December 28 at 11 am	Clareita Tolentino+