## St. Alphansus Parish Update November 2, 2025



## **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 <a href="mailto:contactstals@gmail.com">contactstals@gmail.com</a> or dropped off at 341 Munroe Avenue.

## St Alphonsus Parish Administrative Assistant -

- Welcome visitors in person, via telephone or email and answer their 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.

## 2025 Good Shepherd Campaign

This week, Archbishop LeGatt is launching the **2025** *Good Shepherd Campaign For the Life of the Church!* in support of the formation of our seminarians, the costs of recruiting international priests and many pastoral initiatives that ensure the life of the Church in our parishes. We invite you to visit the Archdiocese's website for testimonials and information. Please note that the collection for the Good Shepherd Campaign will take place on the weekend of November 15 and 16.

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

## **Outreach Beyond**

Ministries such as our School, Saturday catechism, Communion Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy, Liturgical Music, Money Collectors, Money Counters, O.C.I.A, Funeral Reception Volunteers, Fundraising Dinners, Coffee Sundays, and more, are proceeding smoothly. I give thanks for the many people involved who are helping out in a dedicated way. Whatever we do here at St. Alphonsus whether it is Mass, prayer, or acts of service, effects people even beyond our church.

Nevertheless, we do not have any specific ministries that serve beyond St. Alphonsus church. I would like to begin the process of establishing this ministry. It would be called Outreach Beyond. The people part of this ministry could help out in areas such as Siloam Mission, Missionaries of Charity, Rossbrook House, Manitoba Harvest, Hospitals, Care Homes, etc.

At this point I am looking for a couple of people, perhaps husband and wife, who could begin and co-ordinate this ministry. First of all, you would enquire with the various services that are in this part of the city and see how much need they have. After determining the ministry which Outreach Beyond could serve best, then you would need to look for dedicated people to volunteer on a regular basis.

Our late Pope Francis often spoke of the dangers of a self-referential church, that is, a church that looks only inward and only serves itself. The establishment of Outreach Beyond could be one step toward avoiding this danger, and also fulfilling Jesus' teaching: "Whatever you do for the least of my people, that you do for me..." (Mt 25:40).

Fr. Greg 204 782 3135

## Sunday Missal -

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

## **St Alphonsus Knights of Columbus**

will be hosting a meeting on Tuesday, November 4 in the parish hall beginning at 7 pm.

## 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 a source of blessing and devotion. If you are interested, please meet with members of the Legion of Mary after the Mass.

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

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.

## Date Night: A Table for Two - Friday, November 28, 2025

Love finds the courage to grow where friendship endures. Join us for a heartfelt evening designed for couples who want to reconnect, reflect, and renew their bond through the grace of friendship and the light of faith. Enjoy a delicious meal with wine and non-alcoholic pairings in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Hosted by the Catholic Foundation of Manitoba in partnership with the Archdiocese of

St. Boniface, the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, and the Ukrainian Archeparchy, this special night offers:

• 3-Course Dinner at a table for two • Guided sessions to help spark meaningful dialogue and strengthen your friendship • On-site priests, couples' counselors, and prayer couples available for encouragement and guidance • Resource Booths • Community & fellowship at the end of the session • And More! Whether you're newly together or celebrating decades of love, this evening is for you. Date: Friday, November 28, 2025 Time: 6 pm – 9 pm Location: Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, Winnipeg Cost: \$60 per couple (The Catholic Foundation of Manitoba, the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and the Ukrainian Archeparchy are covering the rest of the cost as our gift to couples) Tickets go on sale November 3 — limited availability! For tickets and information: <a href="https://www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca/datenight">www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca/datenight</a>

Marital Money Matters – Friday, November 14, 2025 at St Patrick's Church (172 Worth St.) from 7-9 pm. (Mass @ 6pm). This event is free and open to all couples married 15 years and below. Please register so we know how many people coming. https://forms.gle/UkfA7Gqzr719bQvA6

#### For Our Health and the Health of our Earth"

A Zoom with <u>Diana Beresford-Kroeger</u> on Tuesday November 25, 2025, 1 pm ET. Diana is a world recognized author, medical biochemist, botanist and climate change visionary. She has been working to preserve the environment since the early 1960s when she identified climate change as one of the most important challenges we would face in the modern age. In her latest book, Diana delivers a challenge to us all to dig deeper into the science of forests and the ways they will save us from climate breakdown—and then do our part to plant and protect them. Sponsored by the Catholic Network for Women's Equality When: Tuesday November 25, 2025, 1 pm ET Location: Virtual Meeting, via Zoom This is a free event, however you must register for it using the following link: <a href="https://usozweb.zoom.us/meeting/regi">https://usozweb.zoom.us/meeting/regi</a> ster/7jhgclnMRhWM2UPnIN1ZZg

## Mass Intentions

November 1 at 9 am Parishioners of St Alphonsus November 1 at 5 pm George Neufeld Benjamin Balbin+ November 2 at 9 am Cirilo de Sousa+ November 2 at 11 am Rogelio Deang+ and Anita Doria+ November 4 at 8 am Elsie Ganchar+ November 5 at 8 am Rosario Sagansay+ November 6 at 8 am Monica Brechka November 7 at 8 am Olga Kowalska+ November 8 at 9 am Parishioners of St Alphonsus November 8 at 5 pm Domingo Borges+ November 9 at 9 am Dinh & Pham Families Elsie Ganchar+ November 9 at 11 am Diane Koenigbauer+ Joan Vanstone+ November 11 at 8 am Adam & Mary Keryluk+ November 12 at 8 am Elsie Ganchar+ November 13 at 8 am Theresa Sinkwich+ November 14 at 8 am Thomas & Rosemary Haverstock November 15 at 9 am Tanya Stegne+ November 15 at 5 pm Anna Cuc Vo+ & Anna Van Pham November 16 at 9 am Parishioners of St Alphonsus & Jim Brechka+ November 16 at 11 am Norma Isaacson

## **Thank You for Your Contributions**

## October 25 & 26, 2025

Regular donations \$ 4981.55
Online donations \$ 60.00
Building fund donations \$ 1055.00
Online building fund donations \$ 20.00

Total to the Parish \$ 6119.55

Needs of the Church \$5.00 Evangelization of the Nations \$5.00

## October 18 & 19, 2025

Regular donations \$ 4406.75 Online donations \$ 1616.11 Building fund donations \$ 5200.00 Online building fund donations \$ 1410.00

Total to the Parish \$12,632.86

Needs of the Church \$10

Evangelization of the Nations \$470.00

## **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

## St Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church

341 Munroe Avenue Winnipeg, MB R2K 1H2 Fr Greg Mulligan, Pastor

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### **Contact Information:**

contactstals@gmail.com www.stalphonsuswinnipeg.ca Facebook: St Alphonsus Church -Winnipeg Bulletin submissions deadline is Monday at 4 pm.

### **Office Hours:**

Monday to Thursday: 8.30 am to 11.30 & 1 pm to 4.30 pm The office is closed on Friday.

### Staff:

Pastor: Fr Greg Mulligan
Parish Office: Maria Cox
Catechetics: Fr Greg Mulligan
Caretaker: Ernesto Samiana
Bookkeeper: Tess Atkins

# Online Fertility Health Awareness Seminars (Fall 2025) Calling all engaged couples...

Here is an opportunity to learn a method of NFP/Fertility Awareness and to find out how this knowledge will benefit your fertility & marriage. The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface is pleased to offer, free of charge, the Fertility Health Awareness Seminars Online this November: November 17th, 2025 (6:30 – 9:00 pm) – Creighton & NaPro Method. Deadline to register is November 10. November 26, 2025 (6:30 – 9:00 pm) – Marquette Method. Deadline to register is November 19.

Please note: All engaged couples marrying in the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface must attend the Fertility Health Awareness Seminar as part of their Pre-Marital Formation Process, however the seminar is open to everyone. Registrations required.

For more info, visit bit.ly/
fertilityhealth-stboniface or
contact the Office of Marriage,
Family and Life of the Archdiocese
of Saint Boniface - Marie: mfl@
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