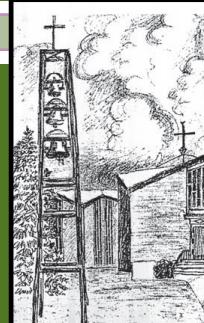


# St. Alphonsus Parish Update

January 18, 2026



## 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

## CWL News - Christmas Hampers

Thank you to the Parish of St. Alphonsus for your generous support. The Parish, with the help of students from St. Alphonsus School, provided Christmas hampers to 6 single adults and 7 families with a total of 15 children.

Incredibly, you donated \$3,600 and the balance of \$620 has been sent to Manitoba Harvest to feed the hungry. Thanks again!

## 2026 Donation Envelopes

The 2026 donation envelopes are now at the church. All the boxes which are at the church **have already been assigned**. We ask that you please write your name on your envelopes. If you would like a box of envelopes and haven't had one in the past, please contact the parish office [contactstals@gmail.com](mailto:contactstals@gmail.com)

## 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



**[www.stalphonsusschool.ca](http://www.stalphonsusschool.ca) 204-667-6271**

## CWL News -

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

## CCRS OF MB – Unveiling the Gospels Bible Study 2026

Understanding the four Gospels in depth can often be challenging, especially reading them back-to-back. This course, however, goes beyond simply reading the Gospels. We'll delve into who the Gospel writers were, their unique audiences, their purposes in writing, and, most importantly, how each one presents a distinct view of Jesus. Tuesdays at St. Andrew Bobola Church in Winnipeg from January 13 to March 24, 2026. – 6.30pm to 9 pm (optional mass at 6 pm) For more information: 431-777-8877 or email [ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com](mailto:ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com)

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18 to 25, 2026

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated in many places around the world from January 18 - 25, 2026. The prayers and reflections for the 2026 Week of Prayer have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches. We are reminded that unity is a divine mandate at the core of our Christian identity, more than simply an ideal. It represents the essence of the Church's calling – a call to reflect the harmonious oneness of our life in Christ amidst our diversity. The week will also see many other celebrations held at various churches in Winnipeg, including Paroisse Saint-Norbert (January 23rd), St. Mary's Academy (January 21st) and St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church and Bishop Velychokovsky National Martyr's Shrine (January 25). <https://www.weekofprayer.ca>

**Illuminate: An Evening of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.** January 23, 2026 All are invited to participate in a dynamic evening of adoration, praise & worship, reconciliation and fellowship on Friday, January 23 at 7:30 PM, at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 710 Roanoke Street, Winnipeg. For more information, [www.illuminatemb.com](http://www.illuminatemb.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/IlluminateMB/>. Illuminate is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship music, and fellowship, with the opportunity to take part in the sacrament of Reconciliation. See you there!

**MB Presents – ALIVE a charismatic event –**  
**January 23, 2026.** Join us on Friday January 23 at 7PM at St. John Cantius Church – 846 Burrows Ave, Winnipeg, MB. Eucharistic Celebration presided by Fr. Michel Nault, Praise and Worship by the “St John Cantius Charismatic Music Ministry”. Plus Prayer Ministry with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, fellowship and more. Please note, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6PM to 7PM [www.catholicrenewalservices.com/events](http://www.catholicrenewalservices.com/events)

## Thank You For Your Donations January 10 & January 11, 2026

Regular donations	\$ 4024.00
Online Regular Donations	\$ 170.00
Building fund donations	\$ 819.35
Online Building Fund Donations	\$ 115.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 90.00
Initial Offerings	\$ 245.00
 Total to the Parish	 \$ 5463.35

## Mass Intentions

January 17 at 9 am	Celestino Punsalan+
January 17 at 5 pm	Parishioners of St Alphonsus
January 18 at 9 am	Dinh & Pham Families
January 18 at 11 am	Norma Isaacson
January 20 at 8 am	Cheryl Simmonds
January 21 at 8 am	Phil & Maria
January 22 at 8 am	Paola & Family
January 23 at 8 am	Serenity & Family
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