

**ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH
HUMAN CONCERNS MINISTRIES
DESCRIPTION OF MISSION**

This Standing Committee of the Pastoral Council helps to fulfill the justice dimensions of Scripture and our Church tradition, acknowledging that every Christian is called to service and to work for justice. The Human Concerns Committee supports those in the parish already involved in justice education, advocacy and direct service. This committee works with community groups and other parishes and denominations to carry out their responsibilities. They help parishioners take action on issues relating to justice, peace, hunger, healthcare, and homelessness on local, national, and international levels.

If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact:

Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz, Pastoral Associate, eileen@st-alphonsus.org

Human Concerns Committee Chair- open

Pastoral Council Liaison – Ben Rucka 414-763-3203

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JUSTICE EDUCATION: The Human Concerns Committee plans programs to raise awareness among parishioners around social justice issues and Catholic social teaching.

ADVOCACY:

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Coordinator: open

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Mission: To promote the Gospel of Life by recognizing the dignity of every human person from the moment of conception until natural death.

Pastoral Plan Areas: Public Information and Education; Pastoral Care; Public Policy; Prayer and Worship. Source: USCCB Pastoral Plan

RESPECT LIFE ROSE SALE

Coordinator: Respect Life Team

The annual Rose Sale on Mother's Day benefits Wisconsin Right to Life.

Sponsored by St. Al's Respect Life Committee.

DIRECT SERVICES: Direct Service ministries assist in works of charity and cooperate with organizations that work to meet a variety of needs, within our parish and the greater community.

ALZHEIMER FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Coordinator: Wendy Benkowski

414-899-7342

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This is a monthly support group for families and caregivers of those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. This group enables those involved to better cope and become aware of all options in daily care and responsibilities. The group meets on the 3rd Monday of the month.

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ERAS- NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH TO OLDER ADULTS (formerly Interfaith Southwest)

Offices at 5940 West Loomis Rd. St. Alphonsus Parish Ministry Center

Coordinators: Vicki Henning	414-488-6500 x 6502	vicki.henning@eras.org
Marilee Wade	414-488-6500 x 6503	marilee.wade@eras.org
Parish Representatives:		
Marcie Larson	715-271-0722	larsm.marcy@gmail.com

The volunteers and the neighborhood director work to keep the elderly living independently in the community for as long as possible. Volunteer services include: shopping, transportation to appointments, home visits, and light household tasks. Information about home health care, housing, home delivered meals, Medicare payments and other concerns related to older adults are provided upon request. Interfaith sponsors the annual mums sale held every Grandparents Day.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Coordinators: Janet Kloser, Ellen Krueger, Cathie Wilke 414-514-4400 kloserj@aol.com

This pantry serves the people in Greendale and the surrounding communities on the **first Sunday of the month (or second Sunday, if the first Sunday is a holiday), by appointment only**. Donations/food are accepted and used to stock the pantry. **Emergency service is available**. The food pantry is located at the north entrance of the Parish House - 5980 West Loomis Rd.

GIVING TREE GIFT DRIVE

Coordinator: Chris Sowa & Team 414-529-7358 sowa.chris@gmail.com
Annual drive to collect gifts for children from churches on the near South side. Solicitation starts in November. Gifts are collected and distributed in early December.

HOUSE OF PEACE THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Coordinators: Christian Formation- Karen Farrell 414-421-2442 x 222 karen@st-alphonsus.org

The House of Peace Food Drive is unique. In order to receive a box of food, recipients must attend at least one class educating them on topics such as nutrition and budgeting. The Milwaukee Bucks donate the turkeys and other organizations, including Roundy's, provide perishable products. Saint Alphonsus community provides the "sides" and hopefully enough for leftovers. We donate at least 100 complete family boxes each year. Supported by Christian Formation and St. Alphonsus' School Families and the Parish – at – large.

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COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAMS

Notes: Monetary contributions are welcomed and needed. You may now donate online, through our parish website. Simply click “donate online”, **Community Meal Program**. Or, write a check to St. Alphonsus Parish with a Community Meal Program notation.

Through the generosity and efforts of many, we are able to purchase, prepare and serve over 10,000 meals a year to the needy in the Milwaukee area at three different sites.

Scheduler: Karyn Kramp 414-235-9020 kkramp@wi.rr.com

Food Purchaser: Jill Bemis 414-529-8998 bemis6@ameritech.net

St. Vincent de Paul-Southside 3rd Wednesday/month
931 W. Madison Street

Team 1: Chris and Karla Geiger (Feb) 414-421-7337 candkgeiger@gmail.com
Team 2: Roz and Dave Radke (Jan) 414-529-2356 jjptradke@gmail.com

All Peoples Church 3rd Friday bi-monthly
2600 N. 2nd Street

Coordinator: Marcy Larson 715-271-0722 larson.marcy@gmail.com

St. Benedict's 5th Monday or Wednesday of the month
1015 N. 9th Street

Coordinators: Maureen and Art Dorrington 414-421-7097 mdorrington@gmail.com
Margaret Fortman 414-421-1201 margaretfortman@sbcglobal.net

FRIENDSHIP WITHOUT BORDERS

Coordinators: Elizabeth Hanson 414-423-9831 erhinmilwaukee@yahoo.com
Gerry Ruedinger 424-704-3670 gruedinger@sbcglobal.net

FRIENDSHIP WITHOUT BORDERS has been traveling to Santa Apolonia, Guatemala, for the last 25 years. Saint Alphonsus' parish members and non-members have created wonderful memories with hundreds of children in the last 25 years, and made significant improvements to *Los Hogares* Homes (the orphanage). The School Sisters of St. Francis were mandated by the Guatemalan Government to reduce the number of children, and at the same time implement more professional staff which became unreasonable to sustain. The SSSF staff chose to close the orphanage and have created *Centro de Programas Alternativos Santa María de Guadalupe* on the grounds of the orphanage. Here they help malnourished children and families of the villages in the surrounding

area. They are helping former *Los Hogares* students who are attending higher schooling and trade schools with scholarships. FWB has released \$20,779 to help with this endeavor. For more information, call Elizabeth Hanson or Gerry Ruedinger.

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HOUSE OF CORRECTIONS

ON HOLD

Coordinators: Dave and Thelma Walker 414-421-3173

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Prayer Leaders from St. Alphonsus provide a Prayer Service at the House of Corrections in Franklin on the first, second, and third Sunday of each month at 7:45 a.m. Resources are provided. As changes are made at the House of Correction, Prayer Leaders are contacted through telephone or email.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Parish Office:

414-421-2442

President, Nancy Juley

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V. President, Dave Pelzek

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The St. Vincent DePaul Society's mission is to help the sick, disabled and those with family or financial difficulties through assistance with rent, utility bills, medicine, food, clothing and household items. All referrals are kept confidential. Donations for this ministry are placed in the poor boxes located at all exits of the church. The St. Alphonsus St. Vincent de Paul group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. New members are always welcome.

THE CARE FOR CREATION TEAM

Contact: Lee Herriges

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This Team helps the St. Alphonsus Parish Community become better stewards of the natural environment. This includes connecting care for God's creation into our religious practices and spiritual understanding. The team also finds practical opportunities to conserve energy and reduce waste in parish and school activities. Meetings are monthly/as calendared, either in person/virtually.