

**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:

Committee Chairperson: Thelma Walker 414-421-3173 DWATWA7224@cs.com

JUSTICE EDUCATION: Programs planned around individual interests and needs.

Contact: Jackie Kowalski 414-852-8165 jackowalski7@sbcglobal.net
 Thelma Walker 414-421-3173 DWATWA7224@cs.com

SOCIAL ACTION: Social action supports organizations that focus on social issues in our community through the following ministries:

CROP WALK

Co-Coordinator: Carol Fischer 414-421-2442 carol@st-alphonsus.org

The Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee sponsors a nationwide hunger relief group and collects non-perishable food for local food pantries every October.

RESPECT LIFE ROSE SALE

Contact: Steve Becker 414-588-5214 mozdribble@gmail.com

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

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Contact: Steve Becker 414-588-5214 mozdribble@gmail.com

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

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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

Coordinators: Linda Susedik 414-570-1042 lmsusedik@aol.com
Wendy Benkowski 414-899-7342 wbenkowski@gmail.com

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 from 7p.m. - 9p.m. in the Parish Ministry Center, 5960 West Loomis Rd.

INTERFAITH-SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH TO OLDER ADULTS

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

Director: Dianne May 414-421-3777 dmay@interfaithmilw.org
Parish Representatives:
Mary Bek 206-290-1069 marybek@yahoo.com
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 mum's 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 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.

GUEST HOUSE and WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Coordinator: Chris Sowa & Team 414-529-7358 sowa.chris@gmail.com

This yearly men's clothing drive is held on Thanksgiving weekend. Winter clothing is also collected for needy families with children.

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COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAMS

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

Every year since 1996, a mission team from St Alphonus has journeyed to Guatemala to support the Orphanage of the School Sisters of St. Francis in Santa Apolonia. The team provides health and medical care for the children along with opening a small clinic for the people of the village. St Alphonus supports this mission through financial help and direct service.

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HOUSE OF CORRECTIONS

Coordinators: Dave and Thelma Walker 414-421-3173 DWATWA7224@cs.com

Prayer Leaders from St. Alphonsus provide a prayer service at the House of Correction 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
Joe Dembosky 414-425-8717 (H); 414-331-1526 (cell)

The St. Vincent DePaul Society 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 the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00p.m. in the Outreach Building. New members are always welcome.

MILWAUKEE CAREERS COOPERATIVE

Board Member: Gene Miller 414- 688-9261 www.milwaukeecareerscoperative.org

(Note- St. Alphonsus Congregation is a member of the Cooperative and is currently represented by Gene Miller. We are seeking others to become involved in providing assistance to the cooperative by representing our parish or assisting job seekers with resumes, interviews, etc.)

The MCC mission is to locate employers for temporary or permanent job opportunities. The MCC offers orientation for central city job seekers and others and works with MATC through an Office Practicum course to provide office skills training and GED instruction so students may obtain jobs.

Milwaukee Careers Cooperative; 3505 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208; 414-937-8260

www.mccjobs.org

THE CARE FOR CREATION TEAM

Contact: Erick Shambarger 414-708-9187 Shambarger@hotmail.com

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.