

## THE PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS...

### THE GENEROSITY OF GOD

Recently, I was speaking to a good friend of mine about our spiritual lives. He told me, "Sometimes I feel like I am coming to the banquet of the Lord with a little eye-dropper and tweezers as my utensils." He was concerned that sometimes he expects just little blessings and rationed grace. It is a common problem among Christians that we may often underestimate the goodness and love of God.

Today our readings speak to us of the abundant generosity of our God. In the prophet Isaiah, the Lord tells us to "come, receive grain and eat; come without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!" The prophet is inviting the people to deeper trust and relationship with God. Not just any god, but the One True God Who created everything and treats us with great mercy.

In our Gospel, we have another example of how our Heavenly Father gives us more than we can imagine. Through the prayers and power of Jesus, all the people are fed and there is much food left to spare. The crisis of thousands of hungry people was not only solved, but the Lord provided even more than was needed. Our God does not ration His blessings!

This is a good lesson for us all. At times we all fail to appreciate the overwhelming generosity of our Father. When the Lord tells us to come and drink, how many times do we show up with a thimble? If we pray to God asking only for crumbs, we may miss the all you can eat buffet

that He wants to give to us. Now don't misunderstand what I am saying. I am not saying that God promises that we will all be rich, healthy, and prosperous all of our lives. To focus merely on material blessings is to miss out on the greater needs that we have. The Lord wants to give us LIFE, and life in abundance. This speaks to us of spiritual gifts and spiritual riches. Jesus reminds us that we must lay up treasures in heaven, not seeking only physical comfort.

I can remember many times praying with others and hearing them ask for tiny blessings and measured goodness. I wonder if God was waiting to do a miracle, but we never really expected that much. We need to make sure that we are looking to our loving Father with the expectation that He is generous and that He wants to bless and save us. Our God is a God that moves mountains, calms storms, delivers from devils, and feeds all the people with some leftovers. God wants to fill us with joy, peace and love. Are your utensils large enough for the banquet?

I would like to offer my thanks and congratulations to our two new elders: Dorothy Bennett and Nina Hughes. I look forward to the wisdom and prayers that they will add to our Elders' Council. I appreciate their willingness to serve their pastor in this way.

**From The Desk Of  
Fr. Matthew S. Bonk**

*Fr. Matthew S. Bonk*  
C. S. S. R.

## Mass Schedule...

**SATURDAY MASS:**  
5:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY MASSES:**  
8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**  
(before each Mass)  
7:30-8:00 a.m. and 10:15-10:45 a.m.

**DAILY MASSES:**  
(M.W. & F.) 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays: 7:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Thursdays: 9:00 a.m.  
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.

**TUESDAYS:**  
Exposition & Benediction: 9:30 am-10:30 am (1st Tuesday) followed by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass

## Weekly Readings...



**SUNDAY:**  
*Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9,15-18 Rom 8:35,37-39 Mt 14:13-21*

**MONDAY:**  
*Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29,43,79-80,95,102 Mt 24:22-36*

**TUESDAY:**  
*Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 Ps 102:16-23,29 Mt 14:22-36*

**WEDNESDAY:**  
*Dn 7:9-10,13-14 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9*

**THURSDAY:**  
*Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:12-15,18-19 Mt 16:13-23*

**FRIDAY:**  
*Na 2:1,3;3:1-3,6-7 (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b,39,41 Mt 16:24-28*

**SATURDAY:**  
*Hb 1:12-2:4 Ps 9:8-13 Mt 17:14-20*

**SUNDAY:**  
*1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a Ps 85:9-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33*

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

**PRAYER CORNER**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>**

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15: T. Conte  
C. Moore

11:00: A. Dyle  
A. Hicks  
J. Pou  
M. Robinson

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15: L. Kamp  
H. LaBerta  
S. LaBerta  
J. Latham  
S. Lyons  
B. Moore

Host: J. Nashville

Host: A. Oransky

ELDERS

8:15: E. Nashville

11:00: W. Goss

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

11:00: O. Moore-Weekly  
P. Nwaokokorom  
K. Parran  
P. Pou  
M. Shannon  
A. Thames

Host: B. Mahr-Douglas

Host: E. Whitfield

INCENSE BEARERS

8:15: D. Terry

11:00: P. Garnett

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

8:15: R. Jones -L  
J. Crawford-C

11:00: J. Whitfield-L  
R. Buckley-C

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15: J. Wright

11:00: J. Key

USHERS-Group 1

8:15: Linda Kamp-Leader

11:00: Jackie Day-Leader

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>**

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15: TBD

11:00: TBD

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15: A. Conte  
J. Crawford  
M. Davis  
M. Dillehay  
A. Ellermann  
M. Ellermann

Host: A. Atherton

Host: B. Bentley

ELDERS

8:15: Melba Smith

11:00: Marvin Mosby

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

11:00: J. Anthony

A. Banks

D. Brack

H. Brown

R. Buckley

S. Cooney-Smith

Host: N. Britts

Host: J. Camp

INCENSE BEARERS

8:15: J. Woodson-Reed

11:00: A. Jordan

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

8:15: B. McCaleb-L

C. Henderson-Powell-C

11:00: T. Brown-L

B. Cornute-C

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15: TBD

11:00: TBD

USHERS—Group 2

8:15: Loretta Beasley-Leader

11:00: Lillian Cooney- Leader



**“FOR THOSE STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER”**

“O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of our souls and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” To include someone in our Prayer Corner, please call the office Monday through Tuesday 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

*(We are saying Special Prayers for persons and families living with HIV/AIDS.)*

**NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks unless the office is notified.**

SICKNESS

Armstead, Samuel  
Barnes, John  
Barnett, Carla  
Beard, Delbert  
Beard, Judith  
Beasley, Loretta  
Bell, Gilbert  
Benson, Valerie  
Bernard, Patrick  
Brame, Reginald  
Bragg, Nellie  
Brent, Cinda  
Burns, Charles  
Burns, Luther  
Cheaney, Laura  
Clayton, Rhianna  
Cohn, Brenda L.  
Collins, Amy  
Collins, John  
Davey, Martha  
Dougherty, Herbert  
Dumaine, William  
Fieree, Patricia  
Foster, Ossie  
Givens, Keith  
George, Betty  
Henderson, Kim  
Henderson, Maurice  
Hollie, Cameron  
Huff, Virginia  
Irving, Delphine  
Johnson, Ida  
Johnson, Les (Deacon)  
Keene, JoAnn  
Keller, Helene  
Laberta, Steve  
Lebaube, Mike  
Lemelle, Cecelia  
Latchinson, Ruth  
Luster, Juanita  
Martin, Sharon  
McCoy, Bernice  
McGraugh, Judy  
McKenzie, Carolyn  
Moses, Edith  
Burt-Mosley, Anthony  
Reedy, Judith  
Ringo, Maggie  
Rockett, Dontea  
Robinson, Angel  
Scott, Mauri

Shaw, Vanorican  
Smith, Jessie  
Smith, Steve  
Sodon, Wanda  
Strong, Nancee  
Talbert, Savannah  
Taylor, Gloria  
Watkins, Nellie  
Weekly, Ollie  
Weekly, Rashawn  
Weekly, Willie  
Wheelington, Wade  
Williams, Cynthia  
Willis, Harriett  
Wright, William

HOSPITAL

Buckley, June  
Farr, Cynthia  
Frazier, Dorothy  
Gibson, Clarence  
Harris, Maxime  
Jackson, James  
Johnson, Dorothy  
Johnson, Dorothea  
Johnson, Michael  
Jones, Orzo  
Jones, Ruth  
Mitchell, Gail  
Valle, Robert  
Williams, Norman

INTENTIONS

Alexandre, Rosemary  
Ambus, Ruby  
Anderson, Meredith  
Ballard-LaMell, Tonya  
Barrett, Albertine  
Beavers, Lillie & Family  
Bennett, Dorothy  
Blackwell, Joann & Traci  
Brack, Dorothy  
Brown, Janae  
Collins, Amy  
Collins, Gene  
Cooney, Geoffrey  
Cunningham, Willie  
Davis, Denise  
Edwards, Gabrielle  
Ellis, Willie Bishop  
Fritsch, Mary

Gales, MaryAnn  
Gardner, Tamara  
George, Roberta & Family  
Grant, Breon  
Grigsby, Sandra  
Harris, Jerome  
Hardin, Wilhelmina  
Hardway, Norman & Family  
Holt, Christine & Family  
Howard, Yvonne & Family  
Hughes, Irene  
Jackson, Michael  
Jackson, Pat  
James, Jade  
Jenkins, Nicholas  
Jones, Chris  
Kerr, Raymond  
Kilgore, Yetta  
Kirtsey, Jasmine  
LaMell, Stephen & Helen  
Lalsandu, Gianas & Family  
Lee, Marcia  
Lucas, Blondell  
Mahr-Douglas, Brenda  
McCaleb, Barbara  
McKenzie, Carolyn  
Melvin, Tamara  
Mills, Minnie  
Mitchell, Elizabeth  
Mitchell, Rachel  
Moore, LaTasha & Family  
Moore, Trisha  
Mosby, Paulette  
Parran, Herb  
Patrick, Antionette  
Reed, Delores  
Sanders, Sandra  
Smith, Christopher  
Smith, Rosiland  
Smith, Queen Allen  
Taylor, Gloria  
Taylor, Jeffrey  
Thompson, Mary Ann  
Ward-LaMell, Tiffany  
Watkins, Nellie  
Webb, Paulette & Family  
Willis, Theresa  
Wilson, Barbara

## Parish Announcements...

### YOUTH CORNER

Dear Rock family,

The news is still good and constant. We have another youth bursting at the seams with success. Martilla Davis (aka Marley) is featured in the July 24-30 St Louis American Newspaper. Many of you know her from the 8:15 Mass. She is an altar server and a liturgical dancer. She has sung in the children's choir and is often seen filling in whenever she is needed. Martilla has led youth meetings and is very active in the teen ministry. Always pleasant and smiling, she is someone you can't miss. Martilla is very creative, and she had a chance to show off some of her skills this summer. See the article on the bulletin board outside of the youth office.

Today after both masses, the youth will be selling Rock Pad and Pencil sets for small donations.

We will have a car wash in the near future - time and place to be announced.

Youth interested in attending Kujenga, please let me know. Applications will be available shortly. The cost is \$130. Partial scholarships are available.

Important dates:

St Matt's is having its 5th annual Back to School Program. Saturday August 16 @ 6p.m. 4145 Kennerly @ Whittier KG- High School. All students must be accompanied by an adult. The first 300 receive free school supplies. There will be free adult/child wellness checks. Cardinal Glennon Safe Kids will be there also.

Two quotes:

Remember that God is faithful, and He will not let you be tested beyond your strength. (1Corinthians 10:13)

As put by Saint John Baptist de La Salle - God knows what you are capable of, and He is not going to command you things above your strength.

They take delight in doing his bidding, always ready for his service on earth. (Sirach 39:31)

The servant knows that he has received all he has and is. As a result, he also feels called to place what he has received at the service of others. -Pope John Paul II.

Please continue to send me your good news. Our youth are doing good and great things.



*Angela Thames*  
Youth Minister Coordinator  
St Alphonsus Rock Church  
(314) 533-0304 ext. 1002 (phone)  
(314) 533-4260 (fax)

### CENTRAL CATHOLIC

**WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY BY FAITH  
AND HARD WORK**

**CCSN – A SCHOOL AND AN ACADEMY  
SECOND TO NONE!**

Do you want to share the blessings of our school improvements? Are you grateful for our school becoming a College Prep Academy? God is blessing us with many more educational legacies, like our enhanced math/science program that continues to be an amazing grace.

Invite families to come and see us. Share with them the great blessing God has given to us

- We offer tuition assistance, as needed, for children of all ages.
- We have a new Early Head Start Program at our Lucas and 18<sup>th</sup> Street Campus.
- We have new playground equipment and new tile in the classrooms at our Jefferson Campus.
- We are expanding our sports and arts programs.
- We are upgrading our math and science to be announced at Sigma Aldrich on 9/11.
- We are entering our third year with our 3-semester, extended Middle Grade Academy.
- We have Graduate Support through High School.

**Our opening day is August 25!**

It's coming quickly. We have an enrollment team in place. You can come yourself or send others to take a tour.

You can earn \$50 if you bring someone or if they mention your name. This gift is from ACCESS Academies who will affirm your investment in our school the day the new student begins.

We are open throughout the summer from 9 AM to 3 PM. Call Sr. Gail and set a time to visit.

*Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – President*  
*Sr. Gail Trippett, CSJ – Principal*

### THE VILLAGE ACADEMY

A life-shaping early education center for children and their families is now hiring teachers and a cook. Visit our website at [thevillageacademy.org](http://thevillageacademy.org) for additional information and an application.

## Parish Announcements...

### "Rock" Church Construction Corner

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING! TEMPROOF3

To begin this 3rd installment of the articles on the roofs, I want to make a personal observation of the work that has been going on and the workers doing the work, and if I repeat myself in future articles, if they continue, please forgive me.

Mark Kamp and the Rock Church community cannot express in words or actions the deep appreciation and gratitude we owe to Mark's workers and all of his sub-contractors. At the present time, we are talking about cleaning up the debris on the roof, and the mess on the floor. At the beginning of this segment, I would like to acknowledge, **THE LABORERS** of the Wachter Construction Services.

What started all these articles was the question, "What is going on behind the scene?". Usually, the laborers are behind the scenes. They are the workers who have to do all of the dirty work to prepare the site for construction, no matter what the trade is.

Let's back up the truck go back to the end of last week's article and the JLG Booms 100 and 130 feet in the air.. These booms are also free standing. Yes, they are secure on the ground, but at that height they go, with only the boom sticking up in the air, they are always swaying side to side, back and forth, because of the breeze way up there and the movement of the men in the bucket. These are the working conditions of the laborers at this point of the reconstruction. Safe and as secure as they can be, but the booms do not provide very accommodating working conditions at all.

Before the workers get into the baskets, they must wear harnesses that goes on their shoulders. Two straps are secured around their legs and around their waste and finally a strap is tied to the Bucket of the Boom for security in case they would have an accident and fall out of the Boom. The strap would catch their fall. These harnesses must weigh 20 to 30 lbs, plus the weight of their tools. I can attest that they are not the most comfortable or stylish piece of clothing to wear, and then to have to work with it on your back and around your legs is no easy task.

With their security harnesses on, the workers are lifted on the boom slowly, two (2) to a bucket to 100 and 130 feet, and swaying a little bit in the air as they are lifted up. Once the laborers were up above the damaged roof, they can now look down into the really big hole in the roof and they can begin to assess the damage and choose the area where they want to begin cleaning out the debris. Remember, they are

hanging in the air with nothing to hold on to, so they begin to lean over and out of the buckets grabbing on to pieces of debris, wood, planks, plaster, slate, conduit, electrical wires, wood lathes with horse hair, pushing and pulling it, jabbing whatever they could with pieces of wood and some tools they could use, trying to loosen anything, so that they could begin pulling some of the freed pieces and let them begin falling to the floor below, or the ground outside. They do this over and over again, day after day, trying to open an area large enough so that the boom can lift them inside the burnt out rafters to make their work a little easier This short paragraph does not do justice to the hard, laborious and dangerous work that these laborers did day after day and week by week. But maybe this statistic will help you visualize the work they did.

We have all seen on the streets and highways those big trucks, not little dump trucks, but those big trucks carrying their junk to a fill site. For your information, the beds on those trucks can hold 30 cubic yards. Our laborers filled over 20 trucks of 30 cubic yards of debris. That is how much debris was taken out of the hole in the roof. All I can say is that that is a lot of junk. To put it into a more concrete example, those 20 trucks filled with 30 cubic yards of junk would fill our gymnasium to the ceiling, give or take an inch or two, inside or out. (Standing below and looking up at that hole, you would say that hole or area did not have that much debris.)

The goal of the laborers was to clean an area large enough and safe enough so that carpenters could come up in the bucket to begin to take measurements of the old burnt out roof area to help them make plans for building the temporary roofs on the ground to lift them up and to fit them on the burned out roof area. **REMEMBER, THE CARPENTERS WILL BE TAKING MEASUREMENTS FROM THE BURNT ROOFS TO BUILD NEW TEMPORARY ROOFS TO COVER THE LARGE HOLE, TEMPORARILY, WHILE A NEW ROOF CAN BE RECONSTRUCTED.** (Something seems wrong with this picture, don't you think, but that is what happened). Isn't that like taking new wine and putting it into old wine skins?

*Fr. Kyle Fisher, C.Ss.R.*

## Parish Announcements...

*I Shall Wear a Crown...Hat Show*



Anita Banks



*Join us at the 3rd Annual Hat Show Luncheon  
With proceeds benefiting the  
Senator J. B. "Jet" Banks Scholarship Program  
Hat Show*

*By  
Ann's Hat Fashions  
Saturday, August 9, 2008  
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
Crown Plaza St. Louis-Downtown  
200 North Fourth Street  
St. Louis, MO 63102*

*Ticket Price \$50 per person or Tables \$500 each  
To purchase tickets please call (314)535-7300  
By August 1-Seating is limited*

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club will meet August 10th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Talayna's Restaurant located at 310 DeBaliviere Ave. Everyone is welcome.

## Religious Education Corner

### BECOMING A CATHOLIC



The process for becoming Catholic starts with your wanting to know more about the Catholic faith. This process is called THE RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS or RCIA – and of children (ages 10-16) RCIC. Classes begin in September and conclude with full acceptance into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

If you are considering "Becoming a Catholic" or wish to know more about your Catholic Faith – please contact Donna L. Lane, DRE to register for classes starting on September 21, 2008 at 314.533.0304.

## ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and contributing to benevolent outreaches in communities throughout the United States. The Angel Food program now is helping provide food relief to more than 500,000 families each month.

### How it Works

Food is purchased from first rate suppliers at substantial volume discounts, Angel Food Ministries is able to provide families with quality nutritious food at a low price. Angel Food Ministries does not use out-of-date food or inferior products.

Each month's menu is different and consists of fresh, frozen and packaged food. Angel Food Provides quality, nutritious food at significant discounts on a regular basis, a practical way to give people a "hand up" during difficult times. There is no purchase limit for boxes of Angel Food.

Final orders due: Sunday (08/10/08) at 10:00 a.m. Distribution day/order pick-up: Saturday (08/23/08) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. at the Rhema Church 2233 Cass Ave., St. Louis, MO., 63106; Phone number 314-421-2345. Checks and EBT payments are accepted.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Employment Connection is one of the largest job readiness and placement service agencies in the region. We help young adults, TANF recipients, ex-offenders, substance abusers, New Americans and survivors of domestic violence and others find and maintain good paying jobs. We need volunteers for the following:

- GED Coaches
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Tutors
- Remedial Reading Tutors
- Data Entry/Clerical Workers
- Accounting Assistants
- Resume and Interview Coaches
- Fundraising and Special Events Interns
- Union-Certified Carpenters
- Landscapers/Gardeners

**SKILLS REQUIRED:** Creative & Sociable, Desire to help others, Organized, Self-Starter.

We are located at 2838 Market St.—Downtown St. Louis. Call or e-mail us at (314)333-5645, [thabitisterling@employmentstl.org](mailto:thabitisterling@employmentstl.org).

**PARISH INFORMATION****PASTORAL TEAM**

Rev. Matthew S. Bonk, C.Ss.R., Pastor  
 Joyce Jones, Business Mgr./Office Mgr.  
 Helen A. LaMell, Administrative Assistant  
 (TBD), Dir. of Liturgy  
 Donna L. Lane, D.R.E.  
 (Dir. of Religious Education)  
 Angela Thames, Youth Minister Coord.  
 Wilhelmina Hardin, Dir. of M.A.T.  
 Social Min.

**PASTORAL STAFF**

Roberta George, Secretary

**SUPPORT STAFF**

Bro. Terry Burke, C.Ss.R., Manager  
 Terrance Gipson, Maintenance

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Chair: Angela Mullen  
 Vice Chair: Truenessia Combs  
 Secretary: Lois Scott  
 Assist. Secretary: Rosalind Hood  
 Member-at-Large I: April Harris  
 Member-at-Large II: Eugene Wallace  
 Finance Liaison: Jeffrey McDonald

**COMMISSIONS & CHAIRS**

Christian Formation - Jean Anthony  
 Christian Service - Barbara McCaleb  
 Family Life Comm. - Patricia Pou  
 Finance & Adm. - John Wright  
 Liturgy - Richard Buckley  
 Social Life - Hilliard Phillips

**REDEMPTORISTS IN RESIDENCE**

Deacon Rick Fischer, C.Ss.R.  
 Rev. Kyle Fisher, C.Ss.R.  
 Rev. Bill Parker, C.Ss.R.  
 Rev. Dave Polek, C.Ss.R.

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

8: 15—Malcolm Speed  
 11:00—Danny Dumaine

Athletic Office: 314 533-0304  
 Ext. 1002

Teen Ministry: 314 533-0304  
 Ext. 1002

**OFFERING AND TITHES**

This is what the Lord has commanded "From what you have, take an offering for the Lord..."

Our offering and tithes to God for the support of our Church and ministries for July 27, 2008.

**Total: \$ 8,147.09**

**"DIVINE LOVE THROUGH ME BLESSES AND MULTIPLIES THIS OFFERING. IT BLESSES THE RECEIVER AND RETURNS TO THE GIVER BLESSED AND MULTIPLIED!"**

May God richly bless you for your generous stewardship of your church! We are asking each member to please prayerfully consider making a decision to tithe. Pray over Malachi 3:10. We remind you to please use your envelopes.

**PLEASE NOTE:** \$14,000 is needed weekly for Annual Budget.

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Please Remember Your Parish in Your Estate Plan, and Charitable Giving!!!

Make your gift and devises to: Redemptorists of Denver Province

For St. Alphonsus "Rock" Catholic Church In St. Louis, Missouri

*Thank you,  
 "Rock" Legal Ministry*

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

Religious Ed.: 314- 533-0304 Ext. 1311

Children's Bible Class every Sunday: 10:30 - 11:45 am.

Bible Study/Prayer Group every Tuesday: 6:30 pm.

Central Catholic/St. Nicholas School - (314) 231-6254

Baptismal Preparation (314) 533-0304 (ask for Donna Lane)

St. Charles Lwanga Center (314) 367-7929

**COMMUNITY HELP**

M.A.T. Social Ministry Center (Emergency Aid) (314) 531-1040

Community Health In Partnership Services (C.H.I.P.S.) (314) 652-9231

Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH) (314) 289-7523

HIV/AIDS: 314 531-0304 Ext. 1502

Birthright (Crisis pregnancy) 314-962-5300 and Abortion Recovery Help: 877-HOPE-4-ME.

**HOLY SPIRIT FIRE PRAYER HOUR**

*Come and join the Friday Night prayer time in the back of church. Pray and sing together using the Bible with other brothers and sisters. Need a lift, have special intentions, need healing? Come and join. Pray together for the Church family. Where two or three are gathered together, Jesus is in the midst of them.*

**STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER????**

St. Alphonsus Rock has prayer ministry after each Mass every Sunday. Go to the choir area after Mass, and there will be some members there to pray with you and for you. Feel a heavy burden? Need a healing? Have a thankful heart? Worried?

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK & VISITS**

*"Is anyone sick among you? Call in the priests of the church and they will pray for the sick person and anoint them with oil." (James) This is the sacrament of the sick. ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SICK, GOING TO THE HOSPITAL OR HAVING AN OPERATION? Inform one of the priests, and they can anoint you after Mass. Call and leave your hospital information at the office; a priest will visit you.*

**FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

Please remember to contact the Church Office when you change your address or phone number. Thank you.