

Common Information for Each of the Councils and Teams below

- Meet Monthly during the School Year (to prepare for the Strategic Planning in the Fall, there may be some meetings during this summer)
- Have nine members with terms of 3 years (though as we begin, in order to stagger the terms, there will initially be terms of 1 to 3 years available). Participants are encouraged to become involved in one Council or Team.
- All members will take part in the St. Alphonsus Strategic Planning this coming Fall (2016)
- Three of the Councils below are required of every parish in the Diocese of Rochester. The other three are Teams that are vital to the health and growth of St. Alphonsus. The Parish and the Finance Council already exist but have many members at the end of their terms. The other four are new to St. Alphonsus.
- No one person or member is expected to bring all the gifts needed for that team. Rather, the gifts of all nine members will combine to share the gifts needed. All should have a deep desire to be and grow as a disciple.

Parish Council

A tentative meeting time of 9 AM on 1st Saturdays. Members together will bring gifts such as: organization, communication, creativity, planning, and visioning. This Council assists the pastor with creating vision and direction for the parish and its ministries. This Council will design the process of Strategic Planning that St. Alphonsus will follow in Fall 2016.

Buildings and Grounds Council

Meetings are tentatively planned for the first Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Members together will bring gifts such as: communication, landscaping, electrical, plumbing, contracting, etc. They assist the pastor and book keeper in evaluating the physical plant and creating a 3 to 5 year plan for its upkeep and repair. They will assist with soliciting quotes and council the pastor on awarding contracts. There will also be opportunities to assist with these projects by doing hands-on work.

Finance Council

Meetings are tentatively planned for the first Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 PM, Members together bring needed gifts such as communication, creativity, public speaking, book keeping, etc. They will assist the pastor and parish book keeper with the annual Catholic Ministry Appeal, budget planning, reconciling accounts, investments, reporting to the parish, etc.

Prayer and Worship Team

Meetings are tentatively planned for the 2nd Thursday at 6:30 PM. Members together will bring gifts such as: creativity, decorative design, organization, planning, communication, learning etc. This team will plan and organize the prayer and worship life of the parish (Masses, Reconciliation Services, Holiday Liturgies, etc.). They will recruit assistance, decorate our worship space, and learn together the procedures of Catholic worship. They will serve the parish by their creating an atmosphere of prayer and reverence that is genuine and inviting.

Life Long Faith Formation Team

Meetings are tentatively planned for the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 PM. Members together will bring gifts such as: organization, planning, event planning, curriculum and lesson planning, communication. This team will assist the pastor and the director of Faith Formation in planning, strengthening, and implementing the graded and sacramental programs that already exist. Then they will assist in the planning and implementation of a High School Program and regular Adult Education opportunities.

Pastoral Care Team

Meetings are tentatively planned for 4th Thursday at 6:30. The Members together will bring gifts such as: creativity, organization, prayerfulness, deep faith in the Eucharist, strong empathy. This team will assist the pastor and pastoral minister in visiting the sick, homebound, recruiting and training volunteers. They will design follow up for families who are grieving the loss of a loved one. They will develop, by way of strategic planning, a parish response to families facing cancer, Alzheimer's, and the like. They will develop a parish response to all manner of family milestones: important anniversaries, reception of sacraments, passing the driver's test, first time bringing a new born to mass, newly registering in the parish, etc.

Keep this page to remind you of which Council and Teams Launch Event you will attend:

_____ Thursday May 19 at 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM or _____ Saturday May 21 at 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM

At St. Alphonsus Parish Center.