# St. Alphonsus School News Second Term - March 2018







#### From The Principal

#### Sorry about that...

Canadians have a reputation for politeness, especially saying sorry a lot. Comedians poke gentle fun at our gentleness. I recently saw an advertisement with a variety of athletes apologizing for dominating their opponents, a tongue in cheek acknowledgment of our reputation for apologizing for the smallest slights.

But what about the bigger, deeper conflicts, are we as quick to seek forgiveness in these instances? As you can imagine, working in a school provides a steady supply of conflicts ranging from minor hurt feelings to major disagreements. Sometimes, apologies are in order. Often children balk at apologizing. At times they don't feel that they are wrong or, perhaps, that the person they hurt deserved it. They are surprised that both sides of a disagreement need to apologize. They feel that if they didn't intend to hurt the person they shouldn't have to apologize. In many cases they see apologizing as an admission of guilt and as a form of punishment. Why is it, as the old song says, "Sorry seems to be the hardest word?"

It's not just the kids who have trouble expressing remorse, either. I am sure all of us remember a time when we hesitated to reconcile with someone who we have hurt, intentionally or not. Our self-esteem and fear of being vulnerable to the other person can interfere with reaching out to those we have wronged. Sometimes, the person we have hurt is a child in our lives. I remember talking to my brother about this idea when his kids were young. He said he would never admit to being wrong, that this weakness would undermine his authority as parent. Hmmm..... I'd like to talk about this with him again, now that we both have weathered child rearing to see if his opinion is the same. I know my journey as a parent (and as a teacher) has been filled with mistakes and reconciliation. In fact, some of the moments of closest connection have come from being vulnerable enough to ask forgiveness from a little person.

These moments come into our lives as parents, teachers and adults. We do or say the wrong thing. Sometimes we fail to act when we know we should. Our response to these situations is noticed by our children. We have the opportunity to teach them about reconciliation in a very real, very counter-cultural way. Society provides models of people who never admit mistakes for fear of lawsuits, people who look to blame someone else for anything and everything that is wrong with their lives and people who qualify their apologies with "but you made me.," statements. We need to model reconciliation for our children both in our interactions with them and in our interactions with each other.

Through the month of March our grade six class has been sharing their prayers on forgiveness over the PA at morning announcements. They varied greatly, but the common thread was the feeling that comes from forgiving and being forgiven. To hear it from them, as hard as the process can be, the payoff is more than worth it. What a great Lenten sentiment! As that season comes closer to its end and we try to get our houses in order for Easter may we also try to get our spiritual houses in order. Enjoy this time with your children and look for those moments when reconciliation can move from theory into reality.

Peace,

Christine McInnis Principal

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.



- Colosssians 3:13

#### **Looking Back**

#### December

Our Advent assemblies allowed us to spend some time in quiet reflection in all the hubbub of preparing for the concert and the great feast of Christmas.

Our Christmas Concert was a great success. The kindergarten students to grade six students performed in Have yourself a Scary Merry Christmas, an original play written and directed by Mr. Cox. The play told the story of a group of monsters new to the neighborhood who are befriended by some human children who help them (and the adults) learn more about the true meaning of Christmas.





We held our annual Gift Wrap on December 6th. This event has been a long-standing tradition at our school, with good reason: wrapping gifts for kids in need gives us a warm feeling in our hearts, while the hot chocolate provided by PALS has the same effect on our tummies. The gifts that were gathered for local missions were gratefully received.

#### January

Our annual Open House took place on Sunday, January 29th . It was well attended by prospective parents and students. Of course, the school looked great thanks to the efforts of our custodial staff, but the most attractive thing about our community is our people. Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who came out, answered questions and made the new people feel welcome. Your commitment speaks volumes to people looking for a school community.

#### *February*

February was I Love to Read Month. This year we entertained many guest readers including Doug Speirs, Terri Apostle and Brody Jackson. This year we finally won a visit from the Manitoba Moose! Thank you to Patti Resendes for contacting all the readers and coordinating the visits.



We had our **Ash Wednesday** prayer service on the 14th. The students, staff and parents in attendance listened, prayed and sang together. Our grade eight friends acted as ash ministers and helped to maintain the spirit of reverence to mark the beginning of Lent.

Festival du Voyageur day was held on February 23rd We started off the day with a musical presentation from ca claque, who entertained us with singing, playing and dancing. It was a great day., with yummy soup and bannock for all. Many thanks to Madame Curwain for organizing and to Michelle Davison for making all that delicious soup.



Catholic Schools Week took place from February 11-16th. The week was full of fun activities including bowling, the Children's Museum and swimming. The weather was pretty wild for our Harbourview outing this year, but we showed our hardy Winnipeg spirit!





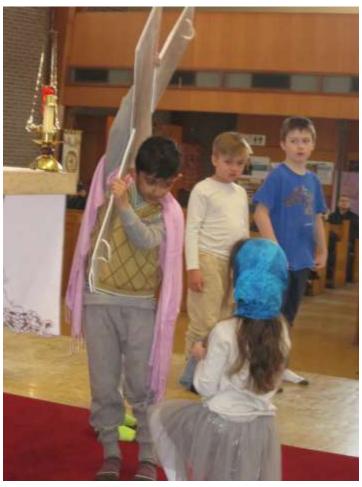
#### March

Our grade seven and eight students went to Holiday Mountain for a Ski Trip on Friday, March 3rd. It was a fabulous day, weather-wise, everyone from the novice skiers to the experienced boarders enjoyed the trip.



Our grade one class reenacted Jesus' last steps on March 9. helping the school community pray the Stations of the Cross. What a beautiful way to journey together through Lent.

You can never get enough of Festival du voyageur, so we enjoyed a visit from Tibet the Voyageur on Thursday, March 15. He was an engaging, dynamic presenter who lead the Kindergarten to Grade 4 classes on a bison hunt, across Lake Winnipeg and to a great voyageur party.



#### **Looking Forward**

#### **April**

**Gala 29** will take place on Saturday, April 28th at the Fort Garry Hotel and Conference Center. Orders are now being taken for Gala tickets, which will be available for pickup after the break. Be sure to get your tickets early for this great event. Further information on Gala is included in this newsletter.

#### May

**Uniform Fitting** will take place on Thursday, May 17th from 3-7 PM. Representatives from Top Marks will be on hand with samples to try on . They will be able to answer any questions parents have and provide assistance with sizing uniforms.

Our grade seven and eight students and staff will be heading off to **Camp Arnes** from **May 9-11** to enjoy the fresh air, to try some new activities and to enjoy the bonding that comes from spending time in the great outdoors.

We are hosting **Kindergarten Orientation Evening** on **Wednesday, May 23rd.** The evening will provide parents

and students with an opportunity to meet the kindergarten teacher, hear about the program and explore the classroom. Parents will be provided with information on readiness activities that will assist them as they help their children prepare for September.

After they return from camp, our junior high students will be preparing through May for their annual **Spring Theatre** which is tentatively booked for Thursday, May 24th at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall. We are just waiting on confirmation on the parish regarding some renovations that may conflict. Parents, family and friends are welcome to join us.

#### June

June will arrive very quickly, bringing another school year to a close.

We are hosting **Nursery Orientation Evening** on **Tuesday, June 5th**. The evening will provide parents and students with an opportunity to meet the nursery staff, hear about the program and explore the classroom. Parents will be provided with information on readiness activities that will assist them as they help their children prepare for September.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our **Family BBQ** on **Wednesday, June 20th.** 

Our planning committee is busy planning for this year's **Fun Day.** Although we haven't finalized any activities, we wanted to give parents the head's up to book the date **Friday, June 20th** if you are interested in joining us this year. Please watch for more information coming home as our plans firm up.

This year our **Kindergarten Farewell** and our **Grade Eight Farewell** will be held on **Wednesday, June 27th** at 1:00
PM and 6:30 PM respectively.



#### From the Gym

It has been a very active term here at the school. The students are enjoying being physically active through their gym classes, intramurals, extra curricular sports and special events.

The primary classes have continued to work on moving safely in the gym. We have been playing lead-up games for a variety of different sports and are developing a sense of fair play. We are learning to use a variety of equipment. Our elementary friends have been playing basketball lead-up games, participating in fitness challenges and enjoying a variety of low organized games that emphasize movement in sport. As well, they are developing the concept of team play. Our older students have been playing basketball and playing both singles and doubles badminton. With any luck, spring will stay sprung and we can head outside to enjoy some of our physical education classes.

Catholic Schools Week was a great success from an active lifestyle perspective. Students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities that they can continue to enjoy through out their lives, including curling, skating, bowling and swimming.

Basketball season has just finished up. We had three teams on the go. Thank you to Mrs. Ireland and Mr. Sharman for all of the time dedicated to the teams. I am sure they appreciate it.

As things quiet down on the basketball front, badminton is on the horizon. The grade seven and eight students will have the opportunity to participate in badminton club and compete in the MCSAA badminton tournaments at the end of April.

Running club will be starting up after spring break. Runners from grade 3 and up are welcome to meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and head out onto the sidewalks for a run. If the weather is unsuitable we will meet in the gym and enjoy a combination of running and active games to maintain our cardiovascular endurance. Permission forms will be going home just around spring break. Students below grade three are welcome to join if a parent is available to run with them.

That's all for now. If you have any questions or concerns about the Physical Education program, please come by



#### **Français**

#### What is French Class Like?

<u>Grades 1-4-</u> Each class begins French with routine activities including songs, chants & oral questions relating to our classroom calendar.

<u>Grades 5 & 6-</u> Begin each class showcasing their ability to read and write sentences related to our current themes through Message du Jour and Written calendars.

<u>Grades 7 & 8-</u> Work daily on their oral communication skills during our Q&A period, as well as reading and writing comprehension.

#### **Festival**

He ho Voyageurs! Staff and students enjoyed partaking in our semi-annual "Festival Day" held at the school. It was an exciting day filled with lots of different crafts, activities, games (such as arm/leg wrestling, balance beam pull, scooter races, and more). Not to mention, some great tasting French cuisine. Yum! A huge thank you to Mrs. Davison for the delicious soup aux pois, and to my Grade 7 friends who ran each station. If not for all of your efforts the day would have not been possible. Merci beaucoup!

#### **Tibert the Voyageur**

We enjoyed a great visit from Tibert the Voyageur who entertained our Kindergarten to Grade 4 students.

Tibert led us through life as a voyageur in early Manitoba. It was great fun!

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Grades 6 & 8 French 4 life presentation (April 9)
- Grades 4 & 5 Field Trip to Fort Whyte (April 23)
- Grades 7 & 8 Cercle Moliere performance (May )
- Grade 6 Field Trip to St. Boniface Museum (May 30)



#### **Nursery News**

It is simply amazing to us how fast the time has gone and that we are into March already. Soon, there will be graduation day and off they will go to Kindergarten.

These past 6 months has been a very busy time. In September, our Little Ones walked into our class-room with a tearful shyness and have now come full circle to coming in with a bold confidence. They have met many milestones and continue to grow and learn.

They have almost completed all the Alphabet Letters. They have learned the names and sounds of the letters and are able to name things that start with that letter sound. The 'Handwriting Without Tears' handwriting program has taught them the proper way to print their letters. They have been working on math by identifying and subitizing numbers 1-5 and they will continue on up to 10. The scissor skills have improved every day and most are holding scissors and cutting with little to no help. I am very proud of how independent they have become in dressing themselves, making sure their folder is in their backpack and shoes are placed in their locker at home time. They jump into action when the cleanup song comes on and get busy putting all the things away that they were playing with at choice time.

Our morning meetings on the carpet have gone from everyone wanting to talk at once and lots of wiggles to sitting quietly, raising their hand to speak or ask questions and showing respect to others by listening to them while they are speaking. An amazing accomplishment on their part. Our Little Ones have learned the importance of good manners, teamwork and sharing.

We have traveled to the Arctic, made our own playdough and slime, painted with abandon (sometimes even with an actual paintbrush) and have been superheros in the gym. We play family in the Home Center, become scientists in our 'lab', are carpenters in our Block Center and are currently veterinarians in our Animal Clinic. It has been an amazing start and we will continue to grown and learn.

Thank you to the many families who have so generously offered their time to volunteer whether it is helping in the classroom, reading to the Little Ones making food for parties or taking projects home for me. Thank you for all your help. We couldn't do what we do without you.

Ms Dona Ms Catherine.





#### **Ukrainian Club**

When you learn another language, you are able to get insight into that language's culture. You also get to see your own culture from a new perspective. To be able to connect with another culture – through books, TV, websites and, of course, through conversations, cwean reap many rewards. You can share your own culture with others in their native language. A new world of connection and understanding will be open to you. Ukrainian Club has been offered for a number of years with a very good student participation. The focal point of the club is to celebrate a vibrant culture. Ukrainians have been part of Canada's cultural mosaic for a century and a quarter.

We started off this March with writing pysanky. We are learning to write, speak, and read some simple phrases and numbers that are often used on a daily basis. Dates for Ukrainian Club will be indicated on the school calendar. There may be cancellations due to meetings, school events or if I am away from school. Whenever possible, parents will be given prior notice about schedule changes. The final class will be held in mid May. There are some minor fees for the course to off set the cost of teaching materials and supplies. Information was sent home with participating students.

This is a great opportunity to experience the splendors and wonders of a rich culture. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to inquire, or contact me with any questions.

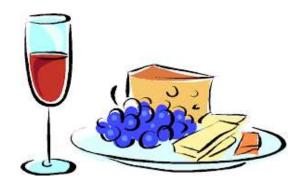
Терміни для українського клубу буде вказано на шкільному календарі. Там може бути скасування через зустрічей, шкільні заходи або якщо я далеко від школи. Всякий раз, коли це можливо, батьки будуть дані із завчасним повідомленням про зміни в розкладі. Остаточний клас буде проходити в середині травня. Є деякі незначні збори за курсу на встановити вартість навчальних матеріалів і витратних матеріалів. Інформація була відправлена додому з беруть участь студентів.

Це відмінна можливість випробувати пишність і чудеса багатою культурою. Якщо у вас є які-небудь питання, будь ласка, не соромтеся запитати, чи зв'язатися зі мною по будь-яких питань.

Thank You! Mr. Veryha

#### **Celebration of Catholic Education**

All parents are welcome to join us for the Annual Celebration of Catholic Education on Thursday, April 26th at 7 PM. This year the event is being hosted by St. Gerard School. The evening kicks off with a wine and cheese followed by an opportunity to talk about Catholic Schools in our Archdiocese.



#### **Yearbook Committee**

There are many important things that I have learned, thanks to being a member of the yearbook committee, most importantly getting to know the students through our shared work. The student volunteers make a huge difference with celebrating the school. With the students creating a beautiful book that can be your lasting legacy at St. Alphonsus. Thank you for helping create something we can all be so honestly proud of.

When anyone first starts a project, it's easy to get lost in all the details. But being able to look back at the end and see your creation is a great feeling that gives students a strong sense of pride. The yearbook committee consists of students and staff advisors. This project takes an immense amount of work and dedication. Here are some common school yearbook staff or committee roles:

- · **Yearbook Adviser**: Manages the overall school yearbook project, including deadlines, budgets and yearbook staff management.
- · **Editor**: Helps establish the style of the yearbook and approves and finalizes yearbook content, including headlines, captions, stories, and selected photos.
- · **Photographers**: Photograph assigned events and record names of those photographed, along with what is occurring in the photograph.

Writers: Gather facts and quotes at various school activities, select photos and write copy for pages.

To date we have selected the cover and theme of the yearbook. We finalized student's portraits and names and working on montage pages. The committee is made of up of students from grade 6, 7 and 8 and they are diligent workers that contribute and take part in different roles.

A sincere thank you to the volunteers who have offered their talents. We could not do it with out you. Together we rise!

Thank You!

T . Veryha

Yearbook Advisor

#### **Harry Potter Turns 20!**

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the release of the first Harry Potter novel.

To celebrate schools and libraries around the world are hosting a Harry Potter Book Night. St. Alphonsus School will be hosting our Book Night on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

from 3-8pm. Students in Grade 4 and 5 are invited to attend. More details, along with attendance confirmation slips, will be sent home after Spring Break.

Michelle Wolf Resource Teacher

#### **Cooking Club**

We have been having so much fun in cooking club this year. It is a place where students are engaged and active participants in the kitchen. From peeling to chopping and grating, cooking club is a hands on experience for children to be involved in preparing their food. The kitchen is a very exciting place for children to be in. Often they are so curious about their food and how to prepare it. There are so many great ways to get your kids involved in the kitchen. Cooking can help kids develop essential learning and motor skills. Here are some tips to get them started.

#### 8 tips for cooking with kids

Cooking with kids *is* worth the time and mess, and even the odd inedible dish. Along with learning skills like chopping, they're also honing their reading, math, science and problem solving. Here's how to get your little sous-chef started.

#### 1. Pick a project

Set aside time on a weekend (do not attempt this on a Tuesday night), and tackle a dish together: Browse cookbooks, shop for ingredients and see it through all the way to plating, which engages their artistic side.

#### 2. Don't hover

Fight the urge to follow your kids around with a cloth, and try not to take over when the quinoa spills. Freedom will make them feel competent and confident. (Remember: To make an omelette, you've got to break some eggs. Things will get messy.)

#### 3. Give them power

How should we top the pizza? What should we fill the burrito with? Is there a pasta shape that works best with this kind of sauce? Let kids call the shots. And enjoy the occasional "avant-garde" creation.

#### 4. Start with breakfast

Spend a lazy Sunday morning making the easiest meal of the day: Eggs any style, pancakes or waffles, fruit salad and smoothies.

#### 5. Play with dough

Put her mad Play-Doh skills to good use. Bake bread, twist up pretzels or try something new to you, like naan or English muffins.

#### 6. Engage their senses

Handing her a wooden spoon isn't the only way to get her cooking. Explore food together: Listen to the sound of bacon frying or a bottle of fizzy water when the top is unscrewed; feel the softness of fresh sage versus spiny rose-

mary; or blindfold her and have her identify spices by sniffing and condiments by tasting.





#### 7. Keep it active

There are so many tasks to keep little hands busy and give kids a sense of accomplishment: shaking and sprinkling on spices and toppings; pounding chicken cutlets in a zip-top bag with a wooden mallet; crushing bread crumbs or cereal for coating; juicing citrus; cracking eggs; tearing up lettuce; "painting" oil on a pan with a pastry brush; smashing ingredients with a mortar and pestle; crushing nuts; or whisking salad dressing.

#### 8. Any way you slice it

When it comes to knife skills, safety is key. Start small. Getting your kids to cut mushrooms with a butter knife is a good way to start building their skills. (The fancy filigreed carrot sculptures can wait till they're older.)

Adapted from Todays Parent Magazine

Happy cooking everyone!

Lucia Whitney

#### **NAAN BREAD VEGGIE PIZZA**

#### **YOU WILL NEED:**

4-6 piece of naan bread (any variety will do, plain, whole wheat or garlic)

#### In a bowl mix together:

1 cup sour cream

1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened

1/4 teaspoon garlic salt

1 (1 ounce) package dry ranch dressing mix

#### MIX WELL. USING A KNIFE, SPREAD A SMALL AMOUNT OVER ENTIRE NAAN BREAD, THEN SET NAAN BREAD ASIDE.

#### Chop all desired veggies into tiny bite sized pieces:

\*be creative with the veggies, you can use any vegetable you like. Some suggestions are: mushrooms

1/2 stalk celery, thinly sliced
1/4 red bell pepper, chopped
broccoli, chopped
1 carrot, grated
Radish

Asparagus Zucchini

Grated cheddar cheese

Decorate your naan bread with all sorts of veggies and cheese. You can make this ahead and enjoy for a great lunch time snack.



#### **PALS**

PALS appreciates your support and commitment in the various activities held within our school community. As Spring approaches , PALS is once again organizing the Glenlea Fundraiser. Orders forms and information have been sent out . Please consider buying some beautiful flowers, baskets and once again help the school raise some funds.



With the huge success of the PALS wine tasting event, we are looking forward to holding this event once again in September. Date to be confirmed and more information will be coming home in the upcoming months. We are also looking forward to our end of year BBQ. Forms will be sent out in June for this terrific end of school year event.

I would again like to extend an invitation to all parents interested in joining PALS to join us at a meeting. We are able to make decisions that enhance the lives of our children at the school. Being a member of PALS allows you to hear what is going on at the school, make decisions on how to spend fundraising dollars and spend some quality time with our vice - principal!!

The meetings are approximately one hour per month and dates are noted on the school calendar. As a reminder parents who attend PALS meetings receive credit towards their volunteer incentive hours.

Sherri Poklar Chair



#### **Student Council**

Student government had a blast with all kinds of fun in term two, and we hope you did too! One late, late night in February we hosted our grade 7 and 8 dance. There were over 100 students from the Catholic schools in the city who attended! We also had a staff vs student government volleyball game that took place during Catholic Schools week. The staff narrowly squeaked by with a win... perhaps student government will pull out the win if we have a rematch... Another event supported by student government was BINGO. Our Prime Ministers were even the BINGO callers! Finally, for St. Patrick's Day the staff were magically turned into leprechauns for a guessing contest! It certainly was busy!! As the school is gearing up for term 3, so is student government! We are looking forward to grade war activities, a sock hop to celebrate Gala and hopefully a volleyball (or basketball?!) rematch against the staff... As always, if you have any suggestion, please share them with a member of student government directly or ask you teacher to pass on the suggestion! We're looking forward to making the last three months of school the best ones yet!

#### **Social Justice**

Hello St. Alphonsus Community,

Over the course of this term, we have been hard at work sharing the story *The Water Princess* by Susan Verde with each class. It addresses how important it is to have access to water for health and well-being. We have to ensure that we do not take water for granted in our lives. Many people have to work hard to access drinking water.

Since our presentations, we have been planning future expeditions out to the classes to inform the community

about the importance of water in our lives, as well as ways to preserve and conserve water. We are planning dramatizations, power point presentation and many other creative ways to bring our messages to our students.

We continue to gather food for Winnipeg Harvest and good quality reusable plastic bags for the food to be packaged in. At each liturgical celebration and at various events, students have chosen to bring an item to support people in need of food in Winnipeg.

Working together, we can bring about positive change because we care.

Generation Now Students of the Social Justice Committee





# GALA XXIX Willy Wonka An Evening of Pure Imagination

The annual St. Alphonsus Gala Dinner and Dance Fundraiser celebrates ...29 YEARS!

## Saturday April 28th, 2018 Fort Garry Hotel and Conference Centre

- Champagne reception with passed hors d'oeuvres
- Delectable 4 course dinner & complimentary bar service
- Incredible display of silent auction prizes & our annual \$1000.00 lottery draw
- Live entertainment & dancing all night long
- Numerous surprises in store

Tickets: \$130.00/person (tax receipt for a portion of the ticket price)

Sponsorship information available through the office & school website. Monthly payment plan available for ticket and/or sponsorship purchases.

#### **ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

No chocolate bars, cheese, Grey Cup tickets, or cookie dough sales required! JUST ONE "GALA EVENT" TO SUPPORT AND ENJOY!

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
PURCHASE TICKETS OR A SPONSORSHIP BEFORE MARCH 22nd
AND BE ENTERED IN A DRAW TO
WIN A NIGHT AT THE
HOTEL FORT GARRY!

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### Thank you to our current Gala 29 Sponsors!

### Please consider joining them in supporting this important event!

There are many sponsorship levels available.

All Sponsorship levels will enjoy

- A Gala evening, you will be amazed!
- Acknowledgement leading up to and during the event
- A tax deductible receipt
- Payment plan options

For information on how to support our school and become a sponsor, please email sponsorship@stalphonsusschool.ca































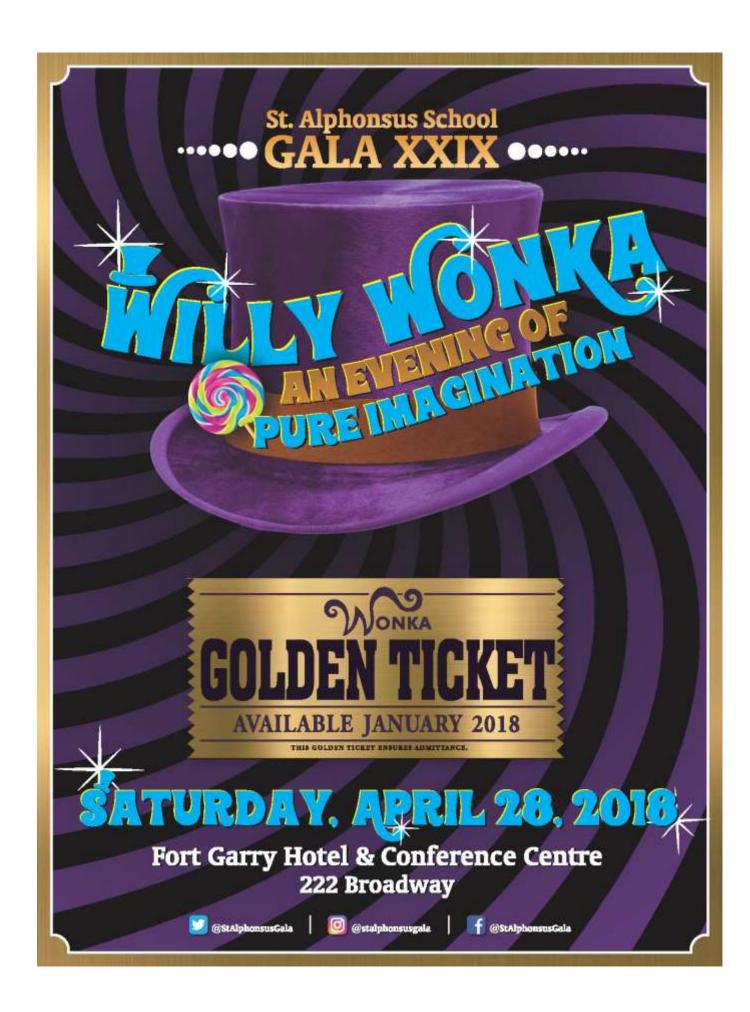












# The Easter Vigil ... Join in the Celebration!

The Easter Vigil is an evening of celebration, storytelling, tradition and new life. Not only do we learn about the history of the Catholic faith with its roots in Judaism during this celebration, we also experience it in the most profound way. All our senses are engaged with music, fire lighting, and incensing.

I wish to encourage you to bring your children and as a family, come celebrate this most important event of the year.

The children will have a part in the mass where they will participate in the Jewish Passover tradition of the Haggadah questions. They will also be invited upstairs to the children's liturgy room for the remainder of the readings to learn more about the Exodus story, the upper room at the Last Supper, and of course the Resurrection. Children will be encouraged to stay awake, be engaged, and participate. However, they may bring their pillows and blankets and rest comfortably in their church pews. If they fall asleep, that's fine. At least they will be present with their families and faith community.

After the celebration we are all invited to attend the agape meal in the hall. There will be wine, cheese, and other wonderful goodies. For the last few years, the celebration after the Vigil has continued for several hours because nobody including the children wants to leave!

I look forward to celebrating with you and your family at the Easter Vigil this year. The Vigil will begin at 9 pm on Saturday, March 31st.

Many Blessings,

Fr. Janusz

#### **Lenten Coin Boxes**

Please bring your Lenten coin boxes to the Holy Thursday mass on March 29th beginning at 7.30 pm.

If you are not going to be in Winnipeg over Easter, please remember to return your family's Lenten coin box(es) to the school either before break or just after we return.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Capuchin Projects in Africa.





# APRIL/AVRIL 2018 Office hours: 8:00 am - 3:30 pm Pt

# St. Alphonsus School E-mail: info@stalphonsusschool.ca

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