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St. Alphonsus Rodriguez

“He wrote in his book of maxims: “In the difficulties which are placed before me, why should I not act like a donkey? When one speaks ill of him — the donkey says nothing. When he is mistreated — he says nothing. When he is forgotten — he says nothing. When no food is given him — he says nothing. When he is made to advance — he says nothing. When he is despised — he says nothing. When he is overburdened — he says nothing... The true servant of God must do likewise, and say with David: *Before You I have become like a beast of burden.*”.”



Dear Students and Parents,

Praise be Jesus Christ! Today’s saint is St Alphonsus, or Alonzo as he was called in Spain. He was born at Segovia in Spain, on July 12, 1531. From childhood he was devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He loved her as his mother. This childlike devotion to her was the main reason for his sanctity. After his short marriage to a virtuous woman named Maria Suarez, who died along with his three children, he entered the Jesuit religious order as a lay brother. We like to think that God rewards the good even in this life. But Alphonsus knew business losses, painful bereavement and periods when God seemed very distant. None of his suffering made him withdraw into a shell of self-pity or bitterness. Rather, he reached out to others who lived with pain, including enslaved blacks. Among the many notables at his funeral were the sick and poor people whose lives he had touched. May they find such a friend in us! (*American Catholic.org*) “*Perfection is founded entirely on the love of God: ‘Charity is the bond of perfection;’ and perfect love of God means the complete union of our will with God’s.*” (Col. 3:14)

Thank you for the response to our Christmas Program. We will be scheduling this event for **December 18th, a Friday afternoon at the Peshtigo campus.** Those interested in assisting Mrs. Karolyn Rice please e-mail her at krice.staa@gmail.com. Specific times will be forthcoming but for now, hold the date.

The *Spiritus* team held a retreat for our high school students. It was a wonderful event and plans are underway to have Spiritus return for the junior high (grades 6-8) and elementary (grades 3-5). These will be ½ day retreats allowing for one group to meet in the morning and the other in the afternoon. Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Wilson who helped with overnight accommodations for the team. Retreats are a spiritual uplifting to the human soul and I am please with the support from teachers and parents. This event was made possible by contributions from a scholarship and a private donation. God bless all of you for your generosity.

Teachers and I continue to meet regularly. Recently, the elementary campus team met and welcomed a guest speaker to address reading curriculum. It was a time of learning and collaborating that was beneficial to all. October 29th is another day of learning for some of our faculty. Others have chosen March 12th. These professional development days are made possible by the Diocese of Green Bay and include many opportunities for dialogue and development.

REMEMBER, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the high school chapel will be held on First Friday, **November 6th from 7:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** Please come and adore.....spread the word. May the Peace of Christ be with you and your family. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!

I remain yours,
Joyful in the service of Christ,

Mrs. Jennifer A. Elfering
President of Systems

