

Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

A Discipleship Parish

Sunday, April 8, 2018 Divine Mercy Sunday



Dear Friends in Christ,

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” – ACTS 4:32. All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren’t really owners of anything, we are mere “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with.

From this Sunday, now until the Solemnity of Holy Pentecost, the Church celebrates the Season of Easter. This season is when we celebrate Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Marriages, and all of the other sacraments in an enriching way. Each Sunday of the season invites us to remember the celebration of

Easter with the sprinkling of water (symbol of our Baptism), and the commitment of our hearts to live out our Baptismal Vocation in a concrete way in the world. Where Lent was marked by penance and abstinence; Easter is marked by works of evangelization and the preaching of the Good News. How will you embrace and live out your Easter Discipleship this year?

This, the Second Sunday of Easter is sometimes called *Mercy Sunday* as it is the day we remember the visions of St. Sr. Faustina of the Mercy of God. What is so special about this Feast of Divine Mercy? Some may also call this Sunday, Thomas Sunday in light of the Gospel message. Either way: may God, the source of all blessings and mercy continue to bring to reality the mysteries we celebrated on Easter Sunday.

I hope you are planning to attend *A Night in the Garden* on Saturday, April 14 from 5:30–10:00pm in our school gym. This dinner/auction is one of our larger fund raisers for the year and helps us to off set the finances of the school. This year our needs are as profound as ever with many issues that need our immediate financial attention. Please be generous in joining me and the whole St. Aloysius Community as we come together for an evening of fun, friends, and festivities. All are welcome!

Again, I wish to thank all of those who in any way had a hand in the preparation, planning, working, and celebrating of our beautiful Easter Triduum. I am always impressed and edified by the great things we do together as a parish when we pull our talents and gifts together in the praise of God. Certain this year we have much to be thankful for. May God, who is the giver of every good thing, continue to work through us to transform our world.

Please pray that the Principal Search Committee and I find a suitable candidate to be our next principal. It is never an easy task to find a great academic leader who can follow in the footsteps of our past many principals. While we continue to wish Mr. Weir well as the Athletic and Activities Director of his new school; we turn our attention to finding someone who can walk after him here at St. Al’s. I pray that God who has given us so many good gifts during the past year will also find a dynamic principal for us as we move into the future.

There are many in our community who are sick and/or homebound. If you or a loved one would like to receive weekly communion please call Debbie in the parish office and get on our list. On the First Friday of the month, Debbie will ask you if you’d like to go to confession and/or want to be anointed (anointing can be done as often as desired but usually at 6-month intervals) and I will visit you. Debbie coordinates the visitation so please call the parish office if you desire this. Of course, in the case of emergencies, we will respond as quickly as possible.

May God bless you and your families during these days of Easter joy! With pastoral affection, Fr. Clint, O.P.

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Deacon. Jim Dodge	Adult Education/Hospital Ministry
Mr. Dan Blentlinger (Intern)	Hospice/Campus Ministry
Mr. Tom Weir	Principal
Mrs. Debbie Mandeville	Parish Secretary
Mrs. Monica Maggio	Accounting
Mrs. Angie Daniels	School Secretary
Mrs. Jaimie Kauffman	Development Director
Mr. Joe Dinardo	Maintenance
Mrs. Alice Hill	Liturgy & Music
Mr. Phil Limper	RCIA
Mrs. Michelle Hagele	Volunteer Coordinator
Mr. Robert Dilley	Homebound Ministry

Mass Times: Saturday (vigil) 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am
Holy Days: As announced

Daily Mass: W, Th, F: 6:20 am
Tuesday: 8:20 am

Communion Service: Monday: 6:20am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

First Friday/Saturday: Friday 7:00 am to Sat 8:00 am

Other Fridays: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Parish Office Hours: M - F: 8:30 am - 4:00pm

School Office Hours: M - F: 7:45 am - 3:30 pm

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Principal's Page

Mr. Tom Weir

As we wrapped up before our Easter break we remember Christ's resurrection and what that means for us every day. It is a beautiful time to celebrate new life and new beginnings. Our Faith Rally helped prepare us for the meaning of Easter. Cathedral Jr. High students teachers joined all St. Al's students and teachers for a day of prayer adoration, activities, and community. The Blessed Sacrament was processed through the school and was followed by adoration the gym. It was a very powerful feeling to see the Blessed Sacrament among the halls of St. Al's and hear the students, teachers, parents and others who attended sing songs and walk in prayer. Students enjoyed the rest of the morning in groups with activities centered around the Lenten and Easter season. See Facebook for pictures of our Faith Rally. Thank you to all the volunteers and attendees at the recent Bingo sessions. We have experienced some very successful Saturday's this winter and I'm so grateful for the time, treasure, and talents that have been given so generously! I look forward to seeing everyone at the annual Dinner and Auction on April 14. Please continue to pray for our students and teachers as we enter into the final 7 weeks of school. We have several school events in the coming weeks, including, but not limited to following; Fine Arts Appreciation Night 6:00pm April 24; ELA (Early Learning Academy for Pre-School & Pre-K) Open House 6:00pm April 26; Honor Cords Ceremony at the 8:20am Mass on May 1; Alumni Mass on the morning of May 4 First Communion for 2nd graders on May 6; 8 grade Banquet 7:00pm May 17 Graduation Ceremony at the 4:30pm Mass on May 19. We look forward to sharing these moments with all of you!

Special Thank You to Alice Hill and her team of helpers for their efforts with preparing our **Youth Choir** members during this busy time of year. These students with the Adult Choir sang on Holy Thursday., Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Aidan, Addison, Sullivan, Nick, Eastlyn, Izzy, RJ, Faith, Joe, and Emma.

Thank you to our National Junior Honor Society who donated items and assembled Easter baskets for the families staying in the Ronald McDonald House over the Easter Holiday. We delivered them on last Monday to a very grateful staff at Ronald McDonald House. NJHS is an organization founded on service, citizenship, and academics.

Attend our **Night in the Garden** Dinner and Auction to have your chance to bid on some exciting items and support our school! Some items at this year's auction include: Shedd Aquarium tickets, Bed and Breakfast stay, Six Flags tickets, Mega Pass for the IL State Fair, The cutest puppy in the world, A cooking class at LLCC, Wine tasting at Cooper Hawk, Date Night packages, birthday party packages, an awesome vacation for 4 with 8 different locations to choose from in the U.S. and so much more!!! Doors open at 5:30 pm for cocktail hour, come early to check out all of the auction items! Your ticket order is due by Wednesday, April 11 and the cost is \$30 per person, which includes dinner and wine Thank you for your continued support!

There is still time to take advantage of the **Invest in Kids scholarship tax credit**. Individual donors can designate scholarship funds for lower income families to schools of their choice and take advantage of a 75% Illinois state tax credit. Currently scholarship applicants far exceed the amount of funds available for distribution. To make a gift, consult the diocesan website at www.dio.org/investinkids for more information.

Bingo Help Needed: We are in need of volunteers!!!! Bingo is a GREAT way to gain service hours. If you are interested in volunteering for Bingo on Saturdays please contact Michelle Hagele 217- 414-3448.

Have a good week! Mr. Tom Weir

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR				WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
April	8	9:00am	Catholic Standard Time	<u>Week 45 of 52</u>	<u>March 25</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
April	8	11:45am	Liturgy Comm.	Loose Collection	\$485.00	\$16,131.84
April	9		School resumes		Weekly Envelopes	\$8,345.00
April	9	6:20am	Communion Service	Total		\$8,830.50
April	9	5:30pm	Baptismal Class			
April	9	6:30pm	Social Justice			
April	10	8:20am	All School Mass			
April	11	7:30am	Legion of Mary	<i>The budgeted amount is the minimal required to maintain services, employee benefits, utilities, and maintenance at current levels and does not provide for debt payment, unbudgeted repairs or improvements, or long term planning for the parish or school. Offerings Budget for the month of March is \$40,000.00. We have received 90% of the needed funding to meet essential budget obligations.</i>		
April	11	3:00pm	Youth Choir			
April	11	6:30pm	RCIA			
April	12	6:30pm	School Board			
April	12	7:00pm	Adult Choir			
April	13	7:00am	Adoration			
April	13		School Assembly			
April	13	5:00pm	Benediction			
April	14		Street Ministry			
April	14	10:45am	Bingo			
April	14	3:30pm	Confession			
April	14	5:30pm	Dinner/ Auction			
April	15	9:00am	Catholic Standard Time			

Weekly Attendance-March 31-April 1			
Sat 7:00pm	Sun 8:00	Sun 10:30	Total
169	250	277	696

ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL	
Assessment (2017)	\$50,777.00
Total Pledged (March 27, 2018)	\$23,594.00
Residual	\$27,183.00
Assessment (2016)	\$50,403.00
Total Paid	\$32,743.00
Residual (March 27, 2018)	\$17,930.00

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat-Sun - April 14-15

	Saturday, 4:30pm	Sunday, 8:00am	Sunday, 10:30am
Music	Adult Choir	Lydia Cernich	Addison Daniels
Lector	Mary Lou Aiello	Tom Kohlrus	Rich Pitchford
E.M.	Bill and Vikki Warren	Lizzie Palazzolo, Erin Rachford	Brian Bertoni, Traci Pitchford
Servers	Rachel Schrenk	Alyssa and Alex Feger	Noah and Dylan Cumby

In charity, please remember in your prayers: 2016....Honora Forgas, Louise Wolosick, Norma Hubbard, Edith Caruso, Joseph Luparell, Don Kmett, William Wentz, Emma Pianezza, Carmen Santini, Armand Colin, Evelyn Collins, Judy Danna, Carolyn Venvertloh, Larry Selinger, Al Giacomini, Mary Pratt, June Forgas, Barbara Pulliam, Leona Murphy, James Todd, Charlie Barber, Gilda Fulgenzi. 2017.....Donald Drendel, Denzil DeVanney, Walther Fliege, Barbara Todd, Helen Richardson, Mary Bedolli, Donald Mroscak, August Papilli, Frances Emmons, Robert Berberet Sr. Katie Raffa, John Williams, Barbara Veseling, Mike Timko, Richard Neal Sr. Marianne Charles, Robert Wolf, Virginia Wagner and Betty Andretta. 2018..... Larry Brooks, Katherine Stoecker, Betty Chernis, Kathy Martin and Beatrice Nimpson.



Around the Church

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is celebrated every Saturday from 3:30-4:00pm in the church. All are welcome to come celebrate the Lord's love and mercy through this Sacrament. See below for other times in the Springfield area.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Schedules

Blessed Sacrament (www.bsps.org) Monday thru Friday before daily Mass...Saturday 7:30am-7:45am and 3:00pm-4:00pm.

Cathedral (www.spicathedral.org)...Daily Monday thru Friday 4:15pm - 5:00pm... Weekend Saturday 9:00am - 10:00am; 2:30pm - 3:30pm. Weekend Sunday 4:00pm - 4:45pm.

Christ the King Parish (www.ctkparish.com)...Saturday 3:00pm to 4:00pm. First Fridays before Mass.

Church of St Jude, Rochester (www.stjude.dio.org) Saturday 3:45pm... Sunday 7:30am and 9:45am... Monday 5:00pm.

Little Flower (www.littleflowerchurch.net)...Saturday 3:30pm - 4:00pm.

St Agnes (www.stagnescatholicparish.org)...Saturdays 3:00pm - 4:00pm.

St Aloysius (www.saintalloysius.org)...Saturdays 3:30pm-4:00pm.

St Frances Cabrini (www.stcabrini.dio.org)...Saturday 3:30pm.

St John Vianney, Sherman (www.sjv.dio.org)...Saturday 4:00pm - 4:45pm... Wednesday 5:00pm - 5:30pm.

St Joseph Catholic Church (www.stjoseph.dio.org) Saturday 3:15pm - 4:00pm.

St Joseph the Worker, Chatham (www.stjoschatham.org) Saturday 3:15pm - 4:00pm.

You are invited to join us on a once-in-a-lifetime **Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land**, Nov. 26– Dec. 7, 2018. Includes visits to Nazareth, Capernaum, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Cana, Jerusalem, Bethlehem & more! Under the Spiritual Direction of Rev. Msgr. David Hoefler, VG. For free brochure and registration form, visit <http://www.dio.org/missions/missiontrips.html> or contact Vicki Compton at (217) 698-8500 or vcompton@dio.org ...Space is limited.

Second Sunday of Easter Time – 08 April 2018 *Still in our midst.* Two thousand years ago “on the evening of the first day of the week,” when the disciples hid behind locked doors, Jesus did three things. He stood in their midst. He gave gifts of peace and Holy Spirit. He sent them out. Jesus is still in our midst, still doing the same. Every Sunday Mass makes it so. In our midst in Word and Eucharist. Gifting us with peace and Spirit. Telling us to “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.”

- Who am I and who are we locking in or locking out?
- Because peace is a gift given and shared, what will I do this week?
- To whom will I go; what will I do?

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with **CRS Rice Bowl** ends as we encounter our Risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters we have walked with, and we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the Sunday collection. Thank you! We changed lives this Lent, thanks to YOU!

National Day of Prayer and Protest against Planned Parenthood will be held Saturday, April 28 at 12 p.m. at the Illinois State Capitol Building by the Lincoln Statue. (In case of rain, we'll move in to the rotunda.) We must speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Join us to stand up for God's precious unborn children. Call Terri (685-3413) or Claudia (836-0517) for more information.

Together We...Eat, Drink & Be Giving - On May 5, 2018, Springfield Catholic Charities invites you to join them for the opportunity to change lives. What better way to work together then by having dinner, drinks & delightful entertainment? Entertainment includes a live auction and local celebrity karaoke competition. Evening begins at 6 pm at Crowne Plaza. Tickets are \$65 prior to April 1st and \$75 after, so get your tickets now. Can't make the event? Purchase a raffle ticket to win \$10,000 and take a chance to change lives. Raffle tickets are \$20 or 6 for \$100. Tickets can be purchased online at cc.dio.org questions call Amber at 217-321-8304.

Mission Outreach 2018 World's Fair will be held Saturday, April 21 at their warehouse, 4930 Laverna Rd. Join us to celebrate the ten year anniversary of the World's Fair. Together we can provide life-saving medical supplies and equipment to those in need. Tickets are \$125 per person and include: hors d'oeuvres, open bar and a three-course meal. Doors open at 6:00pm. For tickets or questions, contact Mary Hofmann at mhofmann@mission-outreach.org or call 525-8843 .

Butler Funeral Homes Thursday, April 26, 2018 St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Game, Starting time 12:15 pm. Please join us as we kick off baseball season with a fun-filled trip to see the St. Louis Cardinals take on the NY Mets at Busch Stadium. We will be leaving at 8:30am from the Butler Funeral Home campus and return by 5:30 pm (approx.). Cost is \$45 per person, which includes transportation, game ticket and bag of snacks. Please call Butler Funeral Home 544-4646 to reserve your seat by Friday, April 20, 2018. ** Please note that payment is required to reserve seat.

SHG is excited to present their 2018 Spring Musical, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Show times are April 13, 14, 20, and 21 at 7:30pm and April 15 and 22 at 5:00pm . The Children's Event will be Sunday, April 15 at 3:00 pm in the Commons. For tickets and children's event reservations, call the ticket office at [217-787-1595 ext. 153](tel:217-787-1595).

Catholic Radio: For inspiration during the Easter season listen to Catholic radio on **88.1 FM**.

Community Bulletin Board

Third Annual St. Aloysius Parish General Assembly hosted by the St. Aloysius Pastoral Council Tuesday, April 17, 2018..... Parish Hall 6:00-8:30pm. Potluck: Chicken and Drinks provided by the parish. If your last name begins with A-H-a salad, or fruit dish, I-P- please bring a dessert to share and Q-Z-bring a side dish. Please RSVP to the parish office (544-4554) by noon on Monday, April 16. Program: Discipleship in our Parish... Roentta Hamilton from Helping Hands will be here to speak on the needs of the homeless in our community.



Catholic Standard Time will be back today! CST will start back up today Sunday, April 8 at 9:00am and continue through the month of April. We will focus on seeing things through God's eyes along with coffee and doughnuts.

Reception into the Church: During the Vigil of Easter, Saturday, March 31 we welcomed six new members into the Catholic Church: Travis J Cameron, Aaron Patrick Cory, Aaron Michael Felix, Shelby Lazarus, Diamond Neal, Jon Michael Nielsen. Please welcome these three into our community of faith.

Rest in Peace... Please keep in your prayers Frederick Bedolli, Helen Morrow, and Mary Kulek of our parish who died recently. May they know the fullness of joy that the Risen Lord desires to share with us.

The **Feast of Divine Mercy** will be celebrated today, Sunday, April 8, 2:00pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Rev. Christopher House will preside over a Prayer Service that will include: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Scriptural Readings, Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy, Recitation of the Chaplet and Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be made available. Mass will not be a part of this Celebration. All are welcome.

By your faithful stewardship to our diocese, we are making progress towards our **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** goal. As of March 20, 97 contributors have pledged \$23,594.00 toward our goal of \$50,777.00. That averages out to \$242 per pledge. Thanks to all who are donating! If you have not pledged, help close the gap by May 1. You can pay by credit card, and automatic installments are available. Another easy option is to make your pledge online, <http://www.dio.org/about/giving.html>.

"Annual Catholic Services Appeal" ("ACSA"). This is an opportunity to make a contribution towards our parish's **2016-2017 ACSA assessment**. Presently our unfulfilled assessment is on the order of \$19,545.00. Please be generous in supporting the mission and ministry of our diocesan church. Thank you for your continued, generous support of our parish. In your March/April envelope packet, you have received an extra envelope marked

Adult Confirmation at Pentecost - Bishop Paprocki invites Catholics who are catechized but not confirmed (i.e., who have received catechetical formation and the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist) to complete the Sacraments of Initiation by celebrating Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Confirmation of catechized Catholics will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018. The registration form along with an original baptismal certificate should be returned to the Office for Catechesis by May 10, 2018. Please call the parish office for further information.

Next weekend (April 14-15) a **playpen** will be placed in the vestibule of the church for you to place any new or kindly used/clean baby clothes which are given to expectant mothers. Items needed this month are diapers and formula.

The next **baptismal class** is s Monday, April 9 at 5:30pm at the Parish house. Please call in the Parish Office to register.

St. Al's Seniors: We will meet for breakfast on Tuesday, April 17 at 9:15am (after the 8:20am) at the Parkway Café. Please join us!

St. Aloysius Prayer Chain: If you have a special intention or someone whom you would like prayers offered please call Mrs. Norma Capranica @ 217-629-8714 or Mrs. Vikki Warren @ 217-544-2299.

STEWARDSHIP *Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to use your gifts wisely and to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship be the hallmark of our discipleship, a visible sign of our commitment to Christ. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.*



Mass Intentions

- April 9 Annunciation of the Lord**
6:20am Communion Service
- April 10 Easter Weekday**
8:20am Donald Mroscak+
- April 11 Saint Stanislaus**
6:20am Robert Berberet+
- April 12 Easter Weekday**
6:20am Sandra Slingerland+
- April 13 Easter Weekday**
6:20am Larry Brooks+
- April 14 Easter Weekday**
- April 15 Third Sunday of Easter**
Sat 4:30pm Katie Rose Raffa+
Sun 8:00am Kathy Martin+
Sun 10:30am All Parishioners+