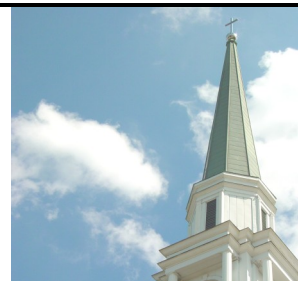


Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

A Discipleship Parish

Sunday, May 6 - Sixth Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends in Christ,

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” – JOHN 15:12-13. Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

The month of May being dedicated to Mary is a tradition

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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
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recognized throughout the world by Christians who celebrate it by praying the Rosary, bringing flowers at the feet of the statues of Our Lady, and participating in coronation ceremonies during this month. The students at St. Aloysius have a May Crowning each year during which they raise their hearts and minds to God through the Virgin’s intercession. Each of us is invited to embrace this month as Mary’s month and find some way to recognize her in our lives. Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother of God may we find peace and happiness.

Congratulations to all those who will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend at the 10:30 Mass. Special thanks to Mrs. Dockter who prepared all our second graders to enter into this new relationship with Jesus. This is a time when we can all reflect again over the great privilege which is ours in the reception of the Holy Eucharist. When Jesus, body and blood, soul and divinity, enters our lives in a new and creative way. My hope is that the Blessed Sacrament might truly transform us into the one we celebrate: Jesus, raised from the dead!

On account of the many events happening last month, the Parish General Assembly has been moved to May 15. Again, this will be a great opportunity to enter into dialogue about the parish’s role at Helping Hands and our Street Ministry. The evening will begin at 7:00pm and conclude by 8:30pm. We will have a speaker to address the parish from the Helping Hands ministry. There will also be punch and cookies. All are invited; all are welcome. Hope to see you there!

I would like to extend my profound thanks to all of those who volunteer in the parish in any capacity. From the Liturgy Committee to the Pastoral Council; from the Men and Women’s Groups to the Booster Club, PTO, and all the rest, you have all helped keep the flame of faith alive at St. Aloysius and on the whole northend of Springfield.

I continue to be edified by each one’s embrace of the vocation to Discipleship and am inspired by how each gives expression to it. May God continue to bless each of you as individuals and all of us as a parish as we seek to do His will. May God continue to bless you and your families during this month of May.

With Pastoral Affection,
Fr. Clint, O.P. Pastor



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Principal's Page

Mr. Tom Weir

St. Aloysius welcomed **Alumni** back to the school for a special breakfast and Mass on Friday, May 4. We congratulate these Seniors, the Class of 2018, and wish them success and we pray God will continue to bless them in life's journey. These young men and women have made me very proud. Parents, I know that I can speak on behalf of my former colleagues at SHG along with my professional friends at the other high schools when I say that it has been a pleasure to educate your son/daughter. Congrats to the St. Aloysius Class of 2014 and enjoy your 2018 High School graduation ceremonies.

Our **8th graders and Kindergarteners took graduation pictures** last week on Wednesday. We are very proud of their hard work. The Kindergarteners will miss their 8th grade buddies as they continue their education journey and move on to high school. The 8th graders last day of school will be May 16. They will celebrate at their Awards Banquet on May 17 at 6:00pm. Please join us at 4:30pm on Sat. May 19 for the 8th grade graduation ceremony.

Today at the 10:30 Mass our **2nd graders received their first communion**. Tuesday morning during Mass, they will receive Scapulars blessed by Fr. Clint. We are very proud of their hard work as they prepared for this sacrament.

It is that time again!!! You are invited to **Spirit Night at Chick-fil A!** Tuesday, May 8 from 4-7pm. Please invite all family and friends; every-one must present a flyer to receive credit. Flyers are in this weekend's bulletin. Thank you for supporting St. Aloysius School. Hope to see you there!



Thank you to all those who helped with Fine Arts Night. The students did a wonderful job with their Chalk Art creations. Congratulations to all those who were selected winners of the Chalk Art Contest: Kyleigh C. and Maggie R. 1st place; Eastlyn B., Sophie P., and Reese R. 2nd place; Jersey D., Talia D. and Lucy W. (with the help of Elly W. ps) 3rd place, and several honorable mentions. The night also included a beautiful dance by some of our Kindergarten through 3 grade students, followed by song performances by 4th-5th and 2nd-3rd graders. There was rock painting, a family portrait drawing table, and a photo booth. We hope you enjoyed the beautiful works of art created by the amazing artist of St. Aloysius School. Special thanks to Jaimie Kauffman, Bob Kennedy, Jennifer Triphahn, Marianne Stremsterfer, and the musicians- Peaches on banjo and Bacon on fiddle.

Our **"Pennies for Pajamas"** drive was a huge success! Thanks to all the donations from our students, and students across Sangamon County, it looks like we will reach our goal and be able to bring the Lincoln Document from New York to Illinois. Our drive culminated today in an assembly held at Cathedral School where donations were turned in to State Representative Sara Wojcicki-Jiminez. These school representatives, Siena S., Ryan R., Allison O., and Tyler W. were on the local news that evening as they turned in St. Aloysius School's wonderful donation!

The **6th grade students took a trip to Camp Ondessonk** in Ozark, IL in mid-April. While there, the students learned a lot about themselves. They went on several hikes, played Gaga Ball, and climbed the rock wall. The students learned how to shoot a bow, use a compass, and identify different trees found in the Shawnee National Forest. They even dissected owl pellets! Everybody, including the chaperones, had a great time in southern Illinois. This is an experience the students will remember forever. Thank you to all who helped the 6th grade class raise money!

Have a good week! Mr. Tom Weir

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR				WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING																	
May	6	10:30am	First Communion Mass	<u>Week 49 of 52</u>	<u>April 29</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>															
May	6	11:00am-7:00pm	Knights of Columbus/ Ursuline Alumni Chicken Dinner	Loose Collection	\$387.00	\$19,280.73															
May	7	6:20am	Communion Service	Weekly Envelopes	\$6,335.50	\$327,040.00															
May	7	6:30pm	Social Justice	Total	\$6,272.25	\$346,320.7															
May	8	8:20am	All School Mass	<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 April is \$40,000.00. We have received 88% the needed funding to meet essential budget obligations.</i>																	
May	8	4:00-7:00pm	Chick fil-A Spirit Night																		
May	9	7:30am	Legion of Mary																		
May	9	3:00pm	School Choir																		
May	10	1:30 pm	Early School Dismissal																		
May	10	7:00pm	Adult Choir																		
May	11	7:00am	Adoration																		
May	11	8:25am	May Crowning (School Gym)																		
May	11	5:00pm	Benediction																		
May	12	10:45am	Bingo																		
May	12	3:30pm	Confessions																		
 Special Prayers and Blessings to: <i>Maxwell Robert Spearie</i> who baptized into the Catholic faith. We profess, in Christ Jesus, our Lord.							ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL														
Weekly Attendance-April 28-29							<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Assessment (2017)</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: right;">\$50,777.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Pledged <small>(May 2, 2018)</small></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$23,594.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Residual</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$27,183.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="background-color: #d3d3d3;">Assessment (2016)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Paid</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$30,907.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Residual <small>(May 2, 2018)</small></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$19,496.00</td> </tr> </table>			Assessment (2017)	\$50,777.00	Total Pledged <small>(May 2, 2018)</small>	\$23,594.00	Residual	\$27,183.00	Assessment (2016)		Total Paid	\$30,907.00	Residual <small>(May 2, 2018)</small>	\$19,496.00
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Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat-Sun - May 12-13																					
	Saturday, 4:30pm	Sunday, 8:00am	Sunday, 10:30am																		
Music	Lydia Cernich	Men's Choir	Women's Choir																		
Lector	John Cernich	Michele Stewart	Greg Finigan																		
E.M.	Harvey and Nancy Schrenk	John Mehlick, Erin Rachford	Ed Strode, Greg Stumpf																		
Servers	Rachel S.	Alex and Alyssa F.	Sam and Sophia P.																		
In charity, please remember in your prayers: 2016....Honora Forgas, Louise Wolosick, Norma Hubbard, Edith Caruso, Joseph Luparell, Don Kmett, William Went, 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 DeVanne, 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, Beatrice Nimpson, Fredrick Bedolli, Mary Kulek, and Bernie Hagele.																					

Around the Church

A Call to Holiness: A Retreat with Pope Francis... God is calling us to be saints, Pope Francis tells us in his recent document, *“Rejoice and Be Glad: A Call to Holiness in Today's World.”* Through Pentecost Sunday, May 20, MISSIO offers an email retreat with Pope Francis, based on Rejoice and Be Glad. Emails feature Pope Francis' inspiring insights, informative teachings, and invitations to active involvement and growth toward holiness. Sign up at: <http://info.missio.org/retreatwithpope>

The **Fatima Pilgrimage** will take place at 3:00pm today, Sunday, May 6, 2018 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Springfield. Speaker is Fr. Wayne Stock.

Reflection.... Sixth Sunday of Easter.... Love, love, love. This could actually be our mission statement as Christians. God is love, Jesus' life, death and resurrection is love and the Holy Spirit that falls upon us in our baptism is love. How can we not love our triune God back?

In today's first reading we hear that “God shows no partiality” and that all who fear him and act uprightly are acceptable to him. Peter makes it clear that all are to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Do we not catch ourselves sometimes saying, “why are they here?” or “who invited them to our gathering?” It is often difficult to want to share this love and joy that we experience from God, but that is exactly what we hear from Jesus in the Gospel today, love one another as I love you. No exceptions, no exclusions, no attempts to hold back from some the love that the Father has given him.

“How can I love like this?”, you ask. The answer is to start with the one you see each morning in the mirror! Jesus didn't say to love the loveable or only those we like. That is just instinct, even our pets love those who show affection and bring treats. That is nice love. Jesus calls us to something greater than that: to love others as he loves us. The truth is that we can only love that way if Jesus puts that love in our hearts. That is the way parents share their love, that is the secret that true loves understand and that is the secret that true Christians hold. Not that we are a superior race or nation who are selfless people, but that God loves us first, in Jesus.

To love as Jesus loves us requires grace, a gift from above. It is clarified for us in the second reading today, “In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.” It is a relationship that God himself continually fosters and extends to us, even in our brokenness, sinfulness and imperfect selves. Isn't it a joy to know that the most enjoyable mystery of life- love is the biggest commandment of God. It shows that God is indeed on our side. It is to do what we want most to do and experience- to love and be loved. Even if that love costs us something. God is love.

How can we not sing and say Alleluia to that? Dan Blentlinger
Deacon Aspirant

Dear Friends,

When my dog Leo was a puppy, he chewed on everything. Literally.

Not just the usual, like shoes, books, and toys. But anything he could get a hold of. Including a porch railing. It's not like he didn't have rawhides and chew toys. He just had other ideas about what needed chewing.

So it probably shouldn't have surprised me when he chewed through the root of the grapevine on my back fence.

At first, you couldn't tell anything had happened. For a few days, the vine looked so good I started thinking there might be a second root.

Then the weather went from cool to hot. And the whole thing wilted. Fast. Because it was it cut off.

Kind of like when we cut ourselves off from God. Whether we do it dramatically or quietly, with a sudden breach or a slow drift, it's kind of the same thing.

At first, there's no difference. We're still us. We're okay.

Until things heat up. And we learn the hard way what it's like not to have roots.

Don't get me wrong, life's troubles will come. No matter what. The only question is whether we'll be well-rooted in God when they come.

Or if we'll try to face them cut off.

Sincerely, Deacon Jim

For more reflections by Deacon Jim visit: <http://papist-claptrap.squarespace.com/> There are also links to these reflections on our parish FaceBook page.

The **Hospital Sisters of St. Francis are seeking a Sacristan** who will work under the direction of the Coordinator of Music and Liturgy preparing for liturgical rites and celebrations. Applicants should have prior experience supporting a parish or community church. Excellent Benefits and Salary. Interested candidates may send their resume to jsprague@hsosf-usa.org. If you have any questions- 522-3387-ext. 684 .

Catholic Relief Services is Celebrating 75 Years! - The CRS story is your story too because CRS does not serve without prayers and financial support from Catholics in the United States. Pray, learn, celebrate and donate to Catholic Relief Services during this yearlong celebration. This month listen to the podcast about the “Noodle Priest” who fed hundreds of thousands of hungry children in Hong Kong. <https://75.crs.org>

Parish Bulletin Board

Third Annual St. Aloysius Parish General Assembly hosted by the St. Aloysius Pastoral Council, Tuesday, May 15... Parish Hall... 7:00-8:30pm... Program: Discipleship in our Parish... Roentta Hamilton from Helping Hands will be here to speak on the needs of the homeless in our community. Light refreshments will be served.

The 35th Annual Catholic Schools Appeal kicks off in area parishes this weekend, May 5-6. The proceeds from this appeal will be divided among the Springfield- Parish elementary schools and Sacred Heart – Griffin. This coming week parishioners will receive more information in the mail. Thank you for your prayers and financial support year after year that helps keep Catholic education as a viable option for our families no matter what their financial situation. Thank you for your support,

There will be no **Share the Word** today, Sunday, May 6 at 10:30. Many of the children who regularly attend will be making their 1st Holy Communion (or have family members making 1st communion). We feel it is important for the families to be together on this joyous occasion and special mass. See you back next Sunday, May 13th ~ Kim, Marcy, Mikki, Nancy and Rita ~

Stewardship in Action..... By your faithful stewardship to our diocese, we are making progress towards our Annual Catholic Services Appeal goal. As of April 24, 94 contributors have pledged \$23,694.00 toward our goal of \$50,777.00. That averages out to \$244.27 per pledge. Thank you to all who are donated. 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/iving.html](http://www.dio.org/about/iving.html). May the Lord bless you for your generosity. In your May/June envelope packet, you have received an extra envelope (green) 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 (544-4554) for information.

The Knights of Columbus #4175 North Council and the Ursuline Academy Alumni Foundation will be hosting their 45th Annual Chicken Dinner TODAY, May 6 from 11:00am-7:00pm. Tickets are \$11.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children. Eat in, take out and drive through are available. Adult dinners will include a ½ of a chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cole slaw, a roll and a dessert. These are the same recipes people have come to love over the years.

Did you miss the last professional photography opportunity? Would you like to get a copy of the **new directory** for free? Lifetouch Photographers will be back on Wednesday, May 9 for those of you that missed the opportunity previously. Please be sure to schedule your appointment at www.saintaloysius.org or call 866-756-0281. Our directory will not be complete without YOU!

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

A **playpen** will be placed in the vestibule of the church the weekend of May 19-20 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.

We will honor Mary with a **May Crowning** ceremony on Friday, May 11 at 8:25am beginning in the school gym. All are welcome to join us!

Holy Family Food Donation Day
Always the first Sunday of every month. The next date is today, May 6.. Donations of non-perishable food, household items such as soap and toilet paper, etc. are appreciated.

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

- May 7** **Easter Weekday**
6:20am Communion Service
- May 8** **Easter Weekday**
8:20am Barbara Veseling+
- May 9** **Easter Weekday**
6:20am Joseph Schroeder +
- May 10** **Easter Weekday**
6:20am August Papilli+
- May 11** **Easter Weekday**
6:20am Charlie Barber +
- May 12** **Easter Weekday**
- May 13** **Ascension of the Lord**
Sat 4:30pm Sandra Slingerland+
Sun 8:00am Catholic War Veterans+
Sun 10:30am All Parishioners +

SPIRIT NIGHT

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You're invited to support
St. Aloysius School

Tuesday, May 8th
4-7 p.m.

20 % of sales from flyers received will be donated.
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