

Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

A Discipleship Parish

November 18, 2018 - 33rd Ordinary Sunday



Dear Friends in Christ,

“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.” MARK 13:26. We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens, and God asks each of us, “What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?” How will you respond?

Where does the time go? Today is the 33rd week in Ordinary Time. That means that next week is the Feast of Christ the King and the First Sunday of Advent is two weeks away! At the Vigil Mass on the Feast of Christ the King we will welcome into our St. Al's community those who are seeking Baptism and Full-Communion in the Catholic Church. During the simple ritual which introduces the Mass the whole assembly will be asked to support and pray for our candidates. Even though the ritual will only happen at one of the

Masses that weekend, all parishioners are invited to pray for those in RCIA and continue supporting those who see membership in the Church. God has blessed us with new members.

The Mini-Mega Raffle is still rolling. So, if you haven't purchased a ticket or two or sold any to family and friends, it is not too late. You can get your tickets in our parish office during regular office hours. Also, thanks to Jaimie and her crew for the great Trivia Night held on November 17. I always enjoy Trivia Nights: mostly the food, I'm not smart enough to be on a trivia team. Ha!

Can you feel it? The new boiler is in place and working. Unfortunately, it isn't all paid for. Please check out the collection tracking for the boiler in another place in this bulletin and ask the Lord if He might be calling you to make a sacrificial gift for our heat. Thanks to all who have up to this point contributed. Thanks to all who will continue to contribute until it is paid for. I'm sincerely hoping we can do this without a loan from the diocese. And, guess what, a new air conditioner is on our horizon. I know, it never ends!

As Deacon Mick pointed out in his homily last week, the parishioners of St. John Vianney collected hundreds of socks during “Socktober”. I am so grateful for their collection and for permitting our Street Ministry Team to distribute them. Again, if you know someone from St. John Vianney, please thank them for their generosity and for the socks! As Deacon pointed out, genuine gracious generosity is infectious. There is so much generosity on the northend of Springfield. We are making a difference! May God continue to bless the folks of St. John's and St. Al's as we light up the northend with Gospel charity. Thanks to all; thanks especially to Deacon Mick and the Women's Club.

It falls to me each quarter at school to call those families who are behind on paying their school tuition. Sometimes it is just a reminder; sometimes it is more profound. This year it dawned on me that I should be calling all families just to touch base, ask if there is anything they want to talk about, share good ideas, or if they have a prayer intention. It is a good thing, I'm discovering. I've called about half of our families so far. One of the things I'm discovering is that there is no family who isn't making sacrifices to send their children to our school. Often these families go unnoticed for their sacrifices, but they are willing to make them as they believe in Catholic Education and the St. Al's community. I invite all to join in praying for the needs of our school and school families. If you feel God encouraging you to offer a financial gift to our School's Annual Fund to help defray the expenses of our school, please call Monica Maggio in the parish finance office and she will give you more information. Thank you, for your gracious generosity.

May God bless you and your family during these snowy days. Time to get out the warm socks and gloves.

Looking forward to the celebration of Thanksgiving, let us give thanks to God always and for everything. In the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord!

With Pastoral Affection, Fr. Clint

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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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Principal's Page

Mr. Rich Harkins

St. Aloysius faculty, staff and students wish all of our Parish families a **Happy Thanksgiving**. Our prayers of gratitude for all you do for our school are offered for you throughout this season.

The **annual 5th grade Day of Faith** hosted by Little Flower School was Friday, November 17. Mrs. Murphy's class was joined by other 5th graders from the Catholic Schools as they spent time completing service projects and demonstrating their faith. We welcome the opportunity to share the good deeds of our students with the community.

The **Mini-Mega-Raffle** is in full swing! The raffle tickets are a major fundraising undertaking for the school and parish and we are asking you to make every effort to sell these, not just to people in the parish, but to anyone you happen to know. As we have stated many times, tuition only covers half of the cost to educate one child, and this is a new initiative to help us meet those costs of education. Tickets are \$20, with a payout of \$5,000.00 on Thursday, December 20. Thank you to those who have already purchased tickets! The next Early Bird awards of \$100 will be Thursday, December 6. Tickets will also be available at the parish and school office for sale. A special thanks to Staab Funeral Home and O'Connor Mailing for sponsoring this event and tickets printed courtesy of HSHS-Hospital Sisters Health Systems.

St. Nick Shopper will be held on Thursday, December 13th from 8am-3pm. Students will have the opportunity to do their Christmas shopping here at school. Gifts for all ages will be available to purchase for \$3.50 each and will even be gift wrapped! Not only is this a great fundraiser for our school, but it's a great learning opportunity for the students as they think of others first and what it means to give. The students really enjoy shopping through our school store to find the 'perfect' gift for their loved one. If you would like to help decorate gift bags, set-up the event, and /or work the event, please call Traci Pitchford at 862-4060.

Shop with Scrip orders will arrive November 16. You can pick up your gift cards in the School's office Monday, November 19. Thank you for shopping with Scrip! Watch the bulletin for Christmas dates.

Congratulations to our two eighth grade girls from St. Aloysius... Brooklynn C. and Liah O, the girls were recognized on 8th Grade Night at the girl's basketball game on November 1 along with two students from Calvary.

Congrats to the **Charger of the Month** Seth M. in 5th grade. Seth maintained all As and Bs in his classes, has no missing or late work, is a good role model to others and displays a Christian attitude towards everyone; he is kind and giving to those around him. Congratulations Seth!

Our weekly **Saturday bingo at Caritas Hall** supports our school budget. It takes a lot of volunteers throughout the year. This is also a great opportunity to earn service hours! These monies benefit the school by keeping our tuition costs down. Many thanks for your cooperation and participation, and thank you to our volunteers this past weekend: Vanessa Riley, Richard Camden, Ed Strode, Megan Wanless, Katie Wagner and Joeann Mitchell.

Because it's all about Jesus,
Rich Harkins

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR				WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
November 18	9:00am	Catholic Standard Time		<u>Week 20</u>	<u>November 11</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
November 19	6:20am	Communion Service		Loose Collection	\$426.06	\$9,073.19
November 20	8:20am	All School Mass			\$6,046.50	\$145,728.25
November 22	9:00am	Thanksgiving Day Mass		Weekly Envelopes	\$6,046.50	\$145,728.25
November 23	6:20am	No Morning Mass			\$6,472.56	\$154,801.44
November 23		No Adoration/ Benediction		Total		
November 24	10:45am	Bingo				
November 24	3:30pm	Confessions		<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 November is \$40,000.00. We have received 41% of the needed funding to meet essential budget obligations.</i>		
November 24	4:30pm	Rite of Acceptance				
November 25	12:00pm	Discipleship Comm.				
November 26	6:20am	Communion Service				
November 27	8:20am	All School Mass				
November 27	6:30pm	Finance Council				
November 28	8:15am	Legion of Mary				
November 28	3:00pm	School Choir				
November 28	7:00pm	RCIA				
 <p>Special Prayers/Blessings <i>Aaron and Mary (Richardson) Felix</i> who were married at St. Aloysius Church on Saturday, November 10, 2018</p>						
Weekly Attendance-November 10-11				Boiler Project		
Sat4:30pm	Sun 8:00	Sun 10:30	Total	Assessment (2018)		\$49,968.00
				Total Pledge (November 11, 2018)		\$14,580.00
				Residual		\$35,388.00
				Amount		\$125,000.00
				Total Collected		\$103,755.11
				Residual (November 11, 2018)		\$21,244.89
Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat-Sun - November 24-25						
	Saturday, 4:30pm	Sunday, 8:00am	Sunday, 10:30am			
Music	Adult Choir	Janet Kehoe	Julie Saal			
Lector	Mary Lou Aiello	Lizzie Palazzolo	Patti Crouch			
E.M.	Pat Daniels, Will Lesko	Monica Maggio, Erin Rachford	Tom Paoni, Greg Stumpf			
Servers	Nicholas G. Paige N.	Alyssa F. Alex F.	Caleb A. Noah C.			
In charity, please remember in your prayers....Honora Forgas, Louise Wolosick, Norma Hubbard, Edith Caruso, Joseph Luparell, Don Kmett, William Wente, 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, Bernie Hagele, Dorothy Warrington, Mary LeMasters, Peg Wilson, Annette Hickman, Edna Kennedy, Joseph Carlove, Bernadine Seitz, and Joseph Crowe.						



Around the Church

Franciscan Nativity Festival... Chiara Center will host the Franciscan Nativity Festival on Friday, November 30 from 2-7 pm; and Saturday and Sunday, December 1-2 from noon - 4 pm Free and open to the public, the Festival features more than 100 Nativity Sets, each with unique history and significance. The Festival includes a tour of St. Francis of Assisi Church. Chiara Center is located at 4875 LaVerna Road, Springfield, IL, 62707. www.chiaracenter.org

Remembrance Service... The Staab Family invites you to "Light A Candle of Love, a Service of Remembrance at Holiday Time" on Sunday, November 25 at 2:00pm at Erin's Pavilion at Southwind Park. This annual service provides a message of hope, as well as encouragement on how to cope with the recent death of a loved one during the holidays. You are encouraged to bring a small framed photo of your loved one for display on our Memory Table. For more information call 528-6461.

Catholic Charities is excited to announce SOUPER Tuesday! Did you know that St. John's Breadline is serving 40 gallons of made from scratch soup every day, 365 day a year! We want to share with you the amazing food we are serving every day. November 20 from 2:00-6:00pm we will be serving up our made from scratch soup for your! It will be a drive thru service only at 1615 W. Washington, Springfield, IL. Suggested donation of \$5 per 32 ounces of soup. Enjoy all fresh made from scratch Chili/ Chicken Noodle Soup / Beef Vegetable.

The Last Things... As the Church year comes to an end and the faithful are reminded to turn their attention to the Second Coming of Christ, Father Wayne Stock will explore the concept of the Four Last Things as taught by the Church: Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell. Join us in the Cathedral Atrium, Mondays, November 19 and 26 7:00pm.

Catholic Charities "Angel Tree"... There are categories of items for you to chose from, and you may buy one item or as many as you wish. Catholic Charities will collect the items and the set the items up in a "Holiday Store" where eligible parents will be able to choose several gifts for each child. There are tags on the tree with various categories. Last year we had great success when allowing the parents to personally choose the gifts and toys for each of their own children, over 1500 children received gifts last year. Please chose a tag from the Christmas tree in the vestibule of the church, and bring your unwrapped gifts back between Sunday, November 25-December 9. Thank you for your generosity!

50+ Warriors lining the perimeter of Planned Parenthood ever Thursday. Your are invited to dedicate one hour each Thursday, (abortion day) between 8:00-1:00pm to peacefully pray for transformation at the abortion facility 601 North Bruns Lane (park at 519 N Bruns Lane). No experience required. Simply a servant's heart to call upon heaven to advance a culture of life and end abortion in our city.

We Want

What's the First Commandment?

That's easy. Even if we don't remember the ones about the Sabbath and coveting, pretty much everyone knows the first one.

"You shall have no other gods before me."

Why? Why is that one First?

Because it's the most important one. The one that everything else rises and falls on.

Because if we let something else, or someone else, get between us and God, well the rest of it really won't matter.

It's first, because it's the one that you and I – and every other human being in the history of ever – struggle with. Because we want.

So many things. We want relationships. We want possessions. We want success. We want power. We want health. We want wealth.

We want.

And anything, or anyone, we really want is in danger of getting between us and God.

Does that mean that all of the things that I want are wrong? And that I just have to suck it up, and pretend that I don't really want the stuff that feels like my heart's desire?

At least for today, because, you know, tomorrow something might feel like my heart's desire.

No. Here's what it means.

None of that stuff is God.

Because none of that stuff is God, no matter how badly I think I need it, no matter how much I label myself to try to convince myself that whatever it is the essence of my true identity, in the end it will disappoint me.

And then I will be off desperately seeking the next thing that feels like my heart's desire.

So if you're tired of the frantic cycle of desperately seeking the next thing, then the next thing, then the next thing. Only to find that none of it is really what you're looking for.

Stop chasing whatever it is.

And He's waiting for you with open arms.



Parish Bulletin Board



Catholic Standard Time... Sunday Mornings at 9am today, November 18. Baptism, Confirmation, then Eucharist. Understanding the Restored Order. Catholic Standard Time will be back after Thanksgiving Focus for 9am Sunday, December 2 ... Married Priests? Understanding Clerical Celibacy.

33rd Annual "Breadline Sunday" to benefit St. John's Breadline will be this weekend (November 17-18). Loaves of bread will be available after all Masses. With your generous donation, the Breadline can meet the ever increasing need to feed the hungry in our community. Please help us continue to provide hot, nutritious meals to the homeless, socially disabled, elderly, unemployed, and many families, including single-parent families with children. The Breadline is currently serving an average of 600 meals each day! Your help is needed more than ever. The suggested donation for a loaf of bread is \$4.00 Your donation is greatly appreciated!

During the month of November, the **Book of Remembrance** of the dead is placed in the sanctuary. Please inscribe the names of your deceased family members and friends to be remembered in our November Masses and prayer.

Your generosity to keep **Calvary Cemetery** beautiful is much appreciated by all those who visit. Your continued support will help further develop the north end of the cemetery for additional burial space and fund a new shop. There is envelope for this collection in your November packet.

The Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope is this weekend. Donations to DCJH make it possible for organizations to provide hope and assistance of food, clothing, housing, education and medications to people living in poverty throughout our diocese. 100% of your contribution stays within the diocese. Please give generously.

The Annual Catholic Services Appeal first report is in. Thanks to those who have already pledged. So far, 59 households have pledged \$16,355.00 toward our goal of \$49,968.00. We are at 32% of our goal. If we fall short of our goal, the balance must be paid from our operating funds. Please make your pledge this week, knowing it directly helps our parish. Credit card and automatic installment payments are available. Another easy option is to make your pledge online, <http://www.dio.org/about/giving.html>. May the Lord bless you for your generosity.

RCIA meets on Wednesday at the parish house. You can contact the parish office (544-4544) to obtain more information. All are invited to any of the Wednesday sessions. Your word or deed can make a difference. The schedule includes: November 21, No Session, Thanksgiving. November 22, 9:00am Mass (Thanksgiving Day) Saturday, November 24, 4:30pm Mass, Rite of Acceptance and Welcome. November 28, 7:00pm Advent-meaning and symbols, Paula Petrilli. December 5, 7:00pm, Creeds, Apostolic and Nicaean, Deacon Jim. December 12, Un-packing the Christmas Story, Paula Petrilli.

We are in the process of finishing up our **parish directory**. If you feel that we do not have a current phone number for you, or you would like your number unlisted in the book please contact the parish office. You will receive a copy if your photo was taken. If not and you wish to purchase a directory the office will have copies for sale. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Mass on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 22) will be at 9:00am. There will be no 6:20am on Thanksgiving Day. Friday, November 23, no 6:20am Mass. There will no Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, November 23. The parish office will closed on Wednesday, November 21, Thursday November 22, and Friday, November 23.

Boiler update... We have collected \$103,755.11 (November 11, 2018) towards this project. The heat is on! and installation is almost complete. If we can collect \$21,244.89 by the end of November, we can avoid having to ask the Diocese for a loan. If you haven't contributed, please help us raise the funds for this new boiler. If you have contributed, again thank you!

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

Just a reminder...on days of **inclement weather** mass will be cancelled when the Catholic grade schools are closed .

Please let the parish office know of events,/meetings for the **church calendar** to avoid scheduling conflicts.

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.



Mass Intentions

- November 19 Weekday**
6:20am Communion Service
- November 20 Weekday**
8:20am Mary LeMasters +
- November 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
6:20am Crystal Funk+
- November 22 St. Cecilia**
9:00am Katie Rose Raffa+
- November 23 Weekday**
6:20am no mass
- November 24 St. Andrew**
- November 25 Solemnity of Christ the King**
Sat 4:30pm Edna Kennedy +
Sun 8:00am All Parishioners +
Sun 10:30am Larry Selinger+

Catholic Standard Time

9am Sunday, November 18th

Baptism, Confirmation, then Eucharist

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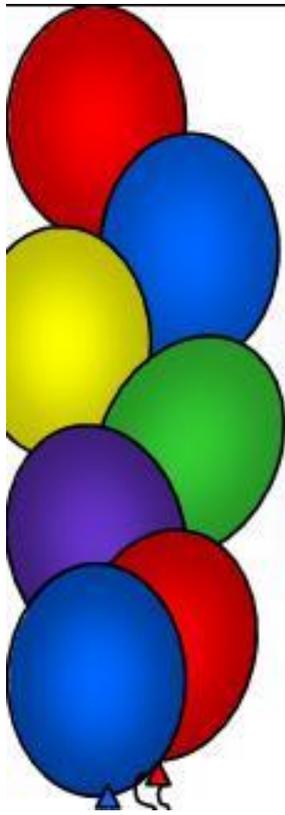


Catholic Standard Time will be back after Thanksgiving

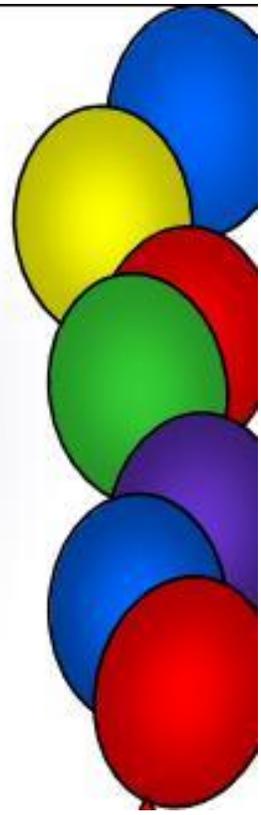
Focus for 9 am Sunday, December 2nd

Married Priests?

Understanding Clerical Celibacy



Happy
100th
Birthday!



Happy Birthday Frances!

May God bless you on your birthday and for years to come. You are a special gift in the lives of so many. I thank God that we are friends. Be assured of my prayers on your birthday and always.

Love,

Fr. Clint, O.P.