

Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

A Discipleship Parish

November 25, 2018 - Solemnity of Christ the King



Dear Friends in Christ,

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ JOHN 18:36. How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

Thanks to Jaimie Kauffman and all who participated in the Trivia Night last weekend. Our evening was not only a night to test wits but enjoy each other’s company around the Mexican theme. Every-one seemed to have a great time and St. Al’s benefitted from everyone’s gen-

erosity. Thanks to all who participated and continue to support St. Al’s through these sorts of events. May God continue to bless all of our fund-raising events.

As usual, from Friday, December 7th through Saturday, December 8th we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. This month our adoration will be extended through December 9th at 1:00am in honor of the 29th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life. As we honor the Immaculate Conception, may God hear our prayer for the entire world to restore life, family, Church and peace. Please join us as we extend the hours of adoration to pray for these intentions. In particular, join us from 9:00pm to 1:00am for the National Hour of Unity. All are welcome.

You are also invited to dedicate one hour each Thursday (which is abortion day) between 8:00am and 1:00pm to peacefully pray for transformation at the local abortion facility at 601 N. Bruns Lane. Parking is available at 519 N. Bruns Lane. No experience is required. Simply a servant’s heart to call upon heaven to advance a culture of life and end abortion in Springfield. Prayer is our weapon that is not of this world! For more information about this gathering call Deacon Mick, Nancy Schrenk, or one of the Social Justice Committee members. All are welcome.

Every year on the Feast of Christ the King we not only end the liturgical cycle for another year, but our eyes focus now on the First Sunday of Advent which we will celebrate next weekend. So, we must ask: How will this Advent be different than our celebration of Advent last year? How have we grown during the past year in our relationship with Jesus? God calls us to deepen our love for Him through our love for others. May God bless our Advent intentions as we walk toward the Solemnity of Christmas – the Nativity of Our Lord.

Advent is around the corner; the star is beginning to rise, and the Shepherds begin to quake. May our hearts stir toward the rising of the Son.

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

Fr. Clinton P. Honkomp, O.P. (303) 522-0196	Pastor
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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
School Office Hours: M - F: 7:45 am - 3:30 pm
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Mr. Rich Harkins

Signs are everywhere! Christmas is one month from today! Everyone wants us to know what is coming way before we need to. Wouldn't it be nice if God worked that way? Don't you sometimes wish he would just lay out your life in front of you so that you always knew the right choices to make? Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not harm, plans to give you hope and a future." The staff here at St. Al's have adopted a paraphrased version of this verse and shortened it to "God has a plan." Isn't that simple? Yes and no. It's simple because it leaves it in God's hands and He is always right and good and perfect. It's not simple because we always want to be in control and that just doesn't happen. So, what do we do? We have to learn to let go and let GOD. Remember, God has a plan.

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.

Congratulations to Jr. High Charger of the Month Eastlyn B. from our 6th Grade. She maintained all As and Bs in her classes, has no missing or late work, is a good role model to others and displays a Christian attitude towards her classmates; she is kind and giving to those around her. Congratulations Eastlyn!

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 are also 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 13 from 8:00am-3:00pm. 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 at Amazon.com...you can actually support St. Aloysius School. Go to: <https://smile.amazon.com> and choose St. Aloysius as the organization you support. It's that simple. It doesn't cost anything and St. Aloysius then gets a percentage from every purchase.

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: Ron Kohlrus, Richard Camden, Ed Strode, Megan Wanless, Vanessa Riley and Joann Mitchell.

Because it's all about Jesus,
Rich Harkins

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR				WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
November 25	12:00pm	Discipleship Comm.		<u>Week 21</u>	<u>November 18</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
November 26	6:20am	Communion Service		Loose Collection	na	\$9,073.19
November 27	8:20am	All School Mass			Weekly Envelopes	na
November 27	6:30pm	Finance Council		Total		na
November 28	8:15am	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 November is \$40,000.00. We have received 41% of the needed funding to meet essential budget obligations.</i>	
November 28	3:00pm	School Choir		ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL		
November 28	7:00pm	RCIA		Assessment (2018)		\$49,968.00
November 29	7:00pm	Adult Choir		Total Pledge (November 19, 2018)		\$14,580.00
November 30	7:00am	Adoration		Residual		\$35,388.00
November 30	5:00pm	Benediction		Boiler Project		
December 1	10:45am	Bingo		Amount		\$125,000.00
December 1	3:30pm	Confessions		Total Collected		\$103,755.11
December 2	11:45am	Liturgy Board		Residual (November 19, 2018)		\$21,244.89
December 3	6:20am	Communion Service		Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat-Sun - December 1-2		
December 4	8:20am	All School Mass		Saturday, 4:30pm		
December 4	6:00pm	2nd grade First Penance		Sunday, 8:00am		
December 5	8:15am	Legion of Mary		Sunday, 10:30am		
December 5	3:15am	School Choir		Music	St. Al's Youth Singers	Adult Choir
December 5	5:30pm	Helping Hands		Lector	Dave Klestinski	Pam Tipps
December 5	7:00pm	RCIA		E.M.	Pat Daniels, John Risse	Lizze Palazzolo, Erin Rachford
December 6	Second Early Bird Mini Mega Drawing			Servers	Paige N. Rachel S.	Alex F. Alyssa F.
Weekly Attendance-November 17-18				Boiler Project		
Sat4:30pm	Sun 8:00	Sun 10:30	Total	Amount		\$125,000.00
167	89	151	407	Total Collected		\$103,755.11
				Residual (November 19, 2018)		\$21,244.89
Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat-Sun - December 1-2						
Saturday, 4:30pm				Sunday, 8:00am		
Sunday, 10:30am						
Music	St. Al's Youth Singers		Adult Choir	Janet Kehoe		
Lector	Dave Klestinski		Pam Tipps	Pam Brown		
E.M.	Pat Daniels, John Risse		Lizze Palazzolo, Erin Rachford	Marcia Barnard, Mikki Buhl		
Servers	Paige N. Rachel S.		Alex F. Alyssa F.	Geno D. Lee Ann K.		
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

Remembrance Service...The Staab Family invites you to "Light A Candle of Love, a Service of Remembrance at Holiday Time" today, 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.

50+ Warriors lining the perimeter of Planned Parenthood ever Thursday. You 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).

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

Butler Funeral Home...December 6, 2018, An Open Door Session on Funerals, Cremation, Cemetery and Advance Planning. When it comes to burial, cremation and advance funeral planning, we know that people have many questions. As funeral and cremation specialists, we're happy to provide answers during our FREE program. Join us for a complimentary lunch at Finley's Tap House from 11:30am-1:30pm and a brief, interactive, and open discussion forum for questions regarding these and other topics. This event is free. Call Butler Funeral Home at 544-4646 to reserve your seat by December 3, 2018.

Lessons and Carols...Celebrate the Advent season with Scripture and carols led by the Cathedral priests and the Cathedral choir. Cathedral, Sunday, December 16, 7:00pm.

Breakfast Buffet to benefit Catholic Education, Sunday, December 9, 8am-Noon, Knights of Columbus #364, 2200 Meadowbrook Adults \$10 Children (6-12) \$5 Free-5and under. Visit from Santa at 9:00am. Proceeds will go towards tuition assistance for our Springfield Catholic Schools.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – 25 November 2018 *What have you done?* That question of Pilate to Jesus is a key? What have you done? On the last Sunday of this liturgical year, it becomes our final exam. It is an essay question – with each of us filling it out in different but specific ways. What have I done this past year to bring on the Reign and Kingdom of God?

- How have I acted with loving-kindness, with God-like-mercy?
- Since my end has not come, what will I do now?

The Original

I love questions after a homily. Whether it's somebody's deep thinking, or simple curiosity, I love getting questions.

Last Sunday's homily ("Where are you going?") made the point that in this life and eternity, it all comes down to one of two things. Joining ourselves to God, living out a heartfelt "Thy will be done." Or separating ourselves from God, by living out "No. My will be done."

Here are two questions about that homily that I want to share with you.

Q: Are you saying that all of the things that the Church teaches are sins really aren't sins?

A: Not at all. As I said in the homily, saying to God "No. My will be done." is the Original Sin. I'm saying that this is what lies behind all sin. This is what makes something sinful.

"My will be done." is powerful. And corrosive. If unchecked, it can turn almost anything into an occasion of separation from God. Of sin. Because that's what sin really is, separation from God.

Q: Then why does the Church teach that specific things are sinful?

A: Think of the Ten Commandments. What are they really? The time-tested ways of separating yourself from God. The easiest ways for you and me to say to God (maybe without even thinking about it) "No. My will be done."

Just looking at that list of 10 things. They can seem kind of random, with stuff like idolatry, murder, coveting, deceitfulness, etc.

But here's what they have in common. Each one is a very effective way to say to God "No. My will be done."

Each one is a way that you and I, as human beings, can very easily slide into. Without really noticing what we're doing. Until we've already done a lot of harm. To ourselves. And to each other.

Whether the source is the Ten Commandments, Jesus in the Gospels, or the lives of the great saints, it's all the same thing.

They're warning signs. Telling you and me that something is dangerous. Pointing out what may seem obvious.

To protect you and me from those moments when the obvious isn't so obvious.

- Deacon Jim



Parish Bulletin Board



Catholic Standard Time... Catholic Standard Time will be back after Thanksgiving. Focus for 9:00am Sunday, December 2 ... Married Priests? Understanding Clerical Celibacy.

Many thanks from Calvary Cemetery! Your generosity to keep Calvary Cemetery beautiful is much appreciated by all those who visit. Your continued financial support will help further develop the north end of the cemetery for additional burial space and it will also fund a new shop.

The Annual Catholic Services Appeal... 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.

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 our new boiler. If you have contributed, again thank you!

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: 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 Nicæan, Deacon Jim. December 12, Un-packing the Christmas Story, Paula Petrilli.

The **Liturgy Committee** would like to thank everyone who donated flowers for Mary's Altar. The flowers were lovely and added to the beauty to the Blessed Mother's Altar.

It's time again for the **Catholic Charities "Angel Tree"** program. The gift drive is now through Sunday, December 9. There are categories of items for you to choose from, and you may buy one item or as many as you wish. Catholic Charities will collect the items, and will then set up the items in a "Holiday Store," where eligible parents will be able to choose several gifts for each child. There will be cards on the tree with various categories listed. Please take a card from the tree, purchase one or more items from that category, and bring your unwrapped gifts back to the tree in the vestibule (you can put the gifts in a gift bag if you would like, or provide a roll of wrapping paper). Our goal is to provide at least 500 gifts for families in need.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be on Friday December 7 at 7:00pm and Saturday, December 8 at 7:00am.

Our **Advent Penance Service** is scheduled for, Sunday, December 9, 2:00pm at St. Joseph Church (Springfield). A number of priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament with you. This is a beautiful way to prepare for the Christmas season.

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.

Thank you to members of Girl Scout Troop 6067 and 2 members from the liturgy committee for helping with pre-holiday church cleaning last Sunday. Over 2 hours was spent from top to bottom.

Eucharistic Adoration is held all day Friday in the chapel from after the 6:20am Mass until 5:00pm for Benediction. On the first Friday of the month Adoration is held for 24 hours. Stop by anytime of the day to pray before our Lord..... *"There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls would become docile pupils of adoration."* -St. John Paul

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

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 26 Weekday
6:20am Communion Service

November 27 Weekday
8:20am Betty Chernis +

November 28 Weekday
6:20am Paul Gustafson+

November 29 Weekday
6:20am Kathleen Blasko+

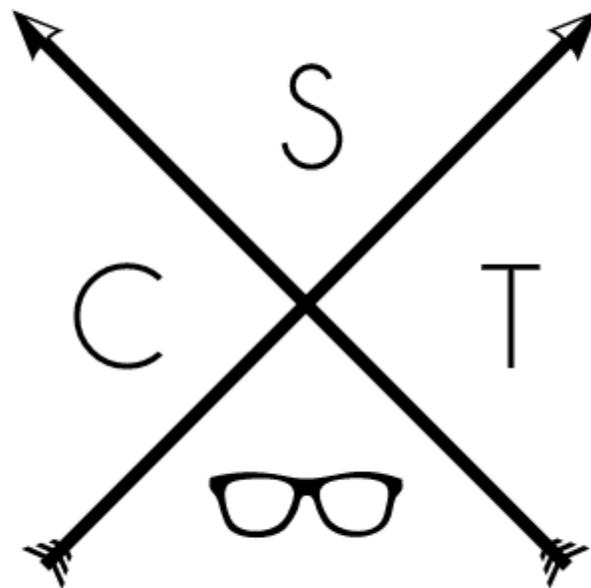
November 30 St. Andrew
6:20am Al Giacomini +

December 1 Weekday

December 2 1st Sunday of Advent
Sat 4:30pm Barb Veseling+
Sun 8:00am Peg Wilson+
Sun 10:30am All Parishioners+

Catholic Standard Time

Is taking a break for Thanksgiving



9am Sunday, December 2nd

Married Priests?

Understanding Clerical Celibacy