

What is the relationship between St. Aloysius School & Parish?

St. Aloysius parish is VERY supportive of the school. Members of our parish are involved in the school in many ways. Our parish also supports our school financially. The parishioners care about the school and help take care of our students.



Students:

- *make & deliver stockings, care packages, or Easter baskets for shut-in parishioners
- *participate in "Charge the Mass" taking on all ministries at the 10:30 AM mass
- *work fish fries
- *attend special prayer services with parishioners, for example Stations of the Cross, Pet Blessing



Parish:

- *Fr. Clint is in the building on a daily basis teaching Spanish.
- *Deacon Mick is in the building for weekly communion services in our chapel. He provides catechesis for our students choosing to become Catholic.
- *Deacon-in-Training Dan Blentlinger visits classrooms to talk, read, and learn with the students.

What is the financial status of St. Aloysius School?

- *At St. Aloysius School we have met or exceeded our fundraising goals for the past two years and anticipate continuing to do so.
- *We have 100% support from our parish. They contributed \$125,000 to the school last year.
- *We are current with all our vendors - payment in full on time - and have been for the past 5 years.
- *We operate on a budget that is drawn up in consultation with Finance Council, School Board, and Pastoral Council.
- *We have cut our debt in half over the past three years and are continuing to pay down the debt to the Diocese.
- *We do not operate on deficit spending and are not projected to do so.

Curriculum & Instruction

*Student to Teacher ratio - 1:13

*Enrichment Classes: Art, Music, Physical Education, and Computer

*Library - Our volunteer librarian is a former Illinois State librarian. The students have access to Kindle e-readers, Lincoln Library e-cards, and various research tools.

*Spanish - Students in grades 6-8 take spanish 3 days a week with Father Clint. Students work at various levels at their own pace.

*Standardized Tests: Our students take the Iowa Basics and the ACRE Religion test.

Academic Services/Resources

*Resource Coordinator (St. Al's)

*Title I Teacher (District 186)

*Travelling Resource Teacher (District 186)

*Speech Services (District 186)

Tutoring

*Homework Center

*Study Hall

*Volunteer Tutors - Parishioners, SHG Students, Grandparents



What are your service hour requirements?

*Saint Aloysius families complete 8 hours of service in grades Pre-School and Pre-K. Families in K-8th grade are required to complete 12 hours. There is a "buy out" option if you choose to not complete your service hours.

*The following are examples of volunteer opportunities that fulfill the service hour requirements:

- lunch/recess volunteers
- Homework Center volunteers
- classroom parties
- Before/After Care help
- field trip drivers
- fundraising events



How is tuition paid? FACTS Management? Is there tuition assistance?

**All families have 2 options for payment.*

OPTION 1 - Full payment K-8th due July 16th, 2018. Full payment PreS/Pre-K due August 20th, 2018.

OPTION 2 - FACTS monthly payments K-8th(10 or 12 May/Feb or May/April). FACTS monthly payment PreS/Pre-K (10 months Aug/May). FACTS requires a \$40 annual fee.

**Any family requiring assistance from the parish is asked to apply through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment to determine what a family can afford under average circumstances in our area when considering income, housing rates, and family size. Assistance monies are generated within the parish of incomes/contributions from year to year.*

**Financial aid will be awarded to active parishioners of "time, talent, and treasures" in the parish. After financial aid is awarded to active parishioners, any remaining aid will be awarded to financially current non-parish families based on financial need.*

**Financial aid is not available for PreSchool and Pre-K families.*

What are some of your fundraising and family events?

We have many events for fundraising and family fun! Fundraising is essential to the budget and success of St. Aloysius. Families are asked to support these events. Our events and activities are hosted by PTO, Development, Student Council, and Faculty & Staff. Some of our events include:

- State Fair Parking
- Homecoming Spaghetti Dinner
- Spring Dinner and Auction
- Mini Mega Raffle
- Paint Night
- Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
- Book Fairs
- Family Nights
- Back to School Picnic
- Christmas Party
- Trivia Night
- Haunted Hallways
- Chick-fil-A Spirit Nights



Do you offer Before and Aftercare? Summercare? Bible School?

*St. Aloysius School offers extended care. Before Care opens at 6:30 AM. After Care runs from 3:10-5:30.



BEFORE CARE

1 child = \$75/month
2 children = \$135/month
3 children = \$180/month

AFTER CARE

1 child = \$120/month
2 children = \$175/month
3 children = \$225/month

*There are also special drop in rates.

*Currently, our families co-op with Cathedral for Summer Care. There are plans to open Summer Care in our facilities and to include one week of Bible School within this program.

Lunch Program

*Students have a 45 minute lunch break - 22 minutes at lunch and 22-23 minutes at recess.

*Hot lunch is prepared on site daily and costs \$2.75/day, including milk. Milk to go with cold lunch is \$0.50.

*The free and reduced lunch program is available for eligible students.

*There are two lunch shifts

1st - PS-Grade 4 with a silent time at the beginning of lunch to ensure the students are eating.

2nd - Grades 5-8, does not include a silent time.

*Recess is held on the school playground or gym, depending on weather.

Technology

*We have a full computer lab and lap tops for student use.

*St. Aloysius uses RenWeb for parent resources.

*Technology Fee = \$40/family

*The junior high has recently adopted Google Classrooms and is making the transition to Chrome books.

*We have two I-Pad carts - one for our primary students and one for our older learners.

