

Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

A Discipleship Parish

Sunday, March 18, Fifth Sunday of Lent



Dear Friends in Christ,

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." – Jer. 31:33.

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

It was with a heavy heart that I learned last Thursday evening that our principal, Mr. Weir, has accepted a new position at Riverton Public School as their Athletic and Activities Director. During his two years here at St. Al's School, Tom has done much by way of growing the enrollment and working on the spirit of the school. We

shall miss him and the enthusiasm he brought to St. Als. He was always a dependable team player and an awesome academic leader. Please join me in praying for Mr. Weir and his future at Riverton. May God who moves through him continue to enlighten and inspire all with whom he has contact. God Bless you, Tom!

Congratulations to Greg Matejka, the team and all those who participated last weekend in STALK-21. Taking a small part in it myself, I was so happy to see everyone having a good time while engaging in this great retreat. Koinonia has certainly become a powerful sign of the working of God in our parish over the years. May God continue to inspire and elevate us all through the work of the Koinonia. Now, we must live the 4th. Blessings.

Please mark your calendars now for the up-coming pancake and sausage breakfast hosted by the local Boy Scouts and the Ministry Fair being held in the Church Hall next week (Palm Sunday). This joint event promises to be another great opportunity for us at St. Als to recognize our scouts and to become aware of and/or volunteer for a ministry or two around the parish. As disciples of our Lord Jesus, all are called to ministry. The fair will be a great way to kick-start a new ministry in the Church or simply reaffirm your dedication to one you already enjoy. All are welcome!

Please be aware of and plan to attend "A Night in the Garden: Dinner/Auction 2018" to be held on April 14. This is one of the major annual fundraisers for our This is one of the major annual fundraisers for our school. Please invite your friends and family to join us as we make this year's event the best one ever! If you need more information or have questions about this, please contact our Development Director, Jaimie Kauffman, at St. Al's School or drop her an e-mail at Jaimie.kauffman@saintalloysius.org. All are welcome.

Also around the corner is our the up-coming Third Parish General Assembly to be held on April 17. As in the past we will begin with a pot-luck (chicken and drinks provided by the parish). This year we will have speakers from Helping Hands who will address ministry among the homeless. So many have given so much to this ministry that it is becoming one of the major ways we exercise our discipleship. Please watch your bulletin for more information regarding the assembly as it approaches. Remember, all are welcome!

Another place to "keep in the loop" on the happenings at St. Al's Church is through our FaceBook Group. Presently about 500 people are members of our group and the information there moves quickly. Scope us out on FaceBook and join in the fun!

The bulletin is also available each week on our new-and-improved web-page. (If you would like to receive our weekly bulletin via e-mail each week, please drop me an e-mail and let me know.) If you haven't visited our web-page recently you might take another look. We are sincerely trying to keep it up-dated and "fresh." Hopefully it'll be regular stop as you browse the internet. Check us out at www.saintalloysius.org.

May the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts move through our good works to bless those around us. God's blessings on your Lenten journey! With pastoral affection, Fr. Clint, O.P. Pastor

Fr. Clinton P. Honkomp, O.P. (303) 522-0196	Pastor
Deacon Mick Palazzolo	Social Justice/Campus Ministry
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

It is with a very heavy heart that I announce that the end of this school year will mark the completion of my time as the Principal of St. Aloysius School. I decided to accept a position with the Riverton School District as the Director of Athletics and Activities. While I'm excited about a new challenge, I'm also saddened to know that I'm stepping away from an environment that has showered me with love and support. I feel so blessed to be a part of the St. Aloysius community and I'm always honored to represent this school as your principal. May God bless all of you and remember to always Charge On and remain Knight Strong!

All are invited to attend our **Faith Rally!** All St. Aloysius students and Cathedral students in grades 5-8 will be enjoying a day of prayer, activity, adoration, and community on Wednesday, March 28. At 9:00am the Blessed Sacrament will be processed through the school followed by adoration and confessions in the gym. When adoration is finished we will have break-out sessions with topics including missions, prayer, and service. The afternoon will include student-centered activities around the Lenten and Easter seasons. We look forward to entering the Easter Triduum with a prayerful heart! We welcome all parents, grandparents, and parishioners to join our procession and adoration. What an amazing impact it would have on our students to fill our hallways as the Blessed Sacrament makes its way through the school. If you are interested in attending please call the school (544-4553)! We hope to see you there!

The **PTO** would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to all who helped with the Spaghetti Dinner in any way! From baking cakes and cookies, cooking in the kitchen, selling your tickets, or enjoying a heaping plate of spaghetti – you all made Spaghetti Dinner 2018 a huge success! We were able to raise nearly \$12,000.00 and couldn't do it without your support!

Knights Athletics: This past week marked the end of our late winter sports season (Volleyball and Boys Basketball). On behalf of the faculty and staff here at St. Aloysius, I would like to express my appreciation for the time, talents, and treasures of all those who participated as a player, coach, parent, fan, volunteer, booster, sponsor, or parent. This past season was a huge success and I thank each and every one of you! We accomplished so much this winter including the following: a new portable sound system; a new Volleyball net system; "Snack Shack" signage for the concession stand; Tennis partnership with USTA/Spfld Area Tennis; multiple players named to various All-Star teams; winners in Free Throw and other competitions; organization of student section; promoted Jr. High Wrestling Catholic Co-op; several post season wins including 8th grade Volleyball and 5th grade Boys Basketball; impressive upset victories by our 5th and 6th grade Volleyball and Basketball squads; and memorable performances by our 7th grade VB team that has us excited about next year. Let's not forget the accomplishments of our 7th and 8th grade Boys basketball team that finished team play back in January. Those two teams combined for over 30 wins and less than 10 losses! A season that will be remembered as one of the best in St. Al's and Cathedral's tradition rich histories. The 7th grade lost only 5 games, 4 of those were to the various State Tournament finalists. The 8th grade team featured a talented well balanced line-up that enabled it to accomplish several tournament and league titles over the past few seasons. The Knights were definitely strong this winter!

8th Grade Dance- Calling all 8th graders! Come dance the night away with the Class of 2022. The dance will be held at SHG's East Campus Commons on Friday, March 23 from 7-9:00pm. All you need is the signed permission slip that you will receive from your school, your school i.d., and a non-perishable food item for St. Martin De Porres!

Have a good week! Mr. Tom Weir

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR				WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
March	18	9:00am	Catholic Standard Time	<u>Week 43 of 52</u>	<u>March 11</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
March	18	12:00pm	Discipleship Meeting	Loose Collection	\$425.00	\$15,446.84
March	19	6:20am	Communion Service			
March	20	8:20am	All School Mass	Weekly Envelopes	\$7,201.50	\$2,76031.50
March	20	9:00am	Breakfast (Parkway Café)			
March	20	5:00pm	Winter Warming Center	Total	\$7,626.50	\$291,478.34
March	20	6:30pm	Parish Council			
March	21	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 46% of the needed funding to meet essential budget obligations.</i>		
March	21	3:15pm	Children's Choir			
March	21	7:00pm	RCIA			
March	22	7:00pm	Choir			
March	23	7:00am	Adoration			
March	23		Spring Carnival (School)			
March	23	2:10pm	Stations of the Cross			
March	23	5:00pm	Benediction			
March	24	10:45am	Bingo			
March	24	3:30pm	Confessions			
March	25	9:00am	Catholic Standard Time	ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL		
March	25	7:30am	Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast	Assessment (2017)		\$50,777.00
March	25	9:00am	Discipleship Fair	Total Pledged		
March	26	6:20am	Communion Service	(March 13, 2018)		\$23,594.00
March	27	8:20am	All School Mass	Residual		
March	27	6:30pm	Chrism Mass (Cathedral)			\$27,183.00

Weekly Attendance-March 10-11			
Sat 4:30pm	Sun 8:00	Sun 10:30	Total
178	90	151	491

Assessment (2016)		\$50,403.00
Total Paid		\$32,743.00
Residual (March 13, 2018)		\$17,930.00

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat-Sun - March 24-25			
	Saturday, 4:30pm	Sunday, 8:00am	Sunday, 10:30am
Music	Adult Choir	Lydia Cernich	School Choir
Lector	Mary Lou Aiello	Matt Noonan	Rich Pitchford
E.M.	Nancy and Harvey Schrenk	Michele Stewart, John Mehlick	Brian Bertoni, Valerie Pitchford
Servers	N. Gilmore, Rachel Schrenk	Steve and Kevin Kehoe	Allison Owens, Sophia Pollock

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, Virginia Wagner and Betty Andretta. 2018..... Larry Brooks, Katherine Stoecker, Betty Chernis, Kathy Martin and Beatrice Nimpson.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 53

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH
2000 SANGAMON AVE.

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 25, 2018

7:30 AM – 12:00 PM

ADULTS \$6.00
CHILDREN 4.50
FAMILY 23.00



"All You Can Eat"

Around the Church

The second-night of the Lenten video reflection from Bishop Robert Barron on "Tre Ore" is Friday evening March 23rd at 8:30pm in the St Al's school conference room. "Tre Ore" is the last seven words (or last sayings) of Christ. All are welcome. Please rsvp to 217-306-3807 (call or text). Details of "Tre Ore": "The Three Hours' Agony" or Tre Ore is a liturgical service held on Good Friday from noon until 3 o'clock to commemorate the Passion of Christ. Specifically, it refers to the three hours that Jesus hung on the Cross and includes a series of homilies on the seven last words spoken by Christ. Bishop Barron was invited by Timothy Cardinal Dolan to preside over the Tre Ore service at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, and the content of his presentation is featured here. **FIRST:** Father, forgive them; they know not what they do. **SECOND:** Today you will be with me in paradise. **THIRD:** Woman, behold your son. Behold your mother. **FOURTH:** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? **FIFTH:** I thirst. **SIXTH:** Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. **SEVENTH:** It is finished.

40 Days for Life is a focused, pro-life campaign to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The mission of 40 Days for Life is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of repentance, to seek God's favor, to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion. Springfield Right to Life and the Diocesan Office for Pro-Life and Special Ministries is again sponsoring a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. From now till Palm Sunday, March 25. The prayer vigil will be conducted from 7:00am until 7:00pm, seven days a week during the 40 days, on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 601 N. Bruns Lane. For more information: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/springfield/>.

The Office for Pro-Life Activities and Special Ministries and St Agnes Parish, Springfield will be hosting a **Rosary and Pro-Life Stations of the Cross** on Saturday, March 24th beginning at 9:00am. The Stations of the Cross procession will begin at 9:30 at St Agnes Parish to Planned Parenthood. Bishop Paprocki and Father Jallas will be leading the Stations of the Cross reflections. Please join us! Lunch will be served at St Agnes after the procession. If you plan on attending, please RSVP by March 16, 2018. Contact the Office for Pro-Life Activities and Special Ministries at 217 698-8500, ext. 161.

Good Friday Way of the Cross - The annual Good Friday Way of the Cross for Peace and Justice will be held on March 30, 2018 beginning at noon at the Supreme Court Building, 2nd & Capitol. The 1.5 hour prayerful walk remembers Jesus' passion and its connection with the sufferings of injustice experienced in God's people in our world today. Join with others in this ecumenical experience of prayer. The walk is sponsored by Pax Christi Springfield, Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, Springfield Dominican Sisters, and Church of the Brethren. For more information, call/text (217) 652-3567 or contact susane-by5@gmail.com. Alternate location if raining – Little Flower Church, 800 Stevenson Drive.

Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day is a one-woman play about Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement. This moving, dramatic production incorporates all the wit and prophetic grit of Dorothy's own words about war, peace, American society, compassion and protest in the Spirit of Jesus. Hailed in Sojourners magazine as a "wonderfully uplifting theater experience," this acclaimed production has been touring the U.S. since 1990 and will be stopping in Springfield for one night only-- Saturday, March 24, at 7:00pm in the Christ the King Parish Center. Tickets are \$20 each, with proceeds to benefit Christ the King Parish. A portion of the proceeds will also benefit Helping Hands of Springfield.

Table Prayer, The Loving Name of God: Join us today, Sunday, March 18 at 5:30pm for a musical presentation of "Table Prayer" by Fr. Michael Joncas. The event will take place at St. Joseph the Worker in Chatham. A light meal of soup and bread will be served. Please RSVP to 217-483-3772.

Springfield Deanery Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be meeting Wednesday, March 21 from 3:00-5:00pm at the Church of the Little Flower. The meeting will include sharing of happenings in your parish, deanery, diocese and National DCCW and its relationship to the USCCB (U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops). In order to have enough hand-outs, please contact Sue Warner if you plan to attend. Contact Sue, President of the Springfield Deanery DCCW, at 789-0373 or email suewarner@juno.com. Thank You.

Butler Funeral Homes: April 12 - An Open Door Session on Funerals, Cremation, Cemetery and Advance Planning for Long-Term Care & Asset Protection. When it comes to burial, cremation and advance funeral planning, we know that people have many questions. In this session, we will be specifically addressing information about options to preserve the funds set aside for funeral or memorial services in accordance with Illinois Medicaid eligibility requirements before medical expenses, including the cost of long term care, deplete assets. As funeral and cremation specialists, we're happy to provide answers during our FREE program. Join us at Bella Milano Restaurant for a complimentary lunch and an interactive and open discussion. Call 544-4646 no later than April 9 to reserve your seat.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – 18 March 2018 – Year A gospel of the Raising of Lazarus So dead! Some people do everything possible, and then some more, to stay alive. Some fear death. If we think ritually, we can be dead because of sin. We should fear that. But grace is stronger than sin. God's life is stronger than death. In fact, Christians cherish death because it is entrance from this life to life anew; it is entrance from this home to our eternal home. This death we should not fear.

- What life do I really need?
- What behaviours need (must) I avoid?
- What mercy work can I do to comfort the dying, to pray for the dead?

Community Bulletin Board

Triduum Liturgies: Soon we will be entering the core of our Church year with the celebration of the Triduum liturgies: **Holy Thursday:** March 29, 7:00pm., Mass of the Lord's Supper with the Washing of Feet. The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in a church until midnight for private prayer and adoration. **Good Friday:** March 30, 7:00 pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion. **Holy Saturday:** March 31, 7:00pm The Vigil of Easter. **Easter Sunday:** April 1, Masses at 8:00am and 10:30am. Blessings as we enter the holiest of all weeks in our faith tradition.

The **Discipleship Committee** is asking for your support during this Lenten season to help feed and clothe the homeless in our community. There is a box in the church vestibule to return your sack during Lent. Your generosity has been overwhelming! Things that are still needed are: travel size toothpaste, mouthwash, lotion, hand sanitizer, deodorant, sunglasses, toothbrush holders, and gallon size zip-lock bags. These collections of non-perishable items will be divided between Holy Family Food Pantry and Helping Hands, our neighborhood partners in serving the needy.

Looking to get more involved in the parish community? Give of your **time and talents** by joining us next Sunday, March 25 after 8:00am and 10:30am Masses for a Ministry Fair downstairs in the church hall: many groups will be set up to answer any questions you might have about being a lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Greeter and many more. Come down and take a peek, there might be something you are fitted for that will be rewarding and a great way to meet fellow parishioners. Another way to give back to the church without opening up your wallet. The gift of your time and talents to the lord.

Our Dinner Auction plans are underway! Please save the date for Saturday, April 14 as St. Aloysius presents "A Night in the Garden" Dinner and Auction to be held at St. Aloysius School! Tickets are \$30 per person. The committee is in the process of collecting auction donations! If you would like to donate an item, please bring it to the school or contact Jaimie Kauffman at Jaimie.kauffman@saintalloysius.org Denise Reavis at denise.reavis@saintalloysius.org. We are looking for the following items: Sports team themed baskets or items, e-readers, FitBit, home goods, gardening, coffee/tea, gift cards.

By your faithful stewardship to our diocese, we are making progress towards our **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** goal. As of March 13, 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 \$17,930.00. 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.

Mark your calendars for the **Troop 53 Boy Scout all you can eat pancake and sausage breakfast March 25th, Palm Sunday** from 7:30 to noon. The proceeds from the breakfast are used to provide tents and camping equipment as needed, we always appreciate your support.

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

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 2:10pm. on Friday March 23.

WE want to thank everyone for the prayers, gifts and concerns we have received from so many people. Its difficult to express how much we appreciate everything, especially the many prayers offered for us. May God bless all of you! Bill and Vickie Bredemeyer and Dominic Titone

Join us for the Legion of Mary! every week at 7:30am on Wednesday in the Legion room at the Parish house.

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

March 19	St. Joseph
6:20am	Communion Service
March 20	Lenten Weekday
8:20am	Beatrice Cappelli +
March 21	Lenten Weekday
6:20am	Margret Harrell+
March 22	Lenten Weekday
6:20am	Bob Wolf+
March 23	Lenten Weekday
6:20am	Lauren Coe +
March 24	Lenten Weekday
March 25	Palm Sunday
Sat 4:30pm	Jim Metz+
Sun 8:00am	All Parishioners+
Sun 10:30am	Beatrice Nimpson +