

Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

A Discipleship Parish

Sunday, March 4, Third Sunday of Lent



“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - Exodus 20:4. How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

Thanks to all who planned and attend our school’s Open House events this past week. There were many families present and many new ones as well. With such a great turn out, the future of our school is already looking very good. Join me in praying for our students, staff, and faculty as we begin to plan even now for next year. May God continue to bless our school.

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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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Each month our Stewardship Committee meets to discuss the growing efforts of stewardship and discipleship in our parish. Special thanks to all who give of their time, talent, and treasure to this committee. Already in the works is our parish mission for 2019, tithing concerns, and a whole bunch of other things. If anyone would like to join this group, please talk to Ed Strode who is the chair. All are welcome.

If you or someone you know needs or wants a pastoral visit to their homes or hospital bed, please call the parish office. Someone brings communion to our ill and home-bound each week and I go when there is a request for confession or anointing – usually on First Friday. We always try to be sensitive to the “patient’s” needs and desires by calling before we send someone. May God bless all of those who struggle with health issues.

Today, we celebrate the first of three scrutinies for the elect of our RCIA Class. The second and third scrutinies will be celebrated next Sunday and the one after. Two weeks ago, this class celebrated the Rite of Election at the Cathedral. Now, their path of initiation takes on a new complexion. Its focus changes from one of *formation* to one of *purification and enlightenment*. For this they undergo the Scrutiny Rites.

The scrutinies are prayers *for healing, for liberation, and for forgiveness* which *all of us* offer on behalf of the elect. They each deal with sin in a different way. But while the scrutinies deal with the acknowledgement of sin, *their focus* is on God’s love.

The scrutinies have a two-fold purpose: *first*, to heal all that is “weak, defective or sinful,” and *second*, to strengthen all that is “upright, strong, and good.” In these rites, *we* ask God to assist our RCIA candidates embrace the love of God; giving them strength against the power of sin.

Our candidates have made an important choice in their lives: a choice to follow the Lord as disciples in the company of the Christian community. These final days of preparation involve us, *as community*, giving them the support they need to make this commitment.

Please join me in praying for those who will enter the church from St. Al’s parish at the Easter Vigil which is the high point of our liturgical year. You might begin planning even now to attend the Vigil, so you can welcome the neo-phytes into the church in person. All are welcome.

Finally, take good care of yourself during these days of cold and flu.

With pastoral affection, Fr. Clint, O.P. Pastor



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Principal's Page

Mr. Tom Weir

Shelby Lazarus and Diamond Neal participated in the **Rite of Acceptance** on Friday during an assembly. They were given the Sign of the Cross on all their senses. We pray that they will open their eyes, ears, and hearts to the Lord's call. Saturday at Mass they also participated in the Rite of Sending followed by the Rite of Election at the Cathedral. Bishop Thomas-John Paprocki spoke about the need to pray and continue learning on their journey to becoming Catholics. The girls will receive the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil on March 31. Please keep them in your prayers!

St. Aloysius and Cathedral Schools honored the 8th grade Volleyball players during ceremonies prior to the 8th game on Tuesday Feb. 20. The following players were recognized along with their parents for their time, talents, and efforts: Karlie W. of Cathedral; and 7 players from St. Al's – Sienna S., Lauren D., Becca P., Allison O., Ella C., Amia S., and Gretchen T. The Principals from each school were joined by faculty, families, and students from St. Al's and Cathedral as we celebrated the efforts and accomplishments of these eight impressive young ladies. Thank you to all the coaches, AD's, Booster Club members, players, parents and everyone in our Knights Athletic community for helping to organize this event.

Sports Update: 7th grade Volleyball finished their competitive season by reaching the quarterfinals of the Regional Tournament on Sat. Feb 24. Thank you for a great season! The Springfield Catholic Knights **5th grade Boys Basketball** team concludes their impressive season by competing in the Catholic League Tourney hosted by St. Agnes School on Saturday March 3rd at 9:00am. The **6th grade Boys** team looks to continue their late season surge as they begin tournament action at 10:00am, also on Saturday, at the CTK gymnasium. The **8th grade Volleyball** Regional will be hosted by Little Flower School on March 6 – 8. Our ladies open play with a 5:00pm match on Tuesday, March 6. Good Luck to all the teams!

SHG 2018 Alumni Hall of Fame- Have someone deserving in mind? Guidelines for Nominations are as follows: The person nominated must have graduated from Sacred Heart Academy, Cathedral Boys High School, Griffin High School or SHG a minimum of 25 years ago. Nominee should be an individual who has distinguished him/herself by sharing their time and talent for the benefit of others, and/or one who has excelled through their contributions to society beyond the scope of their chosen profession. Click on the link below to download a nomination form. Please submit the form to the Advancement/ Alumni Office, 1200 W. Washington St, Springfield, IL 62702 or email to reavy@shg.org. We will be accepting nominations through March 15, 2018.

The 59th annual Mostaccioli Dinner will be held today, Sunday, March 4 at SHG's West Campus from 11am-7pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and are available for purchase at the door. Carry outs available. In addition to the delicious food, the dinner will feature a cash raffle with top prize of \$10,000, exhibits, baked goods and children's games. Credit cards accepted. Extra meatballs for sale! Thank you for your support of SHG!

Don't forget to join us for **Bingo** at Caritas Hall, 909 E Converse, on Saturday, March 10 at 10:45am for Early Bird, other games begin at noon. If you can volunteer to help out, contact Michele Hagele or the school office. Plan to play bingo during our times, help make this a fun and profitable activity for St. Aloysius School!

Have a great week! Mr. Tom Weir

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR				WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
March	4	9:00am	Catholic Standard Time	<u>Week 41 of 52</u>	<u>February 25</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
March	4	11:45am	Liturgy Meeting	Loose Collection	\$396.00	\$14,303.65
March	5	6:20am	Communion Service			
March	5	6:30pm	Social Justice Comm.	Weekly Envelopes	\$6,477.50	\$258,579.50
March	6	8:20am	All School Mass			
March	6	6:00pm	2nd Grade First Reconciliation	Total	\$6,873.50	\$272,883.15
March	7	7:30am	Legion of Mary			
March	7	3:15pm	Children's Choir	<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 February is \$40,000.00. We have received 75% of the needed funding to meet essential budget obligations.</i>		
March	7	5:30pm	Helping Hands			
March	7	7:00pm	RCIA			
March	8	6:30pm	School Board			
March	8	7:00pm	Choir			
March	9	7:00am	Adoration			
March	9	2:10pm	Stations of the Cross			
March	9	5:00pm	Benediction			
March	9-11		Stalk 21			
March	10	9:30am	Street Ministry (Sandwiches)			
March	10	10:30am	Street Ministry	ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL		
March	10	10:45am	Bingo	Assessment (2017)	\$50,777.00	
March	10	3:30pm	Confessions	Total Pledged <small>(February 27, 2018)</small>	\$23,494.00	
March	11	9:00am	Catholic Standard Time		Residual	\$27,283.00
March	11	10:30am	Girl Scout Sunday	Assessment (2016)		\$50,403.00
March	12	6:20am	Communion Service	Total Paid	\$30,983.00	
March	13	8:20am	All School Mass		Residual <small>(February 27, 2018)</small>	\$19,420.00
Weekly Attendance February 24-25						
	Sat 4:30pm	Sun 8:00	Sun 10:30	Total		
	146	118	180	444		
Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat-Sun - March 10-11						
	Saturday, 4:30pm		Sunday, 8:00am		Sunday, 10:30am	
Music	School Choir		Cantor		Adult Choir	
Lector	Harvey Schrenk		Tom Kohlrus		Girl Scouts	
E.M.	Dave Klestinski, Nancy Schrenk		Jim and Vickie Auth		Traci Pitchford, Donna Toigo	
Servers	Rachel Schrenk		Kevin and Steve Kehoe		Geno Daniels, Rebecca Pitchford	
<p>In charity, please remember in your prayers: 2016....Honora Forgas, Louise Wolosick, Norma Hubbard, Edith Caruso, Joseph Luparell, Don Kmett, William Wentz, 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 Richardon, 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, Larry Brooks, Katherine Stoecker, Betty Chernis, and Kathy Martin</p>						



Around the Church

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. It will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, and conclude on Palm Sunday, March 25th. The prayer vigil will be conducted from 7:00 am until 7:00pm, seven days a week during the 40 days, on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 601 N. Bruns Ln. This year, we are inviting churches/parishes/groups to "adopt" a day of prayer. Prayer warriors are welcome to park in our lot at 519 N. Bruns Lane. For more information and to sign up for a vigil time, please visit: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/springfield/>.

Adult Confirmation. Bishop Paprocki invites adult Catholics who are not confirmed to complete the Sacraments of Initiation by celebrating Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. The next Confirmation of catechized adult Catholics will be celebrated on Pentecost, Sunday May 20, 2018. For more information and to register for adult Confirmation, please contact the parish office at 217-544-4554.

Saturday, March 24, 2018 – **Rosary and Pro-Life Stations of the Cross**, St. Agnes Parish, Springfield, 9am. For flyer and further information go to the following website: <http://www.dio.org/plasm/events.html>

You are invited to join us on a once-in-a-lifetime **Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land**, Nov. 26– Dec. 7, 2018. Includes visits to Nazareth, Capernaum, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Cana, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and more! Under the Spiritual Direction of Rev. Msgr. David Hoefler, VG. To download the free color brochure and registration form, visit <http://www.dio.org/missions/mission-trips.html> or for more information, please contact Vicki Compton at (217) 698-8500 or send an email to vcompton@dio.org Space is limited.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Let us learn to listen better to each other and God by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend in Springfield, IL on March 23-25, 2018. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

Calvary Cemetery Spring-Clean-Up – Please remove ALL decorations that you would like to save by March 18. Cemetery staff will remove ALL decorations during the period of March 19-31. Decorations may be placed beginning April 1st. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the cemetery office at 523-3726. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our cemetery well-kept and beautiful.

Lenten Taizé Prayer: *Our house is a house of prayer for all Nations*—Taizé (Ti' zay) prayer comes from the Christian monastic community of Taizé, located in the Burgundy region in France. It was founded by Brother Roger who embraced a vision of a contemplative spiritual reconciliation between the various branches of the Christian faith. In this time of worldly turmoil, this is an opportunity to come together to foster peace and reconciliation, with meditative common prayer as the conduit. May we learn to pray together in larger community and seek to truly know and love our neighbors? Please join us and bring a gift for the poor on Tuesday, March 6, 6:00pm Christ the King Church.

Butler Funeral Home: March 8, 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 Boccardi's Italian Restaurant from 11:30am-1:30pm and a brief, interactive, and open discussion forum for questions regarding these and other topics. This event is free: no cost or obligation. Call Butler Funeral Home at 544-4646 to make your reservation

St. Patrick's Catholic School in Springfield is hosting its **5th Annual Blarney Bash** party and auction on Friday, March 16, 2018. The “best pre-party for St. Patrick's Day in town” will be held at the LRS Hangar at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport from 5:30 to 8:30pm. Tickets, tables, and sponsorships for the St. Patrick's Catholic School Blarney Bash can be purchased online at www.st-patrick.org, by calling 217-523-7670.

The Faith Coalition for the Common Good will hold their annual breakfast fundraiser on Thursday, March 15 at Union Baptist Church, 1405 E. Monroe beginning at 7:00 am until 8:30 am. Melody Hulett of Pure Haven Family Resource Center is the main speaker. Although the breakfast is complimentary, the goal of the event is to increase FCCG revenue through participant donations to continue community action efforts through structured leader training of FCCG members. RSVP's may be made by calling 626-1004 or by emailing fccg2208@gmail.com

Third Sunday of Lent – 04 March 2018 – Year A gospel of the Woman at the Well - So thirsty! The People of the Hebrews: so thirsty, they grumbled to the very God who gave them quail and manna. The Woman at the Well: so thirsty, she missed the living water – at least, at first. And what does God do? Because of faithful care and covenantal love, water gushes from the rock, living water gushes from Christ.

- For what do I “thirst”?
- How can God slake that thirst?
- What mercy work can I do to give drink to the thirsty?

Community Bulletin Board

St. Aloysius Koinonia (STALK 21)....Next Friday, March 9 thru Sunday, March 11, 2018: Koinonia means “Community”. St Aloysius is a community of believers, a community of friends. St. Aloysius Koinonia weekend provide an opportunity for the St. Aloysius community of believers, friends, and family to share time together in Christ. The theme of every Koinonia weekend is the Paschal Mystery, the life, death and resurrection of Christ. At STALK 21 we will reflect on the Paschal Mystery and how, by God’s Grace, Christ’s death at the cross paved the way for our eternal salvation. If you are interested in attending and would like more information, contact Greg Matejka phone/text at (217)741-6760.

Your generosity through tithing shows the true meaning of stewardship. For the month of January, St. Aloysius donated \$200.00 to the Church in Latin America in addition to your generosity to the Collection during the month. Your donations and renewed support are invaluable to the future of the Catholic faith in this region and will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life programs, seminarian formation, and many other necessary programs. This collection is an opportunity to share your faith with the people of Latin America and the Caribbean. The committee also donated \$200.00 to the Warming Shelter. The parish will be collecting items for the Warming Shelter during the month of February. As a parish, we feel that it is important to meet the needs of the homeless here in Springfield. The tithing committee donated \$300.00 to The Crusaders for Life from Chicago who participated in the Pro Life walk here in Springfield. Sacred Heart Church hosted them to come for the Springfield Right to Life Walk and Rally. They spent one night here at the SHG gym. The donation made went toward a meal for these individuals while they are here. Lastly, the committee donated \$200.00 to a parish family in need who recently incurred unexpected medical expenses. The tithing committee thanks each and every one of you for helping St. Aloysius reach out beyond the walls of this church. If there is a cause or organization to which you would like the parish to consider donating, please complete an application and return it to the parish office or email it to Father Clint at fr.clint.honkomp@saintalloysius.org. The applications are in the back of the church on the pamphlet rack.

The **Discipleship Committee** is asking for your support during this Lenten season to help feed and clothe the homeless in our community. There will be a box in the church vestibule to return your sack (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, socks) during Lent. March 17 -18 we will *Fill the Truck*. Please bring your non-perishable food items and help us. These collections of non-perishable items will be divided between Holy Family Food Pantry and Helping Hands, our neighborhood partners in serving the needy.

By your faithful stewardship to our diocese, we are making progress towards our **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** goal. As of February 8, 97 contributors have pledged \$23,494.00 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 \$19,545.00. 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.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 2:10pm. on the following Fridays of Lent: March 9, 16 and 23.

Catholic Charities has reached out with the heart and hands of Christ to serve the “least of our brothers and sisters” in the Diocese of Springfield for many years. Catholic Charities embodies the corporal works of mercy by providing programs that support the young and old, those who are hungry or sick and those who have been abused or abandoned. The collection for Catholic Charities is this weekend. There is an envelope in your March/ April packet.

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 5	Lenten Weekday
6:20am	Communion Service
March 6	Lenten Weekday
8:20am	Michael Timko Family+
March 7	Lenten Weekday
6:20am	Betty Chernis+
March 8	Lenten Weekday
6:20am	Al Giacomini +
March 9	Lenten Weekday
6:20am	Gilda Fulgenzi+
March 10	Lenten Weekday
March 11	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sat 4:30pm	Harold Lange+
Sun 8:00am	All Parishioners+
Sun 10:30am	Don Kmett+