

Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

A Discipleship Parish

Sunday, April 22, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Easter



I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice. – JOHN 10:14-16. When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in “quiet whispers”, so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because, in each year of the liturgical cycle on this 4th Sunday, the Gospel is always taken from the 10th chapter of John where Jesus speaks of himself as the “good shepherd”. In today’s passage Jesus emphasises the self-sacrificing element in his own life: “The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.” He contrasts the good shepherd who owns the sheep to someone who is simply hired to look after them. The hired man thinks primarily of his own welfare and, if he

sees a wolf coming, he takes off, leaving the sheep to be attacked and scattered in fear and terror. Jesus, on the other hand, will not be like a hired person: “I lay down my life for my sheep.” Perhaps he contrasts himself with those mercenary religious leaders among his own people – and to be found in every religious grouping – who do just what is expected of them but have no real commitment or sense of responsibility to those in their charge.

The good shepherd knows his sheep and they know him. There is a mutual bond of love and intimacy. That love is compared to the deep mutual relationship that exists between Jesus and his Father. “My own know me just as the Father knows me.” Again the hired man or the self-interested leader will not have such a relationship with his charges. The Second Reading speaks in similar terms when the author says, “Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God’s children, and that is what we are.” We are children of a loving God.

It is by virtue of our Baptismal vocation that each of us can also claim to be a priest, a prophet, a ruler of the Christian life. In short, we are leaders of others as we journey this path of life. What kind of Christian Leader are we? One who is concerned about those we lead; or, one who is more concerned about one’s self? St. Dominic would instruct his friars to work heartily for the salvation of others rather than themselves. Interestingly, I believe, in working for the salvation of others we find ourselves ultimately saved. May God bless each of us on our Easter journey.

Thanks to all who make our Dinner/Auction such a success. Our faculty went above and beyond the call of duty tending to all of the logistics and details. The food was awesome and the whole evening a lot of fun. As I write this note, no net amount has been determined but I’m sure we will know soon. Your generosity and care of our school and parish were clearly experienced by your participation in this very important event. Again, Thank you!

There have been a number of deaths in and around our parish over the past few weeks. While we continue to pray for all of our beloved deceased, it is an ancient Catholic tradition to have Masses celebrated in memory of our dead. Often, people will give the gift of a Mass to the family of the deceased. This is a custom we not only especially celebrate during the month of November but throughout the year. So, if you desire to have a Mass celebrated in memory of your beloved one, simply contact Debbie in the office and she will include your petition on our weekly list and/or on a date you request if it is open. The suggested stipend for this is \$10.00 which is set by the bishop. But, we will celebrate Mass for any requests that come our way. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Is it spring yet? Got flowers? Oops, more snow! Ugh!

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

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Mr. Phil Limper	RCIA
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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
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Principal's Page

Mr. Tom Weir

Thank you to everyone for all the time and effort that were generously given as we prepared for, successfully completed, and cleaned up following this year's **Dinner & Auction!** I was impressed at the lengths that each of you went to make sure that the event was special and successful! I received countless compliments and I tried to make sure to give all the credit to all of you. Much appreciation to all who attended this year's "Night In The Garden". I was truly moved by the level of time, treasure and talents that were so abundantly given so that our school community can continue to flourish. April 14, 2018 was truly a special evening to remember, whether it was the "Puppy Battle" so lovingly waged between Fr. Clint and Mrs. Jaimie Kauffman or the impressive number of people who donated money to the Fund-A-Project for Science curriculum. You are each a Knight in Shining Armor that we are lucky to call part of our St. Al's family.

A special thanks to all our sponsors that helped make our dinner/auction a success: Accessories Unlimited, BJ Grand Salon and Spa, Butler Funeral Home, E.L. Pruitt, Foley Boom Inspection, HSHS Hospital Sisters Health Systems, Knights of Columbus Council 4175 and United Community Bank.

Preschool, Pre-K and Kindergarten Preview Night: Do you know a family that has a child or 2, looking at Pre-school, Pre-K or Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year? St. Al's Early Learning Academy Preview Night is coming up on Thursday, April 26 at 6:00pm. Families with children entering PS, PK and Kindergarten are encouraged to come learn about our early learning program and tour the classrooms, where our littlest learners are learning Social/Emotional Skills, as well as important foundational academic skills for school success!

Summer Care update: School and Parish Administration along with the School Board have decided to postpone the reinstatement of Summer Care programs until June of 2019. We have found it quite difficult to do the following: arrange transportation, find time for planning, and provide adequate on-campus facilities. The Board is committed to working with the next Principal on planning for future Summer Care programs. Planning will begin once the School Board and new Principal meet at their August meeting. We firmly believe this is a sound decision. We are committed to providing quality, safe programs for students and staff. Unfortunately, we did not have sufficient time or human resources to accomplish the substantial amount of planning required for this endeavor. We began looking into re-instating the Summer Care when our partner school Cathedral School decided to close. We just simply did not have enough time.

Upcoming School Events.... Fine Arts Night 6:00pm April 24; Early Learning Academy for Pre-School & Pre-K Open House 6:00pm April 26; Honor Cords Ceremony at the 8:20am Mass on May 1; Alumni Mass on the morning of May 4; First Communion for 2nd graders on May 6; 8 grade Banquet 6:00pm May 17; Graduation Ceremony at the 4:30pm Mass on May 19. We look forward to sharing these moments with all of you!

Please join us for our "Fine Arts Night" on Tuesday, April 24th from 6pm-7:30pm.

Bingo: If you would like to help please contact Michelle Hagele at 217-414-3448.

SHG Cheerleading will be holding tryouts for the 2018-2019 school year from April 30- May 4, 4:30- 6:30pm each day in the East Campus Gym. There will be a mandatory parent/cheerleader tryout meeting on Sunday, April 29 at 2:00pm in the East Campus Commons. Please email shgcheerleading@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

Have a good week! Mr. Tom Weir

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR				WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		
April	22	9:00am	Catholic Standard Time	<u>Week 47 of 52</u>	<u>April 8</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
April	22	12:00pm	Stewardship Comm.	Loose Collection	\$511.89	\$18,249.73
April	23	6:20am	Communion Service		Weekly Envelopes	\$7,168.50
April	24	8:20am	All School Mass	Total		\$7,680.39
April	24	6:00pm	Fine Arts Night (School)			
April	24	6:30pm	Finance Council			
April	25	7:30am	Legion of Mary			
April	25	3:00pm	School Choir			
April	26	6:00pm	Early Learning Acad. Open House			
April	26	7:00pm	Adult Choir			
April	27	7:00am	Adoration			
April	27	5:00pm	Benediction			
April	28	10:45am	Bingo			
April	28	3:30pm	Confession			

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 April is \$40,000.00. We have received 43% of the needed funding to meet essential budget obligations.



Special Prayers/Blessings

Wes Patrick Washko

who baptized into the Catholic faith.
We profess, in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL	
Assessment (2017)	\$50,777.00
Total Pledged <small>(April 17, 2018)</small>	\$23,594.00
Residual	\$27,183.00
Weekly Attendance-April 14-15	
Sat 4:30pm	Sun 8:00
Sun 10:30	Total
169	104
190	463
Assessment (2016)	\$50,403.00
Total Paid	\$30,795.00
Residual (April 17, 2018)	\$19,516.00

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat-Sun - April 28-29			
	Saturday, 4:30pm	Sunday, 8:00am	Sunday, 10:30am
Music	Lydia Cernich	Adult Choir	Linda Vono
Lector	John Cernich	Pam Tipps	Donna Toigo
E.M.	Pat Daniels, John Risse	Dave Klestinski, Michele Stewart	Ed Strode, Greg Stumpf
Servers	Will Lesko, Paige Nation	Alex and Alyssa Feger	Lee Ann Kapusta , Allison Owens

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 DeVanney, 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 and Beatrice Nimpson.



Around the Church

2018 Dominican Faith Camp Registration Now Open -

There is still time for girls entering 6-9 grade in the fall to register for Dominican Sisters' Faith Camp, scheduled July 8-10, 2018, at Sacred Heart Convent in Springfield. Space is limited, so register now for crafts, games, and interaction with the sisters in a welcoming Catholic environment. The girls have time for prayer, study, and Christian service as well as typical camp activities like crafting and swimming. A \$50 registration fee includes a copy of The Catholic Youth Prayer Book for each camper to take home. Registration forms are available at SpringfieldOP.org/FaithCamp or from Sister Teresa Marron, OP, at 217-787-0481 or SrTeresa@spdom.org.

Mother's Day Remembrance Tribute: On behalf of Roselawn Memorial Park and Butler Funeral Homes, we would like to invite you and your family to join us for a memorial tribute on Saturday, May 12, at 10:00am honoring all mothers and the important roles they have played in our lives. The brief ceremony will be led by our on-staff Certified Celebrant and a special tribute keepsake will be given in honor of your loved one. We encourage families with loved ones buried at other cemeteries to also attend this meaningful event reflecting on the importance of the special women in our lives that we have lost, but will never forget. For questions, please call (217) 525-1661.

Butler Funeral Home: Thursday, May 10, 2018, Guidelines for Catholic Funerals, at Bella Milano from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. When it comes to burial, cremation, and advance planning, we know that people have many questions – particularly surrounding the religious teachings, beliefs and concerns of the Catholic Church. As funeral and cremation specialists, we're dedicated and happy to provide you with information, answers to your questions during our FREE program, which includes a complimentary lunch, a brief, interactive, and open discussion forum for questions.

The Knights of Columbus #4175 North Council and the Ursuline Academy Alumni Foundation will be hosting their 45th Annual Chicken Dinner Sunday, May 6, 2018 from 11:00am-7:00pm. Tickets are \$11.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children. Eat in, take out and drive through are available. Adult dinners will include a ½ of a chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, Cole slaw, a roll and a dessert. These are the same recipes people have come to love over the years. Tickets are available from members of both the Council and the Foundation and area merchants. This even is a joint effort between the Knights of Columbus #4175 and the Ursuline Academy Alumni Foundation, The KC's provide volunteer labor and the venue at 2801 West St. on the north side of Springfield and the Foundation provides volunteer labor. As it takes more than 120 people to staff this event, neither group could do without the other. The proceeds are split between the two groups, going to charities supported by both. Last year, the Knights of Columbus awarded over \$12,000 in tuition assistance to elementary and secondary parochial students and the Foundation awarded around \$6,000. Chances are that a student you know benefited from these awards.

Together We...Eat, Drink & Be Giving - On May 5, 2018, Springfield Catholic Charities invites you to join them for the opportunity to change lives. What better way to work together than by having dinner, drinks & delightful entertainment? Entertainment includes a live auction and local celebrity karaoke competition. Evening begins at 6pm at Crowne Plaza. Tickets \$75. Can't make the event? Purchase a raffle ticket to win \$10,000 and take a chance to change lives. Raffle tickets are \$20 or 6 for \$100. Tickets can be purchased online at cc.dio.org

Celebrate An Evening With Our Stars! Brother James Court's 24th Annual Benefit Auction and Dinner will be held at 5:00pm on Saturday, April 28 at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. Enjoy dinner and live music, plus, live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$100, and proceeds benefit Brother James Court. For tickets, call Torie at 747-5972.

Attention Young Adults! The Forge is a Springfield based young adult Catholic ministry that strives to bring young adults into an encounter with Jesus and authentic Christian community. All young adults are welcome. This month: - Men's Bible Study: Monday, April 23 at 7:00pm - Engrained Brewery - Women's Bible Study: Tuesday, April 24 (TBD - check The Forge Facebook page as it gets closer) - BIG SPRING SOCIAL: Saturday, April 28 at 5:00pm. at the Cathedral AND Sunday, April 29 at 6:00pm at the Cathedral.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - 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 & more! Under the Spiritual Direction of Rev. Msgr. David Hoefler, VG. For free brochure and registration form, visit <http://www.dio.org/missions/missiontrips.html> or contact Vicki Compton at (217) 698-8500 or vcompton@dio.org.

Catholic Radio: For inspiration during the Easter season listen to Catholic radio on 88.1 FM. Listen to daily Holy Mass, the Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet along with other inspiring programs. For a schedule, please call 314-752-7000.

Fourth Sunday of Easter Time – 22 April 2018 Still shepherding. It is not uncommon to sing Psalm 23 at funerals. We sing it today at Mass. Our Shepherd leads, protects, feeds. Not only with the dead and the grieving, but with each of us and all of us – loved as beloved children, sheep of the flock. Every day. Always. To what and to whom is the Shepherd leading me this week? How will I share Christ's love? Whom can I protect and feed?

When you are out of town over a weekend and going to Mass elsewhere, be sure to **keep up with the news in our parish**, found on our website, www.saintaloyus.org. The bulletin is posted weekly. Also like us on our Facebook page. There are numerous wonderful links on our website, including St. Al's School.

Community Bulletin Board



Catholic Standard Time is today! CST will meet today Sunday, April 22 at 9:00am in the church basement and continue through the month of April. We will focus on seeing things through God's eyes along with coffee and doughnuts.

The second grade class will be making their **First Communion** Sunday, May 6 at the 10:30am Mass. As these children receive their First Communion, pray that they will see and acknowledge Christ's ever-loving presence frequently. Pray also that as we receive this Eucharist, we too may see more clearly and acknowledge more deeply the same thing.

St. Aloysius School Alumni Mass and Breakfast: Mark your calendars alumni of St. Aloysius School Friday, May 4, 2018. Mass will be at 8:20am and breakfast will follow in the church basement. Please RSVP to the school (544-4553) by Wednesday, May 2.

Rest in Peace... Please keep in your prayers Bernie Hagele of our parish who died recently. May they know the fullness of joy that the Risen Lord desires to share with us.

Stewardship in Action..... By your faithful stewardship to our diocese, we are making progress towards our Annual Catholic Services Appeal goal. As of April 3, 94 contributors have pledged \$23,694.00 toward our goal of \$50,777.00. That averages out to \$244.27 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>. May the Lord bless you for your generosity. Any shortfall has to be paid from the parish operating fund.

"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.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal - Next weekend (April 28-29), we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions. There is an envelope in April packet for this special collection.

Adult Confirmation at Pentecost - Bishop Paprocki invites Catholics who are catechized but not confirmed (i.e., who have received catechetical formation and the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist) to complete the Sacraments of Initiation by celebrating Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Confirmation of catechized Catholics will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018. The registration form along with an original baptismal certificate should be returned to the Office for Catechesis by May 10, 2018. Please call the parish office (544-4554) for information.

The **Fatima Pilgrimage** will take place at 3:00pm Sunday, May 6, 2018 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Springfield. Speaker is Fr. Wayne Stock. See Catholic Times for details.

National Day of Prayer and Protest against Planned Parenthood will be held Saturday, April 28 at 12:00pm. at the Illinois State Capitol Building has been cancelled.

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.

The Acts, Declarations and Statutes of the **Fourth Synod of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois** are now available on the diocesan website at www.dio.org/synod.

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

April 23	Easter Weekday
6:20am	Communion Service
April 24	Easter Weekday
8:20am	Betty Andreatta+
April 25	St. Mark
6:20am	Jeff Lane +
April 26	Easter Weekday
6:20am	Virginia Wagner+
April 27	Easter Weekday
6:20am	Donald Drendel+
April 28	Easter Weekday
April 29	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sat 4:30pm	Mary Lou Woloshyn+
Sun 8:00am	All Parishioners +
Sun 10:30am	Richard Reinbold+