

Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

A Discipleship Parish

May 13, 2018 –Ascension of the Lord



Dear Friends,

“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” – 1 JOHN 4:15. How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don’t think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

Congratulations to all of our Eighth Graders who graduate next weekend. We shall miss you; we love you. May God watch over you and guide you into High School and beyond. Be sure to come back and visit us!

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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
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Congratulations too to those from our parish who will be joining Bishop Paprocki next weekend (Pentecost) to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is always a special time when one receives an outpouring of grace from the Holy Spirit; but how much more special will it be for our candidates than to receive it on the Feast of the Holy Spirit: The Solemnity of Pentecost. Please join me in praying for Donna Flesh, Ernest White and Kevin and Malei Ramirez.

Today, of course, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord. We might be wondering now, after Jesus’ ascension what are we to do? Do we sit around and wait for something to happen or do we go and do something? How did Jesus respond to the question of the disciples in the first reading about restoring the kingdom to Israel? He said, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:7-8)

We are not to sit around and wait, we are to do something, “*you will be my witnesses* in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and *to the ends of the earth.*” (Acts 1:8) Clearly, we are not to sit back and just let society and the culture around us rot. We are called to make society and the culture holy and we can do by witnessing that we follow Christ. The Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) published 16 very important documents and one of the documents reminds us that the laity are called to make the world holy in ways which only the laity can.

Now the laity are called in a special way to make the Church present and operative in those places and circumstances where only through them can it become the salt of the earth (Vatican II *Lumen Gentium* §33). ...even when preoccupied with temporal cares, the laity can and must perform a work of great value for the evangelization of the world. (Vatican II *Lumen Gentium* §35). ...let the laity also by their combined efforts remedy the customs and conditions of the world, if they are an inducement to sin, so that they all may be conformed to the norms of justice and may favor the practice of virtue rather than hinder it. By so doing they will imbue culture and human activity with genuine moral values. ... (Vatican II *Lumen Gentium* §36).

...and here all this time you thought it was the job of the priests and deacons! Now, let’s all go out and make a difference on the northend of Springfield!

May God continue to bless you and your families during this month of Mary.

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



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Mr. Tom Weir

It was my pleasure to share a very special morning with everyone last Friday for our annual **Alumni Mass**. We are so very proud of all our Alumni and we enjoyed honoring the St. Aloysius class of 2014 during the Mass. This particular class remains as they support each other on their spiritual and educational path. A large number of these young men and women will be attending college in the St. Louis area beginning this fall. No matter where they are geographically, they are fully aware that have a welcoming spiritual home here at St. Al's! The class of 2014 will definitely make us proud as they Charge On!

Congratulations to our 8th grade students who received **Honor Cords** on Tues-day during the all school Mass. Over 7th and 8th grade years, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.75, A+ or higher to receive these cords. Most of our students accomplish this while still participating in sports and extra curricula's on a year-round basis. Honor Cords: Connor E., Allison O., Rebecca P., Ryan R., Siena S. Gretchen T. and August Y.

We would also like to congratulate those students **graduating with Honors**, which is an A average of 3.5 or higher: Audrey M., Amia S., Tyler W. We are proud of all your hard work and efforts.

This past Sunday at 10:30 mass our **2nd graders received their first communion**. Tuesday morning during Mass they received Scapulars blessed by Fr. Clint. We are very proud of their hard work as they prepared for this sacrament.

The 8th graders last day of school will be May 16. They will celebrate at a banquet on May 17 at 6:00pm. Please join us at 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, May 19 for 8th grade graduation.

Scholastic Book Fair is this week. (May 14-18) Students will preview Tuesday, and shop Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Volunteers are needed Monday evening for set-up and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for check out and clean-up. Please contact Kelly Stotlar at Kelly@janehay.com if you are available to help.

Save the Date: St. Aloysius Field Day will be Thursday, May 24 from 8:00am to 1:30 pm. It will be a day filled with fun activities but we will need your help! More information will be coming home soon.

Ms. Wiegand's **Pre-K Graduation Ceremony** will take place May 23 in our gym beginning at 6:00pm. The Pre-K students will perform a couple of songs before receiving their certificates from Principal Weir and Mrs. Reavis of Kindergarten. Cake and refreshments will follow the ceremony.

Bingo Help Needed: Many workers are needed throughout the year for Bingo. It is especially important that ALL our school families step up to work some of these weekly sessions. It cannot be left to the faithful few. These monies benefit the school and every school family in keeping our tuition low. If you can volunteer to help out, contact Michele Hagele 217- 414-3448

SHG Employment Opportunities: SHG IS HIRING! SHG is currently seeking qualified candidates for the 2018-2019 school year in the following positions: Full Time Psychology, Advanced Biology, French, and Math, Part Time Band and Spanish. Please send resumes to Sacred Heart-Griffin H.S. c/o Kara Rapacz or email rapacz@shg.org.

Have a good week! Mr. Tom Weir

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR				WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING					
May	14	6:30am	Communion Service	<u>Week 50 of 56</u>	<u>May 6</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>			
May	15	8:20am	All School Mass	Loose Collection	\$402.00	\$19,682.73			
May	15	9:15am	Senior Breakfast (Parkway)		Weekly Envelopes	\$8,500.50	\$335,540.50		
May	15	7:00pm	Parish Assembly	Total		\$8,902.50	\$355,223.23		
May	15-18		Scholastic Book Fair (School)		<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 May is \$40,000.00. We have received 22% of the needed funding to meet essential budget obligations.</i>				
May	16		8th Grade Last Day of School						
May	16	7:30am	Legion of Mary						
May	16	3:00pm	School Choir						
May	17	6:00pm	8th Grade Banquet						
May	17	6:30pm	Women's Choir						
May	17	7:00pm	Adult Choir						
May	18	7:00am	Adoration						
May	18	5:00pm	Benediction						
May	19	10:45am	Bingo						
May	19	3:30pm	Confessions						
May	19	4:30pm	8th Grade Graduation						
May	20	12:00pm	Stewardship						
May	21	6:20am	Communion Service						
May	22	8:20am	All School Mass						
May	22	6:30pm	Finance Council						
Weekly Attendance-May 5-6				ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL					
Sat4:30pm	Sun 8:00	Sun 10:30	Total	Assessment (2017)				\$50,777.00	
167	127	278	572	Total Pledged (May 9, 2018)		\$23,594.00			
				Residual		\$27,183.00			
				Assessment (2016)		\$50,403.00			
				Total Paid		\$30,795.00			
				Residual (May 9, 2018)		\$19,516.00			
Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat-Sun - May 19-20									
	Saturday, 4:30pm		Sunday, 8:00am		Sunday, 10:30am				
Music	School Choir		Janet Kehoe		Adult Choir				
Lector	Graduation		Pam Tipps		Patti Crouch				
E.M.	Graduation		Lizzie Palazzolo, Erin Rachford		Marcia Barnard, Tom McCue				
Servers	Graduation		Alex and Alyssa F.		Dylan C. Geno D.				
<p>In charity, please remember in your prayers: 2016....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, and Mary LeMasters.</p>									



Around the Church

A Call to Holiness: A Retreat with Pope Francis... God is calling us to be saints, Pope Francis tells us in his recent document, *“Rejoice and Be Glad: A Call to Holiness in Today’s World.”* Through Pentecost Sunday, May 20, MISSIO offers an email retreat with Pope Francis, based on Rejoice and Be Glad. Emails feature Pope Francis’ inspiring insights, informative teachings, and invitations to active involvement and growth toward holiness. Sign up at: <http://info.missio.org/retreatwithpope>

A Pilgrimage to Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Shrine Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin - July 30 to August 1, 2018
Deadline for Reservations is May 30th. Space is limited, make your reservation early! Rev. Zachary Edgar, will be present at the Shrine assisting his Eminence Raymond Cardinal Burke.

Catholic Relief Services is Celebrating 75 Years! - The CRS story is your story too because CRS does not serve without prayers and financial support from Catholics in the United States. Pray, learn, celebrate and donate to Catholic Relief Services during this yearlong celebration. This month listen to the podcast about the “Noodle Priest” who fed hundreds of thousands of hungry children in Hong Kong. <https://75.crs.org>

Central Illinois Choir presents concert in Springfield:
The St. Anthony Camerata Chorale Ecumenical Festival Choir will present a concert in Springfield, IL on Sunday, May 20 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Church, 4875 LaVerna Road. The church is located on the grounds of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis. The choir’s Spring Concert, “Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord,” will feature sacred classical and gospel music. Highlights will include Rutter’s “For the Beauty of the Earth,” Biebl’s, “Ave Maria,” Tharaldson’s new “O Sacrum Convivium,” While admission to the concert is free, there will be a free-will offering taken for Love Repeated, a non-profit organization in Rulenge-Ngara Diocese of Tanzania, East Africa. Love Repeated supports the educational/training, development, health, and relief efforts by providing funds to build schools and colleges, hospitals and health clinics and supporting income-generating programs and relief activities for orphans, AIDS victims and refugees

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. 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 .

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT Catholic weekend retreat at King’s House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL June 1-3, 2018. Cost is \$195 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

Who to turn to.

One of the great misunderstandings that people have about Christianity is the idea that it gets you out of the problems of life. Almost an unspoken assumption that if you are a Christian, bad things will not happen to you.

As if God were some sort of divine vending machine. Insert prayer, avoid the heartaches of life. Go to Mass, get all your problems miraculously solved.

I’m not sure where that idea comes from. Wherever it came from, it doesn’t come from the Bible. Or lived experience.

Think of the lives of the great saints. Not the ones with churches named after them. The ones you know personally.

Their lives are almost the reverse of that unspoken assumption. For them, life’s heartaches are a call to prayer. And life’s problems are an occasion of God’s grace.

Not because everything magically is easy for them. Or because nothing bad ever happens to them.

But because they know Who to turn to when life’s worst hits home.



- Deacon Jim

Spirit Hockey Camp: Come join Bishop Paprocki, The Holy Goalie, and Christopher and Richard Gomez from U of I Illini Hockey for a 3 day camp where leaders are built, hockey is played, and faith is strengthened. The camp is June 18-20 at the Nelson Center. Every child ages 7-17 can attend through sibling discounts and scholarships. To register, SpiritHockey.org.

Seventh Sunday of Easter Time – 13 May 2018 –Still praying. Still guarding. Still loving. The Church’s tradition and teaching is vast and deep. The readings give us this summary to focus our belief. Pray to the Father as Jesus did....Let him protect and guard us....Since God loves us all, let us love without resistance.

- How will charity, how will love be my calling card this week?
- How will loving another bring change in my life?
- What will my loving others reveal about God?

Parish Bulletin Board

The **35th Annual Catholic Schools Appeal** kicked off in area parishes last weekend.



The proceeds from this appeal will be divided among the Springfield area Parish elementary schools and Sacred Heart – Griffin. Last week, parishioners received more information in the mail. Thank you for your prayers and financial support year after year that helps keep Catholic education as a viable option for our families no matter what their financial situation. Last year we received \$9,283.00 from the appeal. Please continue your support, no gift is too small.

Stewardship in Action..... By your faithful stewardship to our diocese, we are making progress towards our Annual Catholic Services Appeal goal. As of April 24, 94 contributors have pledged \$23,694.00 toward our goal of \$50,777.00. That averages out to \$244.27 per pledge. Thank you to all who are donated. 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/iving.html](http://www.dio.org/about/iving.html). May the Lord bless you for your generosity. In your May/June envelope packet, you have received an extra envelope (green) marked.

Members of the **Catholic War Veterans of the Joseph A. McNicholas Post #1916** will be here this Sunday at the 8:00am mass. They would be glad to answer questions regarding membership in their organization or for their Mass Program. Any Catholic veteran in good standing is eligible to join, regardless of when they are served.

The **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)** supports projects throughout the world that encourage use of new media as a tool for the New Evangelization. Right here in central Illinois, the collection helps fund our diocese’s digital presence on the Internet. Catholics can “find” the Springfield diocese on our website (www.dio.org), Facebook and Twitter. Please support this important work in the upcoming collection, next weekend (May 19-20) in our diocese. Remember half of the proceeds from this collection stay here in our diocese to support our local communication efforts. There is an envelope in your May/June packet. Thank you for your generosity

Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities are advocating for food as a fundamental human right. The Farm Bill currently in the US House Agriculture Committee is proposing serious threats to domestic hunger and nutrition programs and international food security and development programming. PLEASE call or email our Representative, Darin LaHood, (202) 225-6201, or his local office (217) 670-1653. You can email him through his website: <https://lahood.house.gov/>. Ask that critical nutrition and food security programs be maintained at current funding levels.

St. Jude Garage Sale: The IIA of IL is hosting a Charity Garage Sale Event for St. Jude on Saturday, June 2 from 8:00am-1:00pm at *4360 Wabash Ave*. In addition to a huge community garage sale there will be a *Vendors Row* where local artists and independent consultants can sell their wares, a food truck, kids’ activities, raffles and more. For additional information, go to [http://www.StJudeGarage Sale.org](http://www.StJudeGarageSale.org) or contact Deann French at 217-971- 4189. Help us help St. Jude.

The **Hospital Sisters of St. Francis are seeking a Sacristan** who will work under the direction of the Coordinator of Music and Liturgy preparing for liturgical rites and celebrations. Applicants should have prior experience supporting a parish or community church. Excellent Benefits and Salary. Interested candidates may send their resume to jsprague@hsosf-usa.org. If you have any questions please call 522-3387-ext. 684 .

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. For more information: @Theforge on Facebook, <https://the-forge->

St. Al’s Seniors: We will meet for breakfast on Tuesday, May 15 at 9:15am (after the 8:20am) at the Parkway Café. Please join us!

A **playpen** will be placed in the vestibule of the church next weekend (May 19-20) for you to place any new or kindly used/clean baby clothes which are given to expectant mothers. Items needed this month are diapers and formula

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

- May 14 St. Mathias**
6:20am Communion Service
- May 15 Easter Weekday**
8:20am Roger Philmon+
- May 16 Easter Weekday**
6:20am Robert Berberet +
- May 17 Easter Weekday**
6:20am Larry Brooks +
- May 18 Easter Weekday**
6:20am Virginia Wagner +
- May 19 Easter Weekday**
- May 20 Pentecost Sunday**
Sat 4:30pm All Parishioners +
Sun 8:00am John Williams +
Sun 10:30am Richard Neal Sr. +