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## Congratulations & Blessings



### 132 receive First Eucharist

During the May 4-5 weekend Masses, 132 candidates received their First Eucharist. Many thanks to the St. Aloysius School and PSR second-grade teachers and the retreat catechists who helped prepare the children and their families for this event. We would especially like to acknowledge Father Randy Cuevas, Father Eddie Martin, Tricia Greely, Ken Thevenet, Edie Boudreaux, Jo Gomez, Mary Elizabeth Carruth, Hailey DeLaune and Patience Appleton, who all helped make it a special event for the children and their families.

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### St. Aloysius Eighth-Grade Graduation

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## Lord, Hear Our Prayer

### Intercessory Prayer at St. Aloysius Parish

In times of crisis and anxiety, in times of joy and celebration, we may become especially aware of the power of God's abundant mercy and grace. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us of the New Testament's rich descriptions of calling out to God in times of need: We ask, beseech, plead, invoke, entreat, cry out, even "struggle in prayer." (CCC 2629). Indeed, every "joy and suffering, every event and need can become the matter for thanksgiving" to God (CCC 2648).

In Hebrews we are taught that Christ Jesus is our heavenly High Priest who "lives to make intercession" for those who draw near to God (7:25). St. Paul reminds the Romans that the Holy Spirit "himself intercedes for us... according to the will of God" (8:26-27) and instructs St. Timothy that all Christians are to share in this ministry of intercessory prayer: praying "for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions," for persecutors, and those who reject the Gospel (1 Tm 2:1).

At St. Aloysius, there are several established ways to ask for prayer. Requests for intercession may be emailed to [prayerline@staloysiusparish.com](mailto:prayerline@staloysiusparish.com) or given to the receptionist in the parish office by calling 343-6657. These requests are shared with Deacon Chauvin Wilkinson and a team of intercessors.

Requests for prayer may also be written in the Petition Book located near the Tabernacle in the Church. Those who spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle are encouraged to consult the entries and offer intercessions for the concerns and joys they find recorded there.

Finally, remember to ask the help of our heavenly intercessors – the Blessed Virgin Mary, our patron St. Aloysius, and all the holy men and women throughout the ages who now surround the throne of God in unceasing prayer and adoration.

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# St. Aloysius Parish welcomes new Catholics at Easter Vigil

St. Aloysius Parish joyfully welcomed 11 Catechumens and Candidates through the Sacraments of Initiation at the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday evening, April 20.

Vanessa Beall, Kassi Wright, Berklee Pucheu, Amy Hoang, Robert Breaux and Andrew Kolb received Holy Baptism. Jana Hebert, Tiffany Pucheu and

Ben Strain made a Profession of Faith and, along with Ashton Duhon and the newly baptized adults, received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

All the newly Baptized and Confirmed were accompanied by their sponsors as they received their First Communion.

These Rites of Initiation are the culmination of months of

preparation and discernment through our year-round RCIA program. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or willing to serve as a sponsor for one of our Catechumens or Candidates, or would simply like to know more about RCIA at St. Aloysius please contact Mark Christian at [mchristian@staloyusparish.com](mailto:mchristian@staloyusparish.com).



## Mass Schedule

SATURDAY  
Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY  
7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

HOLY DAYS  
Schedule will be announced  
DAILY MASSES  
Monday & Wednesday, 6 a.m.  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m.

CONFESSIONS: Monday and Wednesday after 6:00 a.m. Mass; Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-8:00 a.m.; Saturday 3:30-4:00 p.m. (when the adjacent Mass is celebrated).

FUNERALS: Please contact the Parish Office prior to scheduling with the funeral home. If after hours, follow directions on voicemail.

PARISH SCHOOL: For information, phone 383-3871, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

NURSERY/CHILDCARE CENTER:  
For information, phone 343-1338,  
7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptismal preparation is required.

SPONSORS: Baptism & Confirmation sponsors must be confirmed practicing Catholics in good standing in the Catholic Church, and if not St. Aloysius Parishioners, must provide a letter of good standing from the parish where they are registered.

MARRIAGE: Couples are asked to contact the priest at the beginning of the period of engagement at least six months prior to the projected date of the marriage.

CARE OF THE SICK: The Eucharist is brought to the sick weekly and hospital visits made weekly. Families of the sick are encouraged to notify the Parish Office.

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# Scenes from Eighth-Grade Graduation



Izzy Gruner, Faculty Award (highest GPA)



Quynh-Mai Nguyen, Msgr. Becnel Award



Emma Grace Abadie  
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Payton Marie Arbour\*  
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Brayden Thomas Favaloro  
Nicholas Hyland Fawley\*  
Ella Rose Fife\*  
Eleanor Shaw Foco\*  
Owen Bradley Fourier

Charlotte Marie-Elena Fuselier\*  
Luke Anthony Gagliano\*  
John Young Gahagan, Jr.\*  
Ella Kathryn Gannuch  
Griffin Patrick Gautreau\*  
William Carter Goodson  
Gabrielle Renee' Graff  
Grace Simone Greenup\*  
Isabelle Ann Gruner\*  
Tyler Thomas Guerin  
Amelia Alison Hawthorne\*  
Gillian Kathryn Fae Helm  
Jillian Laine Henderson\*  
Emma Claire Hendry  
Annalee Grace Howell  
Sarah Grace Huffty  
Matilda Ryan Johnson  
Olivia Claire Judice\*  
Daniel McGrath Keaton\*  
Ryder Winchester Kerth\*  
Margaret Marie Koch\*  
Mignon Eloise LaBorde\*  
Isabella Elise Lalonde\*  
Bishop Michael Landry  
Andrew Ryan Larson  
Gareth Christian LeBlanc  
Jack McClain Lewis  
Jackson William Lofland  
Marie Grace Lorio  
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Hudson Patrick Matthews\*  
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Justin Joseph Oubre\*  
Isabella Lorraine Palmintier\*  
Alexandra Maria Parsons\*  
Brady Michael Pastorick  
Andrew William Patin  
Joseph George Patin\*  
Joseph Peyton Peak\*  
Ryan Andrew Perret  
Katherine Rose Rabalais\*  
Margaret Stuart Ritter\*  
Ainsley Elizabeth Roberts\*  
Michael William Salmon, II\*  
Gillian Frances Sawyer\*  
Nathan Urik Schlegel\*  
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Matias Falconer Shaw  
Wendy Sofia Smith  
Rebecca Clare Stanford\*  
Sarah Elizabeth Stringfellow  
Michael Edward Sutton  
Emily Elizabeth Teague\*  
Adam Rodney Tessmer\*  
Colin Matthew Theriot  
William David Traylor\*  
William Harrison Valadie\*  
Bonnie Claire Verret\*  
Ingrid Aracely Wagner  
Ella Enola Wall  
John Lucas Walters  
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Seth Joseph Willard\*  
Charles Hamilton Williamson, III  
Riley Elizabeth Wilson  
Katherine Elizabeth Winchester\*  
Ariel Da'Nashia Winn  
Zebediah Hutton Zeringue\*

\*Denotes Honor Graduate





## St. Aloysius Men's Club Crawfish Boil

The St. Aloysius Men's Club wrapped up its year with a crawfish boil and fellowship. Thanks to those on the executive board of the Men's Club for organizing this event. If you would like to be more involved in Men's Club events in the upcoming year, please see our parish website to sign up for the Men's Club and receive notifications for scheduled events.



## Golf Classic promotes fellowship, charity

Parishioners dusted off their clubs and headed to University Club on Monday, March 18. Upon their arrival, they were greeted with a dozen St. Aloysius golf balls, many of which found their home in the hazards of the long, challenging course. After checking in and while lunch was being served, some ventured over to the putting green and driving range to practice.

All returned to gather for prayer ahead of the noon shotgun start. Father Eddie was present to invite the Holy Spirit into the moment with a prayer and a heart-warming blessing of the players and their families, as Father Randy was called to preside over a funeral inside the church.

A light-hearted awards banquet was held after the windy round of golf, and it was the raffle drawing for a trip to Augusta National to see the 2020 Masters Golf Tournament that garnered the most attention.

The 2019 Golf Classic, tournament and raffle together raised almost \$14,000 for the parish. In addition, \$645 was raised out on the course for the Myles Smith Scholarship Endowment at the School.

Randy Cangelosi, in his final year as Golf Classic chairman, remembers a tournament that included about 10 teams and 35-40 golfers in the mid-2000s — raising about \$4,000 — to the one now that consists of 30-35 teams and

120-140 golfers.

Randy credits the increase in fundraising to the generosity of golfers, sponsors and donors — like Pat Quigley behind the Masters Raffle — and the increase in participation to the mindset of volunteers asking “how can we help” instead of “why.” He said ministry co-chairman Bradley Gremillion and Ross Berthelot supported the effort the last four years and were influential in growing the Administration Commission ministry. Overall, Randy says it is special enjoying the outdoors, our shared faith and the sport of golf with fellow parishioners.

The Golf Classic is one of three annual fundraisers for the parish and typically takes place in March. Like the Parish Fair and Auction in 2018-19, 100% of its proceeds are dedicated to the capital projects of the master plan.

Monday, March 16 has been reserved for the 2020 Golf Classic. For volunteer opportunities or to support in other ways, contact first-year co-chairmen Carson Petree (985-413-1116; carson.petree@gmail.com) or Stuart Helo 337-654-1461 (tuarthelo@gmail.com), or staff resource Matt Zylicz (225-343-6657 ext. 16; mzylicz@staloyisus-parish.com).

The parish is grateful to all those that gave and continue to give of their time, talent and treasure for this ministry.

## New Stephen Ministers commissioned; program active in parish since '13

Stephen Ministry leaders Bob Schoen, Kathy Nikolaus and Marie Hebert recently completed four months of training for three new Stephen Ministers. Dana Territo, Keith Colvin, and Ann Ourso were commissioned to serve as Stephen Ministers at the 9 a.m. Liturgy on Sunday, May 19 by Father Eddie Martin.

Dana is very active with the Alzheimers Association and writes a weekly article on alzheimers in The Advocate. Keith, who recently moved back to Baton Rouge, was actively involved in hospice volunteer work while living in New Orleans. Ann was interested in Stephen Ministry for some time, but, because of other obligations she didn't feel she had the time to commit until recently.

Three of our current Stephen Ministers were present for the commissioning: Jane Roussel, Helen Bullcock and V.J. Dauterive. With the commissioning of our new members, we now total 12 active Stephen Ministers in St. Aloysius Parish prepared to walk with anyone struggling through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers not pictured are Lynn Carville, Laura Lee Owen and Leslie Chauvin.

Stephen Ministry has been active in St. Aloysius Parish since 2013. It was introduced by a parishioner, Ann Sperry, who had moved to the Baton Rouge area from New York and had recognized the positive impact the program had on parishioners in her previous parish. She was instrumental in introducing Stephen Ministry to St. Aloysius Parish with the permission of Father Than Vu.

St. Luke's and St. James Episcopal Churches in Baton Rouge, who have active Stephen Ministry in their parishes for over 15 years, participated in an introductory presentation to our parish. As a result of that presentation, four St. Aloysius Parishioners signed up to attend an intensive weeklong training to become Stephen Ministry leaders.

Twenty-three Stephen Ministers have been trained since 2013. When trained, a Stephen Minister commits to two years in the ministry, or he/she can serve as long as he/she desires. We have provided confidential Christian care to 23 parishioners. The Christian care to an individual may last from a few weeks to a few years, depending on the need of the person receiving the Christian care.

Marie Hebert is the only remaining original Stephen Minister leader. The other three have moved out of the Baton Rouge area. Bob Schoen attended Stephen Leader training in 2014 and Kathy Nikolaus in 2015. They have been very instrumental in helping Marie keep the ministry active.

The Stephen leaders have committed to train every year as long as there are parishioners expressing an interest to serve in the ministry. It is a 50-hour program spread over 12 to



14 weeks, beginning the first week in January. The training includes topics such as Distinctively Christian caring, Confidentiality, Active Listening, Learning to set boundaries, Experiencing Grief, Feelings, Understanding Sympathy versus Empathy, to name a few of the 18 subjects.

Most Blessed Sacrament in Baton Rouge also has a very active Stephen Ministry, as well as St. Ann's Parish in Napoleonville. A St. George parishioner has recently requested information about the ministry and our Stephen leaders will be offering an introductory meeting to that parish.

Stephen Ministry is interdenominational. It was started in 1974 by Dr. Kenneth Haugk, a Lutheran pastor and clinical psychologist, when he realized he could not keep up with the needs of his parishioners who were experiencing losses or dramatic changes in their lives. You can log on to <https://www.stephenministries.org> to read more of the history of the organization. The ministry draws its name from St. Stephen. In the book of Acts, Chapter 6, Stephen was chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need. Jesus provided the example to us as a Christian community to care for others starting in our faith community.

As we experience more shortages of priests in our parishes, it's becoming increasingly evident that our priests also need help in serving parishioners in their time of need. Our ministry works very closely with Father Randy and Father Eddie. The ministry does not provide counseling, so if someone is in need of that service they are not referred to Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministry is there for someone journeying through a difficult situation or life change. If it becomes evident during the course of ministering that counseling is needed, that is discussed with the person and a referral is made to someone of the person's choice.

No one knows if a person has a Stephen Minister unless the person receiving the care reveals it. Stephen Ministers meet twice a month for supervision. Even the fellow Stephen Ministers do not know who is receiving care because names are never mentioned. The purpose of supervision is to make sure the Stephen Minister is remaining process oriented as the training requires. As Stephen Ministers we are trained to allow God to work through us in our caring. We provide the care — He provides to cure.



# Scenes from First Eucharist at St. Aloysius



## St. Aloysius Catholic Church First Eucharist 2019

George Wilkerson Adams  
 Luke Richard Alwood  
 Jackson Augustus Ashton, IV  
 Benjamin Maddox Babin  
 Thomas Blaize Balhoff  
 Jackson Hilliard Barber  
 Elise Genevieve Becnel  
 George Francis Benedetto  
 Ivy Marie Bilbo  
 Mary Charlotte Bodin  
 Larissa Nicole Boldor  
 Layla Jaye Bonaventure  
 Christopher Camille Brooksher  
 Reis Elizabeth Brown  
 Virginia Reine Brown  
 Noelle Chloe Busbice  
 Brennan Marie Butler  
 Mark Sanders Callaway  
 Thomas Lane Carpenter  
 Sophia Isabel Champney  
 Anna Rose Charbonnet  
 Brady Lundin Craig  
 Julia Barnett Downs  
 Jacob Tucker Dozier  
 Michael Bernard Dunn, III  
 Lola Devall Eyre  
 Elizabeth Adelle Farmer  
 Elliott James Faulk  
 Charlotte Camille Fife  
 Mary Katharine Flettrich  
 Benjamin Walker Fontana  
 Corinne Danielle Freel  
 Cecilia June Gamble  
 John Doles Garrett  
 Samuel Parker Gendusa  
 Davis Larson Gilly  
 Ben Patrick Glueck, Jr.  
 Logan Joseph Gonthier  
 Ashton Anne Goulas  
 Nathan Michael Graff  
 John Adam Grezaffi, III  
 Cole Anthony Guerin  
 Carrie Brynn Guilbeau  
 Cole David Guillot  
 Valentina Gutierrez-Hernandez  
 Cecilia James Hebert  
 George Nikolaus Hensgens

Henry Russell Hensgens  
 Wesley Davis Herbst  
 Samantha Helen Heroman  
 Marion Elizabeth Hetzler  
 Alyse Ryan Hiebert  
 Hayes Randal Hill  
 Lelia Kate Himmel  
 William Stephens Himmel  
 Alys Riley Holcomb  
 Analise Faith Huffty  
 Sawyer Bourg Hughes  
 Bennett Michael Irby  
 David Eduardo Jimenez  
 Isabel Louise Keaton  
 Benjamin Glenn Kidder, III  
 Francine Toy LaFargue  
 Grayson James LaNasa  
 Miriam Marguerite Lemann  
 Alyssa Catherine Litchfield  
 Giuliana Renee' Losavio  
 Patrick James Loveless  
 Tate Lafayette Lowe  
 Thomas Corbin Lowe  
 Emerine Leigh Lundin  
 Kenneth Eugene Marcell, IV  
 Maria Concetta Markey  
 Eleanor O'Dare Martinez  
 Marin Margaret Mathews  
 Victoria Maria Mayeux  
 Ronan Keith Mayeux  
 Daniel Chase McCalip  
 John Connor McGee  
 Sophia Belle McKnight  
 AnneMarie Hayden Montalbano  
 Patrick Michael Moran  
 Olivia Marie Mouch  
 Jonathan Alexander Murphy  
 Charles Alexander Nikolaus  
 Quinn Patrick O'Brien  
 Violet Claire Palminier  
 Margaret Dale Parker  
 Peter Joseph Pasquier  
 Jack Caswell Peré  
 Anton Petrakov Pereira  
 Davis Albert Powell  
 Vivienne Sinclair Prescott  
 Elizabeth Ryan Prieto

Austin Thomas Rader  
 William McGehee Reed  
 Addyson Brooke Richard  
 Gabrielle Emilea Richard  
 Lillian Murier Richard  
 Elliott Allen Richey  
 Lucy Pierce Ritter  
 Holden Brooks Roth  
 Kathryn Clay Rountree  
 Grace Camille Roussel  
 Hayes Robert Roussel  
 Caroline Marie Rowley  
 Adelynn Adele Roy  
 Brennan Dean Russo  
 Robert Heath Savant, II  
 Joseph Paul Schilling  
 Hannah Marie Schneider  
 Andrew Edward Schneller  
 Ava Nina Singleton  
 Ava Gabrielle Smith  
 Emily Alice Speyrer  
 Emerson Adele Spielman  
 Michael Barber Spreen  
 Johnathan Casey Stephens, Jr.  
 Thomas Charles Teague  
 Michael Joseph Thomassie, Jr.  
 Elizabeth Rose Trotter  
 Christian Zoll Tucker  
 Julia Paige Valadie  
 Reese Catherine Varnau  
 Lillian Annabell Vignes  
 Molly Katherine Watson  
 John Anselm Whidden  
 Camille Elizabeth Wilson  
 Tyler Luke Wood  
 Madeline Grace Worley  
 Harper Grace Yanarella  
 Christian Robert Zeringue





Anna Kate Walton, KC Award



Katherine Winchester, Serra Club



Stafford Jones, CDA Award

## SAS students win writing, art awards

Every year, the Knights of Columbus sponsors a poster contest for the students, "Keep Christ in Christmas." This competition is offered to students in kindergarten through eighth grade. This year, the winner of the K-2 category for the Diocese of Baton Rouge is St. Aloysius first-grader Anna Kate Walton.

The Catholic Daughters of America, which began as an auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus, also sponsors a student contest. Court Regina Coeli 2063 (a chapter of CDA) invited St. Aloysius students to participate in their national education contest. The themes were "Here I Am Lord, I Come to Do Your Will." (Ps. 40) and "Doing My Best to Do Good." St. Aloysius fifth-grader Stafford Jones placed first in the essay competition for grades 4-5. Eighth-grader Corinne Claire Ellis placed first in the poetry competition for grades 6-8. Eighth-grader Abigail Duplessis placed first in the essay competition for grades 6-8. The students received a \$50 cash award and the opportunity to compete on a state level.

The Serra Club is an international organization of lay people that promotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life. One way in which they do this is to sponsor an essay competition for students in grades 6-8. The essay topic for this year was "Whispers from God." How can you hear the "Whispers from God" in today's noisy world? The Serra Club asks that each school select the top entries, and these top entries are then submitted for state and national competition. The top entry selected by St. Aloysius School was written by eighth-grader Katherine Winchester.



## Retirees honored at May Crowning

On May 15-16, the fourth-graders of St. Aloysius School hosted a May crowning. Special guests of honor were three faculty members who are retiring at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

Charlotte Ardoin, Pre-K aide, Gina Dugas, Pre-K teacher, and Mary Eleanor Harris, school receptionist, retired after providing more than 70 years of service to Catholic education. The three honorees processed in and crowned the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary as the fourth-grade cantors led the congregation in singing "Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly."

After the crowning, the fourth-graders processed in and presented flowers to the Blessed Mother as Lauren Serpas, fifth-grade teacher, sang "Ave Maria." This was followed by fourth-graders reading passages from the Gospels that illustrate the mysteries of the Rosary. Following meditation on the scriptures, Nicole Wintz, fourth-grade religion teacher, sang "Mother's Song" by Kelley Pease.

Following the May Crowning service, the retirees were joined by family and faculty members for a luncheon in their honor, held in the Parish Hall.



## St. Aloysius Scouting News

**GIRL SCOUT WEEK (Left):** The Girl Scouts of St. Aloysius Catholic Church celebrated the beginning of Girl Scout Week on March 10 by attending Mass together with their families. The Girl Scouts welcomed parishioners as they arrived for 9 a.m. Mass and assisted with bringing up the gifts during the Offertory. Girl Scout Week is a time to celebrate Girl Scouts as ground-breakers, big thinkers and role models.

**PACK 7 BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET (Top right):** On Saturday, March 23, the annual Cub Scout Pack 7 Blue and Gold banquet was held in the St. Aloysius Parish Hall. Each den was recognized and Scouts were given pin and rank achievements they earned over the past year. The Arrow of Light Den, Den 7, completed their rank requirements and became members of the Boy Scouts Troop 7, during the Bridging Ceremony. Troop 7 welcomed eight new scouts that evening, John Brocato, Matthew Maher, Gabriel Bourgeois, Connor Dooley, Ernie Spreen, Noah Haefner, Nicholas Pecquet and Steven Stogner.

**BROWNIES DONATE BIKE TO NEIGHBORFEST (Bottom right):** Members of St. Aloysius Brownie Troop 10424 used some of the money they raised selling Girl Scout Cookies to purchase a bike to donate at Neighborfest. They spent their April meeting learning about bike safety and assembling the bike.





## Pre-K students deliver flowers to St. James



# Child Care Center hops into spring

What a busy spring the Child Care Center has enjoyed! From farm visits to Easter parties, the calendar has been filled with exciting and entertaining events these past few months.

During March, the children celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday, enjoyed the Fish Fry, learned about the letters "V," "W" and "X," and observed Youth Art Month by hosting an art show for their friends and family. During a special visit from the farm, children played with bunnies, goats, chickens and more!

The center had an 'egg'cellent time celebrating Easter with pictures, class parties and egg hunts. Students finally reached the end of the alphabet in April, learning about the letters "Y" and "Z" and creating art with yarn and enjoying Zebra cakes. In honor of National Jelly Bean Day, families had the opportunity to guess how many jelly beans were in a jar — 1,439 to be exact! Earth Day celebrations included planting flowers in classrooms.

Teacher Appreciation Week was a special celebration for the teachers at the Child Care Center. They enjoyed special break-



fasts, lunches, a spa day and Flower Grams from their students. Thank you to all the hard-working teachers who nurture and love the children as their own!

As the school year comes to an end, SACCC looks forward to a jam-packed summer of Splash Days, ice cream truck visits and many fun activities!



## 25th annual Fish Fry a huge success

On March 22, St. Aloysius Child Care Center held its 25th annual Fish Fry, and it was a huge success! More than \$35,000 was raised for the center, and the committee boxed more than 3,400 plates of fish, slaw and rolls.

This annual fundraiser financially supports the center beyond its operating budget. More than 180 families are served by the Child Care Center, and this additional support enables the center to focus on the well-being of the children, providing a loving "home away from home."

Thank you to the sponsors for this year's Fish Fry:

- Salco Construction
- Evans Investment Advisors
- Spectrum Employee Services
- Wayfinder CPA
- Reiter Marshall State Farm
- RX to Geaux
- Couyon's
- Maxwell's Market
- Greenscape Design
- BET - R Grocery
- LUBA

- Lyons Specialty
- Advanced Wellness
- Your Mom's Restaurant & Bar
- LA Fish Fry

A special thanks to the 2019 Fish Fry Committee members, who spent countless hours in preparation for the big day, and a special shout-out to this year's Fish Fry chairman, Chad Cole!

And finally, thank you to all the parishioners, families, and friends who came out to support the Child Care Center. This event would not have been possible without your support!





## SVdP 'Fill Up the Truck(s)!' drive another huge success

A very special thank you for the outpouring of generosity and joy of St. Aloysius parishioners as we all came together in faith and fellowship to fill up FOUR (4)!!!! St. Vincent de Paul trucks to help fill the needs of those who are less fortunate. Your merciful generosity will help so many within our community who need a helping hand and heart...who need basic necessities to live. Thank you and God bless you for your kind hearts.

If you missed the "Fill Up the Truck(s)!" drive, SVdP will be glad to pick up large items (furniture) from your home through its pick-up service. To

coordinate, please call 225-267-5447. Also, for clothing and other small donations, remember the SVdP dropbox is always available in the Stuart Avenue church parking lot.

If you would like to drop off items directly to the SVdP Thrift Stores, hours for donations are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Store locations are:

- 12107 Florida Boulevard – 275-1135
- 1871 Staring Lane – 819-0406
- 2655 Plank Road – 356-9683
- 1466 North Street – 803-8882 – SVdP Warehouse (ask for Lucille) hours 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



## Senior Ministry luncheon focuses on Biblical covenants

St. Aloysius Senior Ministry would like to extend a huge thanks to all who attended the Senior Ministry Luncheon, and especially to Olivia Gulino, who was the presenter for the event. Olivia spoke about the Biblical covenants throughout the Old Testament leading up to the New Covenant made through Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross. She focused particularly on the covenants made with Abraham and Moses and how the New

Covenant was the fulfillment of the Old Testament covenants.

The food for the luncheon was catered by Bergeron's City Market and was delicious as always. Thanks to those who took the time to come and serve food. We hope that more parishioners will join us for our next Senior Ministry Luncheon in the Fall. If you would like to be more involved in this ministry, please contact Hailey DeLaune at the parish office or by email.



## Baby Bottle Campaign gets tremendous support

By Ross McCalip, chairman of Dignity of Life Committee of St. Aloysius and the Knights of Columbus want to thank parishioners for your generosity. The Pregnancy Problem Center, located on Bennington, and the Woman's New Life Center, located on Colonial right next to Delta, the abortion facility, will be receiving checks for around \$6,000 each (bottles still coming in).

Running these centers is expensive, but you cannot put a price tag on the lives and souls saved. Our support helps to offset the centers' expenses. Thank you so much for your



generosity and know your donation will help save lives. God bless you all.

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