



'Mystical Body'



Stained-glass window installed in church's south transept

The "Mystical Body" stained-glass window newly installed in the south transept of St. Aloysius Church was originally designed, along with the other stained-glass windows, when the "new" church was built in 1992.

Because enough funds were not raised at the time, the fabrication and installation of the window wasn't completed.

Now, through the generosity of an anonymous parishioner who wished to see the window completed, it finally graces the south transept of our church.

Here's an explanation of the striking images in the window:

Christians form the mystical body of the church. The circle unifies the church through a common Christian effort. It represents community. A direc-

tional thrust from the upper left diagonally into the circle signifies God's gifts through transubstantiation. Through this mystery, we minister to the community. The royalty of Christ the King is exemplified by the use of purple as the major color emphasis. The reds and oranges present religious fervor and the whites signify energy and intellectual purity.



Fr. Eddie Martin prepares for the Service of Light at the beginning of the Easter Vigil

Parish welcomes new Catholics at Easter Vigil

At the Great Vigil of Easter, St. Aloysius Parish was delighted to welcome six new Catholics by Baptism and another seven by Profession of Faith, Confirmation and Eucharist.

As the Church gathered to celebrate our Lord's Passover from death to life, we began our procession from darkness to light, kindled our Easter fire, and heard anew the ancient hymn of Resurrection:

*Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!*

Assembling in the nave, we heard and responded in song to the various Old Testament prophecies of Christ's rising from death to life. Then followed the reading of the Epistle, the return of the Alleluia, the proclamation of the Gospel and Father Randy's Easter homily. Our attention then turned to the font, where those preparing for baptism – along with their sponsors and the entire congregation – renounced Satan and all his works and professed the Faith once delivered

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Farewell 8th-grade graduates



St. Aloysius eighth-graders receive a blessing at their final school Mass before graduation. See photos from the Mass and graduation on Page 3.

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Mitchell Williams holds his daughter, Charlie Grace, as Father Randy Cuevas baptizes her

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to the Saints.

The first to receive the Sacrament of Baptism was the infant Charlie Grace Williams, followed in swift succession by her father, Mitchell, and then Charles Williamson, Kevin Brewer, Kaleib Taylor and Reuben Cheng. The newly baptized were presented with their white garments and a candle, that they might rejoice in the purity of their new life in Christ and let this light shine forth into the world.

The candidates making their profession of faith were then invited forward with their sponsors. Thomas Willis, Dan Levert, Amy Chauvin, Rick Houk, Todd Martin, Sara Martin and Richard Kucharchuk affirmed their belief in all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches, and proclaims to be revealed by God. The newly baptized adults then joined them before the altar and all were then sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit and anointed with holy Chrism in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

After the prayers of the faithful, newly Baptized and Confirmed Neophyte Mitchell Williams and his wife, Cydney, presented the Gifts of Bread and



Father Randy Cuevas baptizes Charles Williamson



Todd Martin receives the anointing with holy Chrism in the Sacrament of Confirmation

Wine for our celebration of the Holy Eucharist. At Communion, sponsors guided the newly Baptized and Confirmed to the Altar for their First Communion.

The great joy of receiving these new Catholics at the Easter Vigil is the culmination of months

of preparation and discernment through our parish RCIA program. Echoing the words of the Resurrection Hymn: *"How wonderful the Father's care for us! How boundless is God's merciful love!"*

Now online: Homilies offer Holy Spirit inspired messages

By Matt Zyllicz

A well-known Christian song leads with an uplifting message: "We are one in the Spirit; We are one in the Lord." Two times, same truthful message. "We are one in the Spirit; We are one in the Lord."

The Holy Mass, like the song, focuses our attention on God – the Holy Trinity in our midst.

In the Bible readings and homily, we grow closer through the Spirit. While we all hear the same words, the Holy Spirit provides guidance and comfort to us uniquely based on where we are in our daily and faith lives – leading us closer to our Heavenly Father's will.

In the Eucharist, we grow closer through the Lord. Jesus, by his sacrifice, gives His entire self, all

that He is, to us, leading us closer to our Heavenly Father's will.

It may seem like we have just one chance a week to receive Jesus in the Sunday Eucharist. As a parish, we are now able to offer the ability to receive the Holy Spirit through the Sunday homilies anytime online at <http://church.aloysius.org/weekly-homilies>.

While our parish family may be very far apart geographically, politically, emotionally or just in our faith journey, there is comfort knowing there is a path to become one.

These homilies have been provided in part through: our priests, the collaboration of the Worship Commission & Administration Commission and a generous parishioner who paid for the cost of the recording equipment.

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Check it out at **FORMED.org**

If you have not already done so, just simply register (free of charge)

Enter our parish code **QDMX6Q**

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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God bless our 8th-grade graduates



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*Denotes Honor Graduate



Cate Arms, Monsignor Becnel Award



Chloe' Khuri, Daughters of Jesus Award



Ellen Livingston, St. Aloysius Student of the Year



Grace Anne Crifasi, Faculty Award for Highest GPA



Setting the table: Laurel Viguerie, Christopher Mengis and Lillian Roussel



Bringing up gifts: Colin McCool, Lucy Hodges, Peri Evans and Aidan Lambert



143 receive First Eucharist

143 candidates received their First Eucharist at First Communion Masses celebrated during the weekend of April 21-22 at St. Aloysius Parish.

Many thanks to Edie Boudreaux, Phyllis Champagne, Jan Kleiner, Jane Patout, Kelley Thompson, Aimee LeBlanc, Mary Elizabeth Carruth and Debra Odom, who prepared the children to receive the sacrament.

During their retreat, the candidates decorated First Eucharist pew banners, which hung on their pews during Mass.



Are you called to help others?

St. Vincent de Paul Conference lovingly, prayerfully aids those in need

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Aloysius was established nearly 19 years ago to provide assistance, financially and spiritually, to those in need within the geographical boundaries of our church parish.

It is sometimes easy to lose ourselves in the comfortable lifestyles we parishioners live here in St. Aloysius Parish. Yet our area is filled with neighbors who desperately need our help.

The profile of our neighbors varies – young or old, black or white, employed or unemployed, young people raising children or elderly people raising grandchildren, educated or uneducated, healthy or sick. All are faced with real-life struggles.

Ten teams of SVdP volunteers go out two-by-two on home visits to meet, pray with and assist our neighbors in need of help with rent, utilities, food, medicines, and, most of all, love and hope for the future.

In their visits, they encounter many blessings, and the face of Jesus comes to life and to light in these neighbors and to the SVdP volunteers in this ministry.

The SVdP Conference of St. Aloysius greatly appreciates the parish's generosity, which allows volunteers to meet the poor face to face and convey the love of Christ through monetary and spiritual assistance.

They understand that they represent the entire parish of St. Aloysius on these visits and ask for continued support in time, talent and treasure for this wonderful ministry and the SVdP neighbors the ministry is so privileged to serve.

The conference is in need of four to six new members, both male and female. Although not necessary, it is also a ministry ideal for married couples, as volunteers go out two by two. Anyone interested in learning more about

how to serve in the SVdP Conference can contact Kim Bueche Hardman at kbueche@ptpnla.brcoxmail.com or 225-939-6962.

The impact of serving is powerful and everlasting, as you will understand by reading this personal testimony:

Who is Our Neighbor? ...

Written By a Vincentian

The members of St. Aloysius seek to live these Christian values through many active ministries. On a recent Saturday on the work site for the 26th Catholic Coalition Build with Habitat for Humanity, the future homeowner, Alexis, told a story of how little acts of kindness make lasting impressions.

When Alexis' son was born, she got behind on some bills due to the time off from her job for the birth. She called the St. Aloysius St. Vincent de Paul Conference to ask for assistance. Vincentians visited her in her home, paid some of her overdue bills, and most importantly prayed with her.

Unbeknownst to Alexis, those Vincentians added Alexis to the list for a Thanksgiving Basket. When the Thanksgiving Basket family called to offer her a Thanksgiving Dinner, Alexis was surprised and overwhelmed.

Alexis is thrilled to be the selected homeowner for this latest Catholic Coalition Build. As she works side by side with volunteers, she seeks out volunteers from St. Aloysius to relay her gratitude.

Her son, Alec, is now 12 years old. Those small acts of kindness so many years ago have obviously made a lasting impression on Alexis. Though you may not know it, small shared gifts of your time, money or prayers are making a lasting impact.

Volunteers, donations help make St. Aloysius library a vital resource

Yes, St. Aloysius has a church library.

Many of you have taken advantage of the books for loan and know how difficult it is to find a particular book. Currently, volunteers are working to catalog, label and arrange books using a software just for libraries.

When the work is finished, parishioners will be able to access the database or look up a book number in the spreadsheet and then find that book on the shelves. Should you choose to borrow that book, you will simply print your name on the library card in the back of book and leave it in the basket provided.

The project will take several more months to complete. In the meantime, if you have any books at your home that belong in the church library, please return them soon, so they can be added to the list.

If you wish to donate books, please limit the titles or subjects to religious or related books. Topics of interest include the saints, prayer, doctrine, church history and children's books. If in doubt, donate.

And if anyone out there needs service hours, please contact the office to volunteer to work in the library.



Celebrating 30 years with Ken Thevenet

*Director of Worship at St. Aloysius
honored for 3 decades of service*



Ministry Appreciation Crawfish Boil



Child Care Center sizzles into Summer 2018

Summer is officially here, and the St. Aloysius Child Care Center is gearing up for a busy, fun-filled summer.

These past few months have been full of activities. April brought Easter Bunny visits, class egg hunts and the annual Spring Family Picnic, where each class wore hand-painted t-shirts honoring the Week of the Young Child.

The center also celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week with fun activities to honor the hard-working teachers. Cinco de Mayo celebrations, the Book Fair, Muffins with Mom and moving to new classes kept everyone busy

in May. Fathers were honored in June by enjoying Donuts for Dad, and the new preschool class enjoyed its first visit to the chapel.

Weekly splash days, visits from the snowball and ice cream trucks, and pajama and movie days kept the summer fun rolling right along.

Meanwhile, a center-wide end-of-the-year party celebrated the 62 preschoolers moving on to Pre-K. Everyone enjoyed water slides, pizza, snowballs, and most of all, hanging out with friends old and new. We wish these graduates well as they continue in their education and faith.



Blessings from start to finish at Golf Classic

The 2018 St. Aloysius Parish Golf Classic took place on March 19 at University Club. Coming after four days of clouds and rain, tournament day started off looking gloomy. However, just 15 minutes before play started, the clouds separated and the sunshine came out, just as Deacon Chauvin began his blessing of all players.

The shotgun start began at noon, with 147 golfers out on the course. The tournament featured great shots, low scores and incredible camaraderie among fellow parishioners and friends, all for the benefit of our parish.

After the golfing, the fun continued with a dinner and awards ceremony, including a golf ball juggling contest won by parishioner Bradley Gremillion.

The team of Hugh Raetzsch, Mike Price, Jeff Poche and Windy Gladney claimed the low-gross title, while Hudson Lemoine, Flynn Foster, Brandon Landry and John Paul Funes were declared low-net champions.

Tournament organizers included Randy Cangelosi, Golf Classic chairman; and Bradley Gremillion and Ross Berthelot, co-chairmen. The Golf Committee would also like to thank two new members, Mark Herbst and Hudson Lemoine, who provided new ideas and energy to the golf planning.

Meanwhile, the Golf Committee is already planning for the 2019 St. Aloysius Parish Golf Classic at University Club on Monday, March 18, 2019. Save the date!

An inspirational event oc-

curred during the awards dinner. Parishioner John Paul Funes' ticket was pulled for the St. Aloysius Parish Masters' Trip Raffle, good for a trip for two to the 2019 Masters' PGA Tournament, including accommodations and two practice-round tickets.

John Paul immediately decided to auction off his winning ticket to the highest bidder. He then put on his auctioneer hat, and got a top bid of \$3,500, to be donated to the parish and its building fund. Parishioner Eric Helm was the winning buyer of the Master's Prize. The raffle drawing ended the post-tournament festivities.

Thanks to all participants and volunteers for making this year's Golf Classic the best yet in terms of players, sponsors and funds raised for the parish.



SAS Retirees for 2018

Congratulations on your many years of service at St. Aloysius School.

Caryn Guelfo - 11 years, Gay Hebert - 40 years, Jackie Saucier Higdon - 40 years, Annette Raterman - 11 years.



Service projects big part of Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was celebrated at St. Aloysius June 4-7 with a theme of Babylon, Daniel's Courage. From grades Pre- K through sixth grade, 275 children participated.

The campers spent part of the week doing service projects. Parishioners were asked to donate Chemo Care Kits to be given to Our Lady of the Lake Hospital; Cholera Prevention Kits to be sent to Haiti; and food and toiletries for St. Vincent de Paul.

During the week, the fifth- and sixth-grade students also made sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul. Money was collected for the Mobile Market Red Stick Farmer' Market. It was a great time for our parish children, as well as the volunteers.

Many thanks to Angela Sheets, Lindsey Aucoin and the more than 60 wonderful adults and 125 junior volunteers who helped make Vacation Bible School such a success.



NeighborFest: Communities unite for joyous day

On June 2, St Aloysius sponsored an extraordinary event in the Valley Park area that was affectionately named NeighborFest.

The event was the result of a shared desire by St. Aloysius Parish and the Valley Park area to further interact with one another and learn more about the gifts of each community.

Members of St. Aloysius Parish met with Cynthia Owens-Green initially and learned of the history of Owens Grocery and Market on Balis Drive, which has been blessing the Valley Park community since 1938.

The opportunity for recognizing the loving service that the Owens-Green family has provided to the Valley Park community through Owens Grocery for the past 80 years became simultaneously the wonderful focal point for St Aloysius and the Valley Park community to engage and celebrate together.

In planning and preparing for NeighborFest, St. Aloysius and the Valley Park community collaborated with the District Attorney's Office, EBR Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge Police Department, EBR Fire Department, Owen's Grocery, House of God Ministries, New Gideon Baptist Church, and New Morning Star Baptist Church.

In addition, local businesses and organizations, and people such as Albertsons, Coca-Cola, Walmart, the Diocese of Baton Rouge Racial Harmony Commission and Whitney Vann from Weekends with Whitney all showed their support by donation and/or participation.

In the beaming sun on Balis Drive, the event was kicked off by a beautiful and soulful rendition of the national anthem performed by Eilene Rockette from House of God Ministries. That was followed by our own Father Randy, the master of ceremonies, who led the gathering with a beautiful prayer of unity and thanksgiving. Next, Ariel Green graced the gathered crowd with a moving and heart-felt liturgical dance. Erica Green King followed this beautiful movement with a soul-stirring hymn of praise.

After this sharing of gifts, Rowdy Gaudet from the Mayor/President's Office and Metro Council member Barbara Freiburg read to the gathered people a commendation by Mayor Sharon Weston-Broome for the 80 years of loving service that the Owens-Green family has provided to the Valley Park community through and beyond Owens Grocery.

Prior to the reading of the commendation, Council member Freiburg commented that this kind of community event is something that should be happening every weekend in some neighborhood in our town.

Mrs. Green's face shone with humble gratitude as she listened to the commendation that traced the history of her family's life-giving service through feeding



families, caring for the homeless, praying, fellowship, and simply listening when someone needed an ear.

The commendation also highlighted the historical collaboration of service between the Owens-Green family and St. Aloysius Parish in services such as providing Thanksgiving baskets, feeding families and the elderly, and providing shelter when needed.

The spirit of coming together in celebration of both unity and service was palpable in the noon air of the day when, after receiving a plaque of recognition from Father Randy, Mrs. Green shared humbly and eloquently how service is simply what God wants

from all of us, i.e., to put God first. With a few brief words, as she looked out upon the diverse crowd gathered in front of her, she graciously acknowledged unity by saying "this just shows that we can all get along."

As the ceremony concluded with Pastor Brandon Collins (New Morning Star Baptist Church) giving the blessing, the hungry crowd moved across the street to the tree-shaded lot, where the festivities began.

One could see in the faces of the hundreds that were in attendance the same sense of service, celebration and yearning to get to know each other, which the ceremony had just affirmed.

The gathered enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs cooked by the Knights of Columbus and the numerous cookies baked by St. Aloysius parishioners. St. Vincent de Paul ministry handed out children's books, prayer cards and friendship bracelets, while St. Aloysius parishioners, including youth, did face painting and assisted with games that were provided by BREC on the Geaux.

As the steady stream of people moved into the festival space, they were treated to music DJ'ed by EBR sheriff's officers, who, in the spirit of the gathering, gladly joined in the dancing themselves. Several children were wide-eyed with joy as they had the opportu-

nity of both sounding the horn on the EBR Parish Fire Department's fire truck as well as seeing and petting the Baton Rouge police officers' remarkable horses.

Many listened to storytelling from a Valley Park neighbor, Joanna Ballard, as well as a book read aloud entitled "Call Me Hero," written by St Aloysius parishioner Claire Bateman.

Stuffed animal puppies, from a character in the book, were donated by Claire and given out to children. In addition, a generous donation by Front Yard bikes afforded the chance to give away ten bikes to some very happy children.

There was an overall ambiance of gratitude, service and connection as the diverse group of people gathered leaned into each other's lives through the food, music, gifts, talents and sharing in the festivities.

Near the end of the day, one child asked a St. Aloysius parishioner when another event like this would be scheduled. After asking this, the same child said, "I just hope we don't have to wait another 80 years."

Several people commented on that same spirit of yearning for ongoing interaction and community experienced during the event:

Kristy Roubique, social responsibility commission member, recalls how the spirit of inclusivity and community seemed pre-ordained for the event, when she heard Paul Coreil read aloud to the volunteers setting up for the event Pope Francis' intention for the month of June "that social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences." Kristy was struck by how the experience of NeighborFest affirmed that so many more blessings seem to be received than given when we interact with each other in this way.

Cathy St. Pierre, social responsibility commission member, commented that this type of event so clearly reveals that we are all neighbors and children of God, even though we come from different religious, economic and cultural backgrounds.

Kim Hardman, St Vincent De Paul volunteer, expressed, "NeighborFest was without doubt the work of the Holy Spirit. A small seed that was planted blossomed into a joyous day filled with love as we all came together as one and got to know our neighbors ... a wonderful experience worth repeating until the end of ages."

The event was more than simply a great event celebrating 80 years of service by a dedicated family. It was indeed a celebration of what has occurred, what is occurring, and what can continue to occur in St Aloysius, Valley Park, Baton Rouge, and indeed all communities in our nation and in our world: food, fun, service, inclusivity, diversity and community.