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Parish Fair returns Nov. 15-17

The annual St. Aloysius Fair returns Nov. 15-17, promising an exciting time while celebrating Faith, Family and Fun.

Please visit the fair website, www.staloysiusfair.org, where you will find opportunities to purchase ride tickets and bracelets, food/beverage/game tickets, family tents and St. Aloysius merchandise. Fair organizers are thankful for the many volunteers who have offered their time and resources over the years, and the website will soon have a link to the Sign-Up Genius site, offering many volunteer opportunities for the 2019 Fair.

FRIDAY EVENING: Enjoy the traditional Fish Fry in the cafeteria, and several tasty offerings from food vendors outside on the fairgrounds. The game booths and rides will open at 5 p.m., and the band Blue Verse will start playing at 7 p.m. on the Main Stage. Bingo will be played in the Old Gym, so please join us for a great kick-off to the Fair weekend.

SATURDAY: Wake up early to run in the 5K & Fun Run. Afterwards, come sit under your family tent and enjoy the fairground rides, games and food options. Head over to the Old Gym for Bingo, the Sweet Shop/Cakewalk, and to cheer on those participating in the Talent Showcase. New this year is an LSU/Ole Miss tailgate and game viewing Saturday night!

SUNDAY: The fun continues with the BBQ dinner in the cafeteria and several performances on the fairgrounds. A Songs of Praise Worship Event will be held at the fairgrounds on Sunday morning. The \$10,000 Raffle winner will be announced Sunday afternoon. There will be several opportunities to buy tickets starting soon.

Please sign up for volunteer shifts and donate your favorite dessert for the cakewalk or sweet shop. The parish office will also be accepting donations of stuffed animals and small gifts for the prize booths.

We can't wait to see you at the 2019 St. Aloysius Fair!

ALL SCHOOL MASS



BACK TO SCHOOL: On Thursday, Aug. 15, St. Aloysius School celebrated its first all-school Mass of the 2019-20 school year. Father Randy Cuevas celebrated the Mass, which was facilitated by the 8th-grade students. Ken Thevenet accompanied the 6th-grade choir, directed by Beth Bordelon. Seventh- and 8th-graders served as cantors. The students and faculty were happy to share this celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption with parents and visiting parishioners. As with all of our all-school Masses, students brought food to support the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank.

STEWARDSHIP OF MINISTRY

We're All In!

*How is God inviting you
to express your faith?*

By Paula Acaldo

"How are you growing?" This question seems like one you would ask of a child. However, it is a question that we all should be asking of ourselves. Whether young or old, we need to grow in all facets of our lives, especially spiritually.

Stewardship gives us an opportunity to grow in our own spiritual journey. We are all called to be active in prayer, ministry and offering. Prayer is that essential communication with Christ which opens up the door to our spiritual lives. By opening up our hearts to Christ through prayer we can hear His call to ministry. How is He inviting you to express your faith?

The parish's stewardship theme for 2019-20 is, "We're All In at Aloysius!" Our faith community does a remarkable job extending the love of Christ to others through ministry. That is what we are all called to do – to share God's gifts and blessings with our world.

Members of the first-century Church "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to prayers. They would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need." In today's world, we do not need to give up everything, but to grow spiritually we do have to be *All In*. As a faith community we must come together in the common desire to share God's many blessings.

Christ never asked his disciples to do anything by themselves; he called them to minister together. Today that call is the same as it was over 2,000 years ago – to come together, to serve each other as well as to serve those who look to our faith community for comfort and spiritual assurance.

St. Aloysius needs you! For our parish ministry efforts to be successful, we need you to share your gifts and talents with our entire faith community. Most of all, God needs you!

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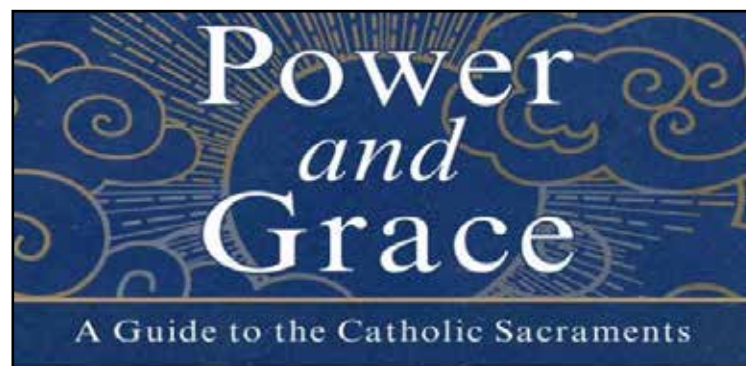
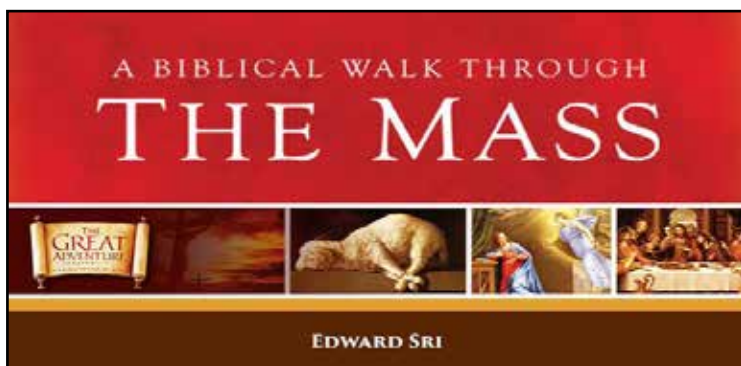
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Year 2 of Adult Formation Series ready to launch!

Our annual Adult Formation emphasis for 2019-20, "Experiencing God in Liturgical Life," will commence with two short, back-to-back studies starting the week of Sept. 15: "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" and "Power and Grace: A Guide to the Catholic Sacraments." Another study, "Psalms: The School of Prayer," is scheduled to begin in January.

In the Catechism, the Church teaches us that the Mass is "the source and summit" of the Christian life (CCC 1324) and that all the Sacraments are related to the Mass as their true fulfillment (CCC 1211). "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" will introduce the rich scriptural texture of each part of this sacred service, while "Power and Grace" will explore more broadly the riches of the sacramental life



through which God nourishes and perfects us. These studies include student workbooks and a weekly video presentation, available on DVD and online by logging on to the Ascension Press website. Video presenters include Edward Sri, Father Mark Toups, Father Josh Johnson and the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecelia in Nashville.

Registration forms are available through the parish office and online at church.aloysius.

org. The combined cost for both studies – "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" and "Power and Grace" – is \$25. On the registration form, participants will be asked to indicate their preferences for days and times to meet. Tell us when you're available, and we'll find a group for you.

In addition to these studies, several Sunday evening speakers will explore a variety of themes related to our Liturgical life. Following

the Sunday 5:30 p.m. Mass and a light supper, Olivia Gulino will consider "Liturgical Spirituality" on Sept. 22. Mark Christian and Ken Thevenet will delve into the Book of Psalms and its relation to Christ and the Liturgy on Oct. 20.

Make plans to participate in a study group and be present on these evenings as we sing and pray and think together about Experiencing God in Liturgical Life!

St. Aloysius Stephen Ministry to Sponsor Caregiving Event

- I was 17 when the care giving began for my Mom, who was diagnosed with breast cancer.
- My husband, daughter, son and I care for my 87-year-old mom and 89-year-old dad.
- It started in 2003, when I put my life on hold to take care of my mother.
- I am a caregiver of my son, who is an adult with epilepsy.
- I began at the age of 14, helping my mom care for my grandpa, who was paralyzed from his waist down and had Alzheimer's.
- I am a young mother of an autistic 4-year-old boy.



parent or grandparent-in-law. Nearly one in four caregivers spends 41 hours or more per week providing care. (2015 National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP)

For some individuals, caregiving might occur gradually over time. For others, it can happen in an instant. Henri Nouwen reminds us that "to care is to be present to those who suffer, and to stay present, even when nothing can be done to change their situation." Staying present, however, is an oftentimes difficult road to navigate in the journey of caregiving, with so many demands and challenges encountered by a caregiver. And, more so, having to face a loved one every day who is suffering from a chronic illness, disability or experiencing prolonged pain can strain the lifeblood of a caregiver.

The St. Aloysius Stephen Ministry is sponsoring an event for caregivers entitled, "A Caregiver's Journey," given by Dana Territo, one of the Stephen Ministry Leaders. The presentation will take place from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the parish library and is open to all caregivers – daughters, sons, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, parents, partners and friends. Territo will present ways to

manage day-to-day caregiving tasks, as well as giving tips and strategies for the caregiving journey. Additionally, participants will explore ways to make their caregiving roles a meaningful and loving experience, both for the caregiver and care recipient. Light refreshments will be served and there will be opportunities to network with other caregivers and support resources will be available.

The St. Aloysius Stephen Ministry is a confidential lay ministry that supplements pastoral care. The program teaches lay persons to provide one-on-one care to individuals facing a variety of crises or life challenges, such as hospitalization, chronic illness, job loss, grief, divorce, cancer, financial difficulties or other life struggles. They are trained to walk with the care receiver on their journey to healing.

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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Parish Hall gets updated projector system

By Melanie Forstall Lemoine

With so many exciting upgrades happening around our parish, it's no surprise that the technology in our Parish Hall just got a major upgrade, too. Under the direction and leadership of parish IT adviser and consultant Bert Lousteau, IT Committee member Cletus Robinson and IT Committee chairman Andy Thibodeaux, the Parish Hall has a new, state-of-the-art projector.

St. Aloysius Parish is a vibrant community and when it comes to the many social events, meetings, or learning opportunities offered, the Parish Hall is where many of these events happen. The previous projector was outdated, very dim and often difficult to see. An old incandescent bulb and low contrast levels made images look grayish and dull. "Presenters had to lower the lights so that the screen could be seen, which caused issues if the audience also wanted to take notes," Thibodeaux said.

Additionally, the previous projector wasn't compatible with today's technology. "The old equipment required users to utilize old adapters to connect to an increasingly diverse set of IT tools, and we had no ability to present from wireless equipment like phones or tablets," Lousteau said.

The IT Committee determined the parish had a need for a new projector and was tasked with finding the right fit for the parish. The committee participated in several demonstrations at various price points to see which would best fit the needs of our parish. According to Lousteau, "We determined which projector met our needs to improve upon the brightness, presentation options, and contrast ratio at a price point that would provide the most value per dollar spent by the parish." Their recommendation was presented to Fr. Randy for approval and was implemented.

Come be a part of Children's Church

Children's Church is held on most Sundays starting Sept. 15 in the Parish Hall during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses.

Children at Mass will be dismissed by the priest after a special blessing just before the Liturgy of the Word. They will return to the church just before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. No pre-registration is necessary.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: To find out about volunteering for Children's Church, visit signup.com/go/mEnHdNo (The link can also be found on the Parish's Facebook page and website) or contact: Tricia Greely at tgreely@staloysiusparish.com (225-343-6657) or Ann Michael Lagarde at annmichael@peterswealth.com.



Visit with Sister Teresa: A warm welcome in Spain

By Gay Hebert

June 14-16 were great days for Edie Boudreaux, Gay Hebert, Margy Loup and Markaye Latuso, who had the opportunity to visit with Sister Teresa Eceizabarrena in San Sebastian, Spain.

Sister Teresa is the last of the Daughters of Jesus who served at St. Aloysius for over 40 years. At age 93, she is strong and healthy and "sharp as a tack." There is a love that exudes from her that cannot be put into words. She fondly remembers her years at St. Aloysius and the many families who touched her life.

While visiting, the group also had the opportunity to visit with

Therese Azcue. Therese served as a sister at St. Aloysius and LSU during the 1960s and 70s. She has remained in close contact with the Daughters of Jesus. The group also visited with Sister Aranzazu, also known as Sister Maria. Sister Aranzazu spent time at St. Aloysius in the 1960s before her assignment to a school in North Carolina.

The travelers felt very welcomed by other members of the Daughters of Jesus, even though there was a language barrier. The love and joy of the Daughters of Jesus was very evident – words were not necessary. Sister Teresa has invited the group back in two years to celebrate her 95th birthday.

very special." This is why you see so many individuals in our parish who have been active in the same ministry for decades. When time is one of our most valuable gifts from God, to invest it in ministry is the best way for anyone to grow closer to Christ.

So if you're looking for a sign from God, here it is – this September get active in ministry by making your commitment. You may sign up online at <http://church.staloysius.org/stewardship/ministry/sign-up> or by visiting the parish office after Stewardship of Ministry Weekend on September 14-15.

On behalf of our entire faith community, thank you for being *All In at Aloysius!*



Music Makers a fun way for children to learn, play


Music Makers at St. Aloysius is a Mommy & Me program that meets informally once a week. In class, we love to encourage interaction among everyone. It's a great way to introduce your little ones to music, as well as to other children.

The class is also a fantastic avenue for mothers to meet and get to know one another. Each week we gather in a circle and lead the class through a set music playlist composed of educational and popular children's sing-along songs. Each song has a coordinating instrument that is used, but we encourage the children to have fun and be creative.


Whether the children are singing along, dancing around,

or gnawing on their musical instruments, our only goal is to get them involved and to have a wonderful time! Each child is assigned their own numbered bag that they will use throughout the year with their own set of sterilized instruments to ensure there is no sharing of germs.

Music Makers is fun for everyone and a great way to meet members of the St. Aloysius community! We meet throughout the school year at 9:30 am every Friday in Gonzaga Hall. There are only a few spots left for the 2019-2020 session, so if you would like to join in on our music fun, please send an email to musismakers.staloysius@gmail.com



St. Aloysius School BOOK FAIR



Wednesday, October 2
Grand Opening
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 3
8:00 am – 2:30 pm

Friday, October 4
8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sunday, October 6
10:00 am – 2:00 pm



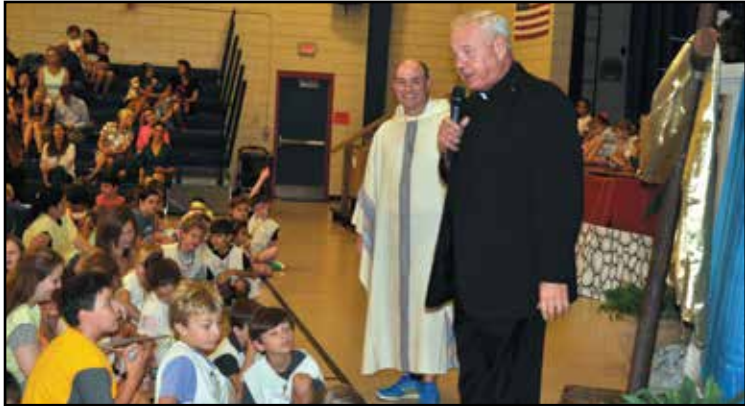
HOLY SMOKE

St. Aloysius Parishwide BBQ COMPETITION

SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 28, 2019
GATES OPEN AT 2:00 PM
\$10 PER ADULT - KIDS 12 & UNDER ARE FREE

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
OR CONTACT STEPHEN MAHER AT smaher@rittermaher.com

Vacation Bible School 2019



Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth!

Vacation Bible School, celebrated during the week of June 10-13, had more than 250 students participate, along with 100 junior volunteers and more than 100 adult leaders.

Many thanks to our leader Angela Sheets and everyone who helped make the week very special for all who attended. Our two service projects included the Brave Heart Program and the Missionaries of Charity at St. Agnes Catholic Church. The VBS children made binders for the

kids in the Braveheart Program to use as scrapbooks, and they donated money and toiletries to the Missionaries of Charity at St. Agnes to operate their soup kitchen and shelter.

Please save the date for VBS next year. It will be celebrated during the week of June 8. The theme will be Wilderness Escape Adventure: *An Exciting Journey with God's People, the Israelites, that brings God's Word to Life.*



SACCC students splash through summer!

The St. Aloysius Child Care Center has had a busy, fun-filled summer of 2019.

Sixty daycare children are moving on to pre-K, and an end-of-the-year party for the entire center was held to celebrate these graduates. Everyone enjoyed pizza, water slides, snowballs, cotton candy and hanging out with friends, new and old. Congratulations to these graduates as they continue in their education and faith-filled journeys.

During June, many new faces joined the center as everyone moved to their new classes and met new friends and teachers. Fathers were celebrated this month by enjoying Donuts for Dad. June themes included learning about the ocean and beach and celebrating the birthday of Eric Carle, author of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and many other beloved children's books.

July was a busy month of learning about outer space and camping and celebrating Inde-



pendence Day. Children created galactic juice, made s'mores and had fun with flashlights in tents. Weekly splash days and visits from the ice cream truck kept everyone cool during the hot days. Pajama and movie days were a welcome treat at the center, too.

With summer winding down, August began with a new curriculum, including learning about A, B and C, show-and-tell, and circle time. The center looks forward to cooler weather, team spirit days, and Halloween parties this fall!

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2019-2020

Available to all families with elementary-age children at all Masses



The book includes:

- The Gospel for each Sunday Mass
- Short reflections on the Sunday Gospel
- Prompts for conversation with your children
- Suggested family activities
- Index of everyday family prayers

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families is the perfect resource for those looking to enrich their family's life of faith. Simple and approachable, this book is designed to guide even the busiest families to more fully integrate the Sunday Gospel into their everyday lives. Use the resource in your car, at the dinner table, or before bedtime!

For more information, contact Tricia Greely, director of Children Formation, or Mark Christian, director of Adult Formation



Father Randy Cuevas, Pastor,
the St Aloysius Welcoming Committee,
and the Knights of Columbus
Cordially invite you and your family
to a Brunch honoring
New Parishioners
on

Sunday, September 15, 2019
In the Cafeteria following the 9 am Mass

RSVP by September 9
Contact Leslie Edwards at
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*Please include number attending