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## See y'all at the Fair!

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2022 Parish Fair chairs

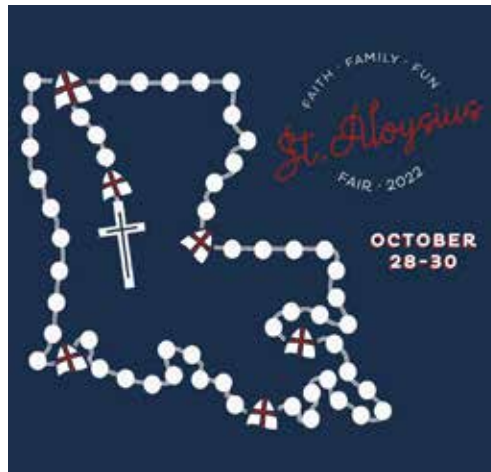
The St. Aloysius Parish Fair returns Oct. 28-30 and we can't wait to share this exciting weekend with our St. Aloysius Family.

We are honored to serve as the fair chairs this year. This weekend is an amazing opportunity to spend time with families, friends and the parish commu-

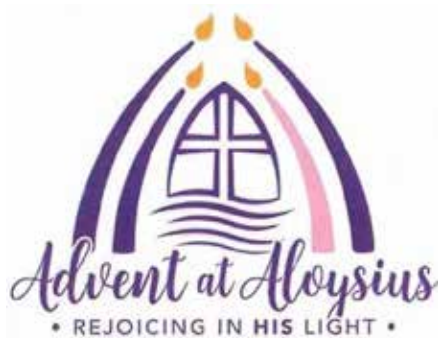
nity. We want to thank the Fair Committee for the hard work and long hours over the past year to ensure that this year's fair is a success.

Please connect with us for all the fair details, including the weekend entertainment lineup, sponsorship information, event schedules, volunteering opportunities, the Fair Store and much more.

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Parish Fair chairs Tuan and Allison Pham and family.



## Save the Date! Advent at Aloysius

Thursday, Dec. 1

5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Advent at Aloysius starts with the illumination of Crepe Myrtle Alley with Christmas lights!

## Upcoming study opportunity at St. Aloysius

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians addresses many of the same topics that appear in the news headlines today: scandals, promiscuity, debates and controversies, and issues related to prosperity versus poverty. Clearly, the struggles faced by the early Christians are in many ways like our own. Paul's messages to the Corinthians about divisions, immorality, persecution, and other trials offer much-needed wisdom for our own times.

"*First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community*" explores the key elements of the Gospel message that Paul introduced to a new and growing Church. Presenter Tim Gray examines Paul's advice for living an authentic Christian life in a pagan culture as well as his teachings about the nature of grace, the Church as the Body of Christ, and the most powerful gift of all, the Eucharist.

This next installment in our ongoing series of "Great Adventure Bible Studies" from Ascension Press will begin in mid-January. To register, visit the Study page on the St. Aloysius website: <https://www.aloysius.org/spiritual-growth-study>. Registration is due by Dec. 15 to ensure that all materials are available to begin by mid-January. For more information, contact Mark Christian at [mchristian@staloysiusparish.com](mailto:mchristian@staloysiusparish.com)

EXPLORE HOW TO LIVE AS A CHRISTIAN IN THE MIDST OF A PAGAN CULTURE IN

## First Corinthians

AN 11-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING  
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# School News: 8th-graders attend 'Come, Lord Jesus' retreat

The eighth-graders at St. Aloysius School participate in a weekly small-group program called "Come, Lord Jesus." This program is made possible because of the leadership of Jennifer Usher and Lissa Weston and the dedication of 32 volunteers. These volunteers give up one hour every Tuesday to spend time with their eighth-grade groups. They also spend untold hours preparing their group discussions by reading the upcoming Sunday's Gospel and making plans with their co-leaders.

The students began this year's program with participation in a mini-retreat during their religion class time on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Before the class came to Gonzaga Hall, Ms. Usher and Ms. Weston took time to prepare the leaders for the activities.

Students entering the atrium of Gonzaga Hall were led through a series of fun icebreaker activities, then given an explanation of the history of the "Come, Lord Jesus" program and an outline of the structure of a typical meeting day.

At the end of the activities came the moment of truth, students were given a clue to answer their two biggest questions – Who is in my small group? Who will be my leaders? Students were given a personalized journal. Inside the cover was a quote from the Bible. Students with the same quote gathered and then went on a search through



the meeting rooms to find the leaders with the same quote. After a few riotous moments, students and leaders were united. They were able to get acquainted and pray together for the first of what will be many times this school year.

## SAS remembers Lt. Scott Lamana

On Sept. 11, 2001, Lieutenant Michael Scott Lamana, an alum of St. Aloysius School, lost his life when terrorists flew a jet plane into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The school recognizes his sacrifice each year by flying a special American flag donated to the school in Scott's honor.

This year, Scott's father, Mr. Mike Lamana, and his sister, Mrs. Andi Chatelain, joined the eighth-grade students for the special ceremony on Monday, Sept. 12. An honor guard of sev-

enth- and eighth-grade students, led by seventh-grade teacher and Army veteran Ms. Brandi Matthis, carried the flag from the general school assembly to the flagpole plaza in front of the school office. The honor guard solemnly unfolded the flag and raised it to full staff. Ms. Matthis gave a short explanation of the significance of the ritual. Then the honor guard lowered the flag to half-staff.

Father Nutan Minj, associate pastor, led the assembled group in prayer. The ceremony concluded with everyone reciting

the Pledge of Allegiance. Scott's flag was flown throughout the school day. At the end of the day, the honor guard returned to the flagpole to lower the flag and fold it. The flag was then returned to its place of honor in the school office.

## Second-graders donate art supplies

The second-graders joined forces recently to sponsor a drive to collect art supplies for Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital. The second-graders encouraged the rest of the school to donate crayons, coloring books, activity books, markers and other art supplies. These supplies will be given to children who are patients in the hospital and to family members who are visiting them.

The collection began with the students being introduced to the project by their religion teacher, Ms. Jo Gomez. The students then colored posters advertising the dates of the collection. Collection boxes were placed on the stage of the Old Gym. On Thursday, Sept.

15, Mrs. Kleiner's homeroom class stayed in the gym after assembly to help sort the many items that had been collected.

On Friday, Sept. 16, representatives of the Junior League of Baton Rouge came to speak to the second-graders and pick up the donations. Jessica Guinn Johnson, Danelle Miller and Lakhetha Walker explained their program and thanked the students for their help. They answered questions from the interested students. At the end of the talk, Mrs. Kelley Thompson's class stayed to help with one final sorting of collected items.

Then, the second-graders assisted with loading the items into cars. Their helping hands made things move quickly. The items were organized and stored in the hospital. The final tally was 182 packs of crayons and coloring tools, 152 coloring books and activity books, as well as several large bags of loose crayons. A message to the St. Aloysius community from the Junior League, "Thank y'all so much! Our hearts and storage cabinets are overflowing!"

## St. Aloysius Men's Club 2022-2023

### Why Join the Men's Club

- Get to know other men within our St. Aloysius Church community
- Service opportunities to serve both St. Aloysius and the surrounding area
- Participate in discussions regarding our Catholic Faith
- No time commitment or pressure... attend as many or as few events as you choose

**YES! I Want to Join / Renew my Membership**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Membership Dues - \$30.00**

**In order to complete your registration, please send Membership Dues to:**

**St. Aloysius Men's Club**  
 1817 S Columbine St, Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
 (Or drop off at the Parish Office)

## St. Aloysius Men's Club 2022-2023 Socials

### STEAK NIGHT

Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall  
 Enjoy ice cold beer and steak dinner

### ADVENT DINNER & DISCUSSION

Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall  
 Italian dinner and guest speaker leading a discussion about Advent and our Catholic faith  
 \*\*\* Bring your favorite bottle of wine to share \*\*\*

### GUNS N ROSARIES

Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am at Bridge View Gun Club  
 2nd Annual sporting clay shoot

### LENT DINNER & DISCUSSION

Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall  
 Dinner and guest speaker leading a discussion about Lent and our Catholic faith

### COUPLES CRAWFISH BOIL

Friday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Old Gym  
 Crawfish and ice cold beer!

*Additional details will be emailed closer to the event dates*

# Fair, From Page 1

- Website: [www.staloy-siusfair.org](http://www.staloy-siusfair.org)
- Instagram: @staloy-sius-FUNdraising
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/staloy-siusbr-fundraising](http://www.facebook.com/staloy-siusbr-fundraising)
- Email: [st.aloy-sius.fair.br@gmail.com](mailto:st.aloy-sius.fair.br@gmail.com)

We are excited to share several new events and activities this year, as well as fan favorites such as the Friday night fish fry; Bingo and other games; face painting; Sunday BBQ chicken lunch; Sunday brunch; and rides on the fairgrounds.

We appreciate this opportunity to serve our church and our community and we thank you for your continued support of the annual fair. We look forward to spending time with you Oct. 28-30.

## Events & Attractions

**Mass on the Fairgrounds:** Sunday, Oct. 30, 9 a.m. Mass will be held outside on the fairgrounds. Come celebrate Mass with your St. Aloysius Community.

**LSU Gospel Choir Kicks Off Sunday Brunch on the Fairgrounds:** The LSU Gospel Choir will continue our Sunday celebration by kicking off our Sunday brunch-themed day. Please join us as we come together as a community to kick off the last day of the fair.

**New Ride Company:** A new, local ride company will be bringing lots of new, exciting rides for all ages.

**Fair Store:** Visit the Fair Store online to pre-purchase all-access ride bands, ride tickets, food/beverage/game tickets, fish fry plates, BBQ chicken plates and family tents. Merchandise with the St. Aloysius logo can also be purchased via the Fair Store and includes 2022 fair t-shirts, caps, visors, Dri-Fit polos (men and women), long-sleeved wicking tees, stainless steel water bottles, tumblers, beanies, fleece blankets, vests and Aloysius spirit gear. Visit [www.staloy-siusfair.org/store](http://www.staloy-siusfair.org/store).

**Family Tents:** A family tent is the perfect place to set up a "home base" with your kids on the football field. Please remember, outside food, drinks and ice chests are not allowed, as the fair is a fundraiser for our parish.

**Geaux Zone & Game Booths:** This year's Geaux Zone and Game Booth Village will have unique challenge games and game booths for children (and adults) of all ages. Sign up to volunteer at the game booth or the Geaux Zone. The Fair Game Booths and Geaux Zone are perfect places to challenge a friend. Children of all ages can participate and receive a prize or tickets from the Geaux Zone and Game Booth. Kids can then use the tickets for prizes throughout the weekend.

**Sweet Shop:** Everyone enjoys a special treat from the Sweet Shop during the weekend and the



popular sweet shop will be open in the Old Gym during the Fair weekend. The Sweet Shop sells all types of baked goods, candy and other treats. Don't forget the Cake Walk – everyone's favorite. Volunteers are needed to donate homemade cakes and treats for the fair. Donation drop-off will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 28, in the Old Gym parking lot. Please ensure that items are individually packaged, and label baked items that contain nuts and/or nut butter. Sign up on the website.

**Come Hungry:** There will be no shortage of delicious food and beverage items at this year's fair. The weekend will kick off with a fish fry on Friday night. Please join us in the cafeteria to enjoy fresh fried fish and fellowship. Enjoy great eats all weekend from Serops, Superior, City Pork and some special surprises from our Knights of Columbus. On Saturday and Sunday, we will be serving our full fair menu. Our Sunday menu will include BBQ chicken, along with grits and grillades and pancake breakfasts prepared by the KCs. Food and beverage tickets can be purchased prior to the Fair through the online store or during the Fair from the ticket sales booth.

**And Thirsty:** Drink options throughout the weekend include soft drinks, water, sports drinks, kids' drinks, domestic and international beers, wine (by the glass

or bottle) and margaritas from Superior. The winning drink of the Holy Smoke Cocktail Contest will also be featured this weekend. Food and beverage tickets can be purchased prior to the Fair through the online store or during the Fair from the ticket sales booth.

**Whole-Home Generator Raffle:** Enter for your chance to win a whole-home Generac generator, including Baton Rouge-area installation, generously donated by Generator Supercenter. \$50 reserves your chance for the grand prize. The drawing will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30. Raffle tickets can be purchased through the online store, outside church following 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses on Oct. 9 (cash, check, or card), or during the fair weekend. Only 600 tickets will be sold, so get yours soon.

**50/50 Raffle:** Need another chance to win? \$20 reserves your chance to split the pot. The drawing will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30. Raffle tickets can be purchased through the online store, outside church following 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses on Oct. 9 (cash, check, or card), or during the fair weekend. Only 500 tickets will be sold, so get yours soon.

## Prize Booth Donations Needed

The prize booth needs gently used or new stuffed animals of

all sizes and varieties. We have noticed that kids love the bigger stuffed animals, so we welcome those as well. Toys, contained within plastic bags, are being accepted at the Pastoral Services Center. Now that kids are back in school and you are cleaning out their closets and toy chests, please consider donating to the fair.

## Entertainment

The weekend wouldn't be complete without entertainment from some awesome bands on the main stage. Southside Roosters kicks off the weekend with a performance at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28. And make sure to hang around for Parish County Line at 8 p.m. Throughout the day on Saturday, enjoy tunes from The Non-Chalant Victims, David St. Romain, Blue Crab Redemption, Werewolf and Blue Verse. Bring your dancing shoes.

## Special Needs

The St. Aloysius Parish Fair welcomes all visitors and prepares the fairground to accommodate guests with special needs. Fairgoers driving to the St. Aloysius Fair with authorized handicapped parking tags or license plates may park their vehicles within the grounds. The paved lot located on the east side of the church, where vehicles enter the grounds at Stuart Ave. and Orchid St., will have reserved handicapped spots.

In addition, a limited number of parking spaces for people with special needs and who have the proper hanging tags or license plates are available in the west school parking lot in front of the old gymnasium. This lot is accessible from Mimosa Street. People with special needs may park in any other lot open to the public.

## Fair Committee

The men and women who are crucial to the execution of the fun weekend have committed much of their time and energy to make this year the best yet. Thank you to the committee chairs for all your hard work, wonderful ideas and energetic spirit. Thank you to the parish and school staff who work tirelessly to make sure this weekend filled with Family, Faith, and Fun.

## Thank You, Volunteers!

Thanks to all who volunteer to help make the St. Aloysius Parish Fair a success. If you are interested in volunteering for a shift, please visit the Sign-Up Genius via the website. The website will allow you to see available shift times and locations, requirements for the shift and other information you may need. By entering your contact information, the website will also send you a reminder email with the time of your shift.