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## St. Aloysius in Action

### Parish serves those affected by hurricanes

By Tyler Waggenpack

St. Aloysius has stepped up to the plate several times when our neighbors in Southwest Louisiana in the Diocese of Lake Charles needed it most. One example was cooking and serving hot meals for the parishioners of St. Theodore Catholic Church in Moss Bluff, a community just north of Lake Charles.

"We're just thankful that we have a lot of blessings here at the Church," said Father Andrew DeRouen, parochial vicar of St. Theodore, "and we have so much help from Baton Rouge and some of the other dioceses around the state."

St. Theodore was damaged when Hurricane Laura made land-fall in late August as a strong Category 4 storm. The church was also affected by Hurricane Delta, a Category 2 storm that moved through Southwest Louisiana in early October, just several miles east of Moss Bluff. As for Laura, it dealt a punch to the church, including roof damage that caused water

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St. Aloysius parishioners prepare barbecue chicken meals to serve to those affected by hurricanes in Southwest Louisiana.

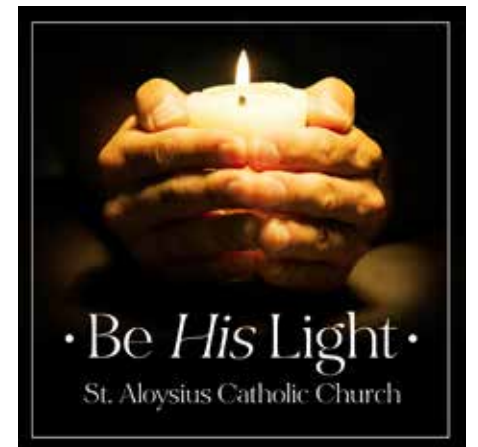


Members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 3743 at St. Aloysius, cook barbecue chicken dinners for St. Theodore parishioners in Lake Charles.

### Hurricane Relief

Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$33,710.64 from both online and in-person contributions, which is being used to help our friends affected by Hurricane Laura. Read about St. Aloysius' hurricane relief efforts:

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## To hear His voice clearly

### Stewardship of prayer provides spiritual boost

During the first week of Advent, as part of the Stewardship of Prayer, parishioners will receive a letter from Father Randy about prayer, an important element of spiritual stewardship. The letter will include a prayer commitment card containing a variety of prayer methods that each parishioner can pledge to incorporate in his or her prayer life. Regardless of how we each choose to pray, God grants us many opportunities to seek his help and direction throughout each day.

The very first Psalm reminds us that "Blessed is the man... [for whom] the law of the Lord is his joy; and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted near streams of water, that yields its fruit in season; its leaves never wither; whatever he does prospers." (Psalm 1: 1-3). Let us root ourselves through daily prayer so that we, too, may yield spiritual fruit. Sallie Latkovich, CSJ, wrote this beautiful prayer that highlights how prayer can nourish our lives:

*"Come, Lord Jesus.  
I open my mind and heart and soul,  
and long for You to be born anew  
in me."*

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# Celebrate Christmas safely either in person or virtually

Dear St. Aloysius family,  
We pray and hope Christ's coming and birth during this season of joy fills your homes, especially throughout these trying times. We thank God for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us, including the opportunities to worship as a community together through the phased reopening of our Church and bringing the Mass to you virtually through the internet.

As we approach the holidays, you'll see our scheduled Masses for Christmas and other holy feast days. Due to the ongoing

COVID-19 pandemic, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, including Christmas Day, still applies.

If attending Mass in-person, we ask that you review the guidelines we have in place for your safety and the safety of others. The guidelines can be found on the main page of our website at [alloysius.org](https://www.aloysius.org).

We also encourage those who cannot come to campus in-person for any Mass to virtually attend via our livestream on our website at [alloysius.org](https://www.aloysius.org)/livestream or on our Facebook

page at <https://www.facebook.com/StAloysiusCatholicChurch>

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you throughout this holiday season. Let us rejoice in the birth of our Savior!

*"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Luke 2:10-12*

## Giving Tree a little different this year

For more than 25 years, the St. Aloysius Parish Social Responsibility Committee has sponsored the Giving Tree during the Advent season. As our focus turns to Christmas and Christmas shopping, the Giving Tree provides a way for parishioners to help those in need within our community.

This year has been especially challenging for many people, and the needs of the organizations who serve our community are very real. The St. Aloysius family has always been incredibly generous, and we are thankful for your support.

Due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, we will not have physical ornaments this year. Our Giving Tree organization information and requested items will be listed online only.

Sign-ups are needed for the Children of Prisoners and the Holy Grill Kids in order to provide gifts for them. You can sign up using the links provided in the booklet. Sign-ups for items for other organizations are not required.

Collections began Nov. 21st. Please place your UNWRAPPED gifts in the decorated boxes under the paintings

of Mary with baby Jesus and the Baptism of Jesus near the wooden exit doors in the rear of the church before Dec. 13.

Since there will be no physical ornaments this year, we have included a link in the booklet with pictures that you can print out and decorate for your Christmas tree. Please send a picture of your creations to [staloysius-givingtree@gmail.com](mailto:staloysius-givingtree@gmail.com) so we can share them on social media!

Please contact Arline Mistretta at [staloysiusgivingtree@gmail.com](mailto:staloysiusgivingtree@gmail.com) or 225-975-8514 with any questions.

Merry Christmas!

## Adult and not Confirmed? Applications now available

The Sacrament of Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism, more perfectly binds one to the Church, and enriches one with a special strength of the Holy Spirit.

Are you a baptized Catholic who has received the Sacraments of First Communion and First Reconciliation, is out of high school, but has not been confirmed? Contact Deacon

Chauvin by e-mail at [cwilkinson@staloysiusparish.com](mailto:cwilkinson@staloysiusparish.com). He will send you an application packet which should be completed and returned before Jan. 18, 2021.

Adult Confirmation classes will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Feb. 8, Feb. 22, March 8, March 22, April 5, April 19 and May 3. For now, only virtual meetings can be planned.

If circumstances permit, registrants will be informed that the meetings will be conducted in-person.

Your sponsor must be a confirmed and practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. Tentatively, the Rite of Confirmation with Bishop Duca is planned for 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral on May 23, 2021.

## Holy Days & Holiday Mass Schedule:

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4 PM – Simultaneous Masses – \* Church & Old Gym

6:30 PM

11 PM

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day

7 AM, \*9 AM, 11 AM

Saturday, December 26, Vigil, Feast of the Holy Family

\*4:30 PM

Sunday, December 27, Feast of the Holy Family

7 AM, \*9 AM, 11 AM, 5:30 PM

Thursday, December 31, Vigil, Feast of Mary, Mother of God

\*4 PM

Friday, January 1, Feast of Mary, Mother of God

7 AM, \*9 AM, 11 AM

Saturday, January 2, Vigil, Feast of the Epiphany

\*4:30 PM

Sunday, January 3, Feast of the Epiphany

7 AM, \*9 AM, 11 AM, 5:30 PM

## Regular Mass Schedule

SATURDAY

\*Vigil 4:30 PM

SUNDAY

7 AM, \*9 AM, 11 AM & 5:30 PM

DAILY MASSES

Monday & Wednesday, 6 AM

Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 8 AM

This \* denotes Mass is livestreamed via our website at [alloysius.org/livestream](https://www.aloysius.org/livestream) or on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/StAloysiusCatholicChurch](https://www.facebook.com/StAloysiusCatholicChurch)

CONFESSIONS: Monday and Wednesday after 6 AM Mass; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:30 AM - 8 AM; Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (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 AM - 3:30 PM

NURSERY/CHILDCARE CENTER: For information, phone 343-1338, 7 AM - 5:30 PM 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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## Action, From Page 1

intrusion, damaging the pews and carpet floor. The stained-glass window above the building was also blown out. The extent of the damage temporarily forced the cancellation of Masses, but they have slowly resumed.

"Our parishioners have been able to come back to be part of a community again, and so we're thankful for that," said Father DeRouen.

St. Aloysius adopted St. Theodore as one of two parishes in the Diocese of Lake Charles for relief efforts; the other being Sacred

Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. At St. Theodore, St. Aloysius parishioners spent a Saturday in late October cooking and serving roughly 385 barbecue chicken meals. Cars lined the parking lot of St. Theodore for its parishioners to have a nice hot meal for the day.

"Thank you to all of the parishioners at St. Aloysius in Baton Rouge. You have my warmest welcome to any of you who want to come visit, but most especially, my gratitude," said Father DeRouen.



*"We're just thankful that we have a lot of blessings here at the church, and we have so much help."*

~ Father Andrew DeRouen, parochial vicar



## Hurricane Laura supply drive

During St. Aloysius' "drive-thru" supply drive in September, parishioners dropped off bottled water, paper towels, toilet paper, bleach, buckets and more in the parking lot near the Pastoral Services Center. Volunteers collected and organized the items, then shipped them to the Baton Rouge Catholic Charities Office where they were temporarily stored. The Catholic Charities Office then delivered them to the Lake Charles area for distribution for hurricane victims needing these supplies.



## Holy Smoke BBQ crews serve Lake Charles parish

By Tyler Waggenpack

Although our annual Holy Smoke BBQ competition couldn't be held this year, St. Aloysius still found a way to cook delicious barbecue while serving the Lake Charles community, an area hit hard by Hurricane Laura in late August.

Members of the Holy Smoke crew spent a Saturday morning in September serving hot meals to members of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church Parish & School. Fourteen teams consisting of 50 volunteers contributed either by cooking pork shoulders or serving the meals.

The pork shoulders were cooked to make pulled-pork sandwiches. Hungry parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Heaven eagerly waited to grab a plate. The meals were delivered drive-thru style with a long line of vehicles stretching through the parking lot and all the way down the road. More than 1,200 pulled-pork sandwiches were given away in 90 minutes!

As another bonus, the Holy Smoke crew raised \$2,645 through Holy Smoke 2020 T-shirt sales with the proceeds going toward Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana.

## Stewardship, From Page 1

*Help me to experience Your presence within me, and to allow You to touch the earth through me. Amen."*

In order for us to "Be His Light," we need to be able to

hear His voice clearly. Cultivating an active prayer life helps us to do this. Let us all work to grow our prayer practices in the coming year so that we can "Be His Light" in every area of our lives.



# Confirmed in Christ







## St. Aloysius Confirmation Candidates 2020

Ryleigh Rose Allen  
Evan Aubrey Antilley  
John Carter Appleton  
Katherine Graves Appleton  
Catherine Madison Arms  
Caroline Elise Aycock  
Gray Wesley Barrow, II  
Avery Claire Bateman  
Mary Clare Beacham  
Matthew Glenn Bohan  
Grant Chapman Bollinger  
Stewart Landry Bonnecaze  
Caroline Kirkland Boone  
Emma Rose Bordelon  
Ronald Vincent Boshea\*  
Andrew Bradford Bourq  
Paul Benjamin Bourgeois  
James Theodore Bourgoyne  
Katherine Simone Boyce  
Kade Joseph Breaux  
Hannah Catherine Broome  
Luke Michael Broussard  
Cameron Mason Brown  
Remley Parker Brown  
Anna Virginia Broyles  
Jacie Renee Budd  
Katherine Anne Calegan  
Lillian Grace Cambias  
Olivia Caroline Cangelosi  
Gino Philip Canizaro  
Ethan Henry Carmouche  
Emily Marie Carpenter  
Giancarlo Enrique Carreras  
Liam Nicholas Carruth  
Chandler Elise Collins  
Brennan Erick Comeaux  
Peggy Marie Cotton  
David Anthony Cresson, Jr  
Grace Anne Crifasi

\*confirmed 3-30-13

Jacob Paul Dantin  
Lucy Nicole DeBosier  
John Laville Delaune  
Alexis Aita deQueiroz  
Benjamin Wallace Eagleton  
Ashton Michael Ellis  
Gayle Gibson Ellzey  
Perri Lorraine Evans  
Grace Catherine Fabre  
Reese Alexandra Favaloro  
Alexander Cole Fluker  
Patrick Joseph Funes  
Madeline Kate Gardiner  
Benjamin Scott Godail  
Ainslie Anders Goulas  
Anne Sconyers Guglielmo  
Carson Thomas Guinn  
Hollan Noel Hatzis  
James William Helm  
Hap Merrick Heroman  
Lucy Caroline Hodges  
Olivia Leigh Hotstream  
McKinley Elizabeth Howard  
Shaan Robert Jindal  
Madeline Grace Joffrion  
Chloe Marie Khuri  
Aidan Vincent Lambert  
Austin James Lantz  
Samuel Robert Larson  
Lexi Lyn Lauff  
Alexander Davis Lauve  
Charles Davis Lauve  
Katherine Eileen Leake  
Britton Cole LeBlanc  
Madeleine Mae LeBoeuf  
Ava Marie Lemoine  
Isabella Joan Lemoine  
Lillian Margaret Leonard  
Benjamin Edward Limbocker  
Gerard Keith Lorio  
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Liam Joseph Songne  
Ryan Walker Stanford  
Pablo Rafael Staub  
Sarah Merritt Stenhouse  
Anyia Ruth Stuart  
Harrison Grey Thomas  
Caroline Kate Tucker  
Mary Elliott Turner  
Ava Manuel Ventress  
Hayden Richard Viguerie  
Laurel Ann Viguerie  
Andrew Stephen Vuljoin  
Elizabeth Eloise Waguespack  
Ava Olivia Welborn  
Millie Claire Weston  
Madison Colette Wharton  
Riley Clare White  
Eli Charles Williamson  
Wesley David Woodward  
Paula Ryan Zapata  
Maeve Elisabeth Zelden





# Briefs

## SAS Prayer Partners meet new challenges

For many years, St. Aloysius School's Prayer Partner program has paired eighth-graders with second-graders and seventh-graders with first-graders for classroom activities and as seating partners for All School Masses.

The 2020-21 school year has brought challenges to the program, and the Prayer Partner program is currently practicing social distancing.

Instead of meeting in person, eighth- and seventh-grade students wrote letters of introduction to their partners. Included with each letter was a hand-decorated cloth mask for the first- and second-graders to wear.

Second-graders responded by creating Halloween book-marks for their eighth-grade partners.

All faculty and students long for the day when different grade levels will once again be able to visit in person. Until then, our Prayer Partners will write to each other and, of course, pray for each other.



At left, second-graders Landon Edwards, Sam Hebert and Charlotte Holliday model their masks made by their eighth-grade Prayer Partners. Right, seventh-grader Drew Prieto shows the mask he made for his first-grade Prayer Partner.



## First Reconciliation, Eucharist reminders

Due to COVID-19 concerns, and in the interest of protecting our children and the safety of their families, we will not be offering our First Reconciliation Afternoon of Reflection and Parent Meeting in-person presentation on Jan. 24. We are also canceling the First Reconciliation Communal Service on Feb. 6. In its place, we have recorded a First Reconciliation Afternoon of Reflection and Parent Meeting Video, which was recently

emailed to our second-grade families.

For their First Reconciliation, St. Aloysius second-grade students will go to confession by class during their school day. The Parish School of Religion (PSR) second-grade class will go to confession as a class at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The First Eucharist Afternoon of Reflection and Parent Meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 21. First Eucharist Weekend is scheduled for May 1-2. Note that if COVID-19 concerns are in place, these

dates and times may change.

Parents are required to complete the First Reconciliation/Eucharist Registration Form. For more information, please contact Tricia Greely at [tgreely@staloyusparish.com](mailto:tgreely@staloyusparish.com) or at 225-343-6657.

## Infant Baptism info available online

Parents interested in having their young child or infant baptized should go to [www.aloy-sius.org](http://www.aloy-sius.org) and click on to "Sacraments" to review the Infant

Baptism Policy. The Baptismal Information Form should be sent to Tricia Greely at [tgreely@staloyusparish.com](mailto:tgreely@staloyusparish.com) or delivered to the Pastoral Services Center either by hand or in the mail.

Sponsors must be confirmed, practicing Catholics in good standing in the Catholic Church and are required to submit a completed Baptismal Sponsor Certificate signed by a priest in the parish where he/she is registered. Please return this form by e-mail or fax to 225-344-6847.

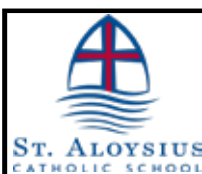
Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, all Baptisms at St. Aloysius are being scheduled outside of the Mass. Please contact Tricia Greely at the church office at [tgreely@staloyusparish.com](mailto:tgreely@staloyusparish.com) or at 225 343-6657 to schedule a Baptism. Visit [www.aloyus.org](http://www.aloyus.org) to view and complete the Online Baptismal Seminar.

## Parish School of Religion registration now open

It is not too late to register for PSR for students in grades first through sixth. For more information, please contact Tricia Greely at [tgreely@staloyusparish.com](mailto:tgreely@staloyusparish.com) or at 225 343-6657.



**ST. ALOYSIUS**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## Admission Policy and Criteria

St. Aloysius School admits all qualified students regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, or national origin. St. Aloysius School complies with Diocesan Guidelines for admission of students as stated in the Handbook of Policies for the Schools of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. All students presently enrolled at St. Aloysius School in Pre-K through seventh grade will be given first priority for admission for the next school year. Due to the possibility of limited space, newly entering students will be accepted to St. Aloysius School according to the following criteria:

### Criteria for Acceptance

\*Note that an "active" St. Aloysius parishioner is defined as one identifiably participating in all phases of Church parish stewardship: Prayer, Offering, and Ministry. Minimally, "Stewardship of Prayer" means regularly being part of the worshipping faith community at Sunday and Holy Day Masses. "Stewardship of Offering" means regularly, consistently, and identifiably contributing to Sunday church support and/or building fund collections through the use of stewardship envelopes, automatic bank draft, or bank-by-mail, according to financial ability. "Stewardship of Ministry" means active and identifiable involvement in a Church parish ministry of service.

Students are accepted to St. Aloysius School based on space availability and the following prioritized criteria for Pre-K through 8th Grade:

1. Children (baptized Catholics) whose parents are registered active parishioners\* of St. Aloysius Church, living within the territorial boundaries of St. Aloysius Parish, with children presently enrolled. Children of employees of St. Aloysius Parish, School, or Child Care Center.
2. Children (baptized Catholics) whose parents are registered active parishioners\* of St. Aloysius Church, living outside the territorial boundaries of St. Aloysius Parish, with children presently enrolled.
3. Children (baptized Catholics) whose parents are registered active parishioners\* of St. Aloysius Church, living within the territorial boundaries of St. Aloysius Parish, with no children presently enrolled.
4. Children (baptized Catholics) whose parents are registered active parishioners\* of St. Aloysius Church, living outside the territorial boundaries of St. Aloysius Parish, with no children presently enrolled.
5. Children (baptized Catholics) whose parents are registered but are not active parishioners\* of St. Aloysius Church. (Follows the order above 1-4.)
6. Children (baptized Catholics) from out-of-parish Catholic families with siblings presently enrolled in St. Aloysius School.
7. Children (baptized Catholics) from out-of-parish Catholic families with no siblings presently enrolled in St. Aloysius School.
8. Children of non-Catholic families, who allow their children to participate in the school's religion program.

\*\*If all criteria are met equally and there is limited space, the child applying from the St. Aloysius Child Care Center will be given priority. The St. Aloysius School Pre-K Program was created to bridge the gap between pre-school and kindergarten for our parishioners involved in this ministry, and we will honor that commitment.

### Entrance Requirements

1. A child must be four years old on or before September 30 of the year entering preschool.
2. A child must be five years old on or before September 30 of the year entering kindergarten.
3. A child must be six years old on or before September 30 of the year entering first grade.

### Pre-K & Kindergarten Entrance Requirements

Pre-K: Child must be four years old on or before September 30 of the year entering Pre-K. The school reserves the right to contact and obtain a recommendation from the child's previous caregiver/childcare center. Possible pre-screening will take place based on recommendation from previous childcare and/or based on child's age. This is to ensure proper placement for your child and to reduce the possibility of retention.

Note that in an effort to meet the needs of our growing parish families, the St. Aloysius Child Care Center will offer a 4-year old program for children who are ready for the academics of Pre-K but need the gift of time and a smaller setting. This is also an option for those parents needing full-day care as well as a year-round option. Placement into either the School's Pre-K or K following the Child Care Center's 4-year old program will be a joint determination between St. Aloysius Child Care Center and St. Aloysius School, to ensure success of the child.

K: Child must be five years old on or before September 30 of the year entering Kindergarten. The school reserves the right to contact and obtain a recommendation from the child's previous child care center. Possible pre-screening will take place based on recommendation from previous child care and/or based on child's age. This is to ensure proper placement for your child and to reduce the possibility of retention.

Rev. Randy M. Cuevas, Pastor

Erin G. Candilora, Principal

"Educating the whole child in the Catholic tradition for a life of meaning and purpose."

## New Student Application Period

December 1, 2020 - January 13, 2021

Apply Online at  
[School.aloyus.org/Admissions](http://School.aloyus.org/Admissions)

### 2020-2021 Application Process

Tuesday, December 1, 2020  
Application Period Opens

Wednesday, January 13, 2021  
Application Period Closes

Saturday, January 23, 2021  
New Applicant Screening

Tuesday, February 9, 2021  
Acceptance Letters Emailed and Mailed

Friday, February 12, 2021  
New Student Registration Due

### You will need the following items to apply:

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Baptismal Certificate
- Official Immunization Record
- Education/Psychological Evaluations (if applicable)
- Prior Report Cards and Standardized Test Scores (Grades 1-8, if applicable)
- St. Aloysius Parish Church ID Number



### Questions :

Contact us at  
**225-383-3871**  
or email us at  
[admissions@aloyus.org](mailto:admissions@aloyus.org)





# SAS students contribute to hurricane relief

Lelia Himmel began the summer of 2020 with a plan to create a lemonade stand on her street. This is not such an unusual occurrence. Many fourth-graders like to run lemonade stands to earn money. What made Lelia's stand special is that she did not plan to keep her profits for herself. Lelia knew that the money she earned was going to go to people who needed it.

Lelia and her friends worked all summer and earned \$80 before the start of the school year in early August. She set the money aside until the need arose. On August 26, Hurricane Laura pummeled the Lake Charles area. When Lelia heard about the storm, she decided that her savings needed to go to "people whose houses got ripped down during the storm, so they can get food and water."

Lelia plans to continue earning money to help others in need. She sees this effort as a way to use her gifts from God and to enjoy time with her neighbors. When asked where she got her heart for helping others, Lelia replied, "My dad. He got offered to be a police officer. He helps other people out. He helps family and friends."

Lelia is one of the many St. Aloysius students who try to be the hands of Jesus on this earth.

On Sept. 11, St. Aloysius School had a "Red, White and Blue Day" to salute the patriots who gave their lives on that day, and to help those in our state who were in need.

Students were asked to send \$1 for the privilege of wearing patriotic dress for the day. Generous students and parents also donated money, and the school was able to pass along \$5,438.14 to the diocesan collection to aid Catholic Community Services in their storm relief work.

In addition to raising money, the St. Aloysius school community jumped into action by giving time and talents to helping citizens in southwest Louisiana. On Sunday, Aug. 29, just two days after the storm hit, parents and students collected items in the school parking lot to be sent to DeRidder. Volunteers collected baby wipes, diapers, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, trash bags, yard cleaning items and baby formula, as well as bread, peanut butter and jelly. The items were flown to their destination. It took three plane trips to deliver all of the donated items.



On Sept. 19, several SAS families even drove to Lake

Charles and helped the Holy Smoke competition serve food to the community. The students worked hard to prepare and distribute food to residents. There was a steady stream of

cars the whole time.

With the support of parents and school faculty, St. Aloysius students are learning to give with helping hands and open hearts.



## SACCC students stay busy with fall activities

The Child Care Center had a busy end of summer and start of the fall season.

Students moved up to new classes in the beginning of August and spent the back-to-school month getting to know their new surroundings, teachers, and friends. There was lots of excitement with new faces joining the center family, both young and old.

September was all about ABCs and 123s. Each month, little ones learn about three letters of the alphabet and bring items on Fridays for Show and Tell. Students created apple art for A, brought their favorite teddy bears for B, and washed their tricycles at a "carwash" for C. The Bible story

of the month was Daniel and the Lion's Den, and children made puppets and sang songs to learn the story.

In October, children learned about D,E and F, which included dentists and doctors, elephant art and flashlight shadows. The center celebrated the 50th day of school by dressing in the style of the 50s. In addition, there were plenty of fall activities: making pumpkin-spice modeling clay; washing, counting and decorating pumpkins; and creating fall luminaries with mason jars. The end of the month brought lots of Halloween fun, including costumes, fun snacks, games and songs.



# 40 Days for Life



## Parish takes part in pro-life campaign

The Knights of Columbus, Council 3743, St. Aloysius Respect Life Committee members and fellow parishioners gathered outside the Delta Abortion Clinic in Baton Rouge during two Fridays in October to participate in 40 Days for Life.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through

prayer, fasting and a peaceful vigil to end abortion. The purpose of this effort is to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion. This is a nationwide event in which people of good faith pray outside abortion facilities. The event was also held in New Orleans, Shreveport and

throughout the world.

Ross McCalip did another great job of coordinating our council participation. We also want to thank all of the parishioners, KC members, family members and friends who participated this year. We were particularly grateful to have Bishop Michael Duca join us in praying the Rosary on one occasion.

## K.C. Silver Rose program makes stop at St. Aloysius

Since 1960, the Knights of Columbus has conducted the Silver Rose program. A limited number of sculpted silver roses are carried from Ontario, Canada, through several states to Monterrey, Mexico. At numerous locations along the route, a special prayer service is conducted to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

The journey of the silver rose begins each year in March and ends Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a Rosary-centered occasion for KC members, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

On its journey through Louisiana, the Silver Rose stopped



at St. Aloysius Parish on Friday, Oct. 23. A Rosary prayer service was held in the church after the Silver Rose arrived. Brother knights and parishioners were in attendance.

Thanks to chairman Sam Mistretta, who organized this event, and everyone who had a role in the program. We especially thank Aline Landry for her help in promoting the event.



## 'The best yet!' Study series fosters understanding, discipleship

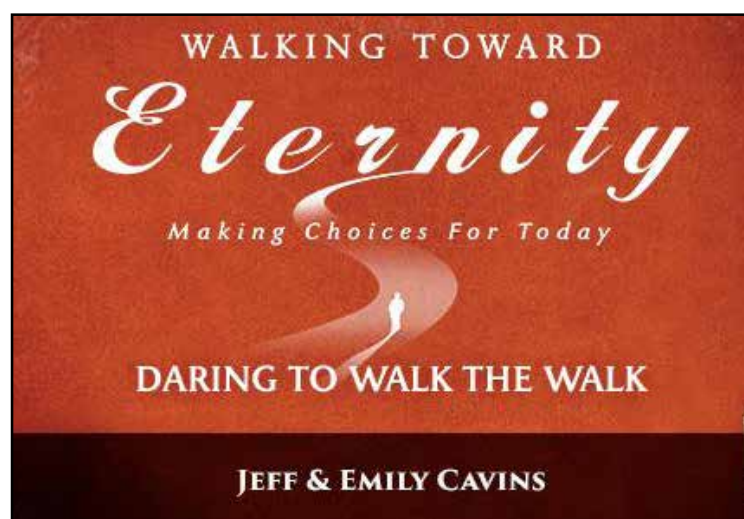
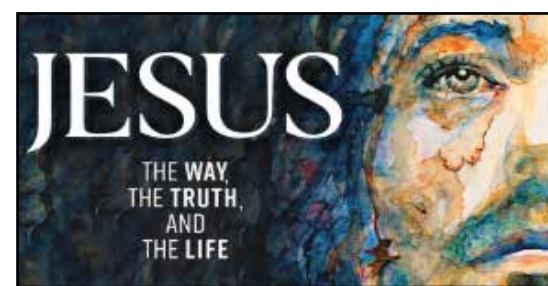
Our most recent study program, "Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life," registered 12 groups with more than 120 participants. Ten of these groups began meeting in September and October either online or in off-campus settings, while two groups are awaiting the opportunity to meet on campus and in-person.

Based on a book by our Lenten Mission speaker, Marcellino D'Ambrosio ("Dr.

Italy"), the study also includes contributions by Jeff Cavins and Edward Sri and beautiful video footage of the three hosts on location throughout Israel and Palestine. Early weekly topics included discussions on understanding "Jesus and History" and then moved into a consideration of the call to discipleship. Concluding sessions cover Christ's passion, death and resurrection, along with the "great

commission" to go out into the world as sharers of the good news.

While present circumstances have made implementing this study more challenging, the rewards have been abundant. As one participant shared in a note, "...it's completely drawn me in. I've enjoyed and profited from all the studies I've participated in, but this is the best yet!"



## Adult Formation study set for spring

Walking Toward Eternity is an inspiring series designed to help you live your faith more fully by developing and nurturing characteristics that are essential to the Christian life. Through daily prayer and meditation with Scripture, you will be drawn into an intimate and life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

As you prayerfully reflect on God's Word, you will begin to hear the subtle ways God is speaking to you, and you will be challenged to set aside those

things in your life that keep you from growing closer to him. By putting the fruits of your study into practice, you will be able to make real changes in your life, changes that will make you more like the person God created you to be. Daring to Walk the Walk, the first series of Walking Toward Eternity, introduces seven key virtues and outlines practical steps for living them out in your life.

Groups will begin weekly meetings online in mid-January.

In-person groups will be planned as circumstances allow. Registration is \$20, which includes a prayer journal and access to online videos. Make checks payable to St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Visit our website to access the registration form: <https://www.aloysius.org/spiritual-growth-study>.

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