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## Parish Fair 2023!



Parish Fair chairs Mark and Rebecca Herbst and family.



### Join us for Faith, Family and Fun

By Mark and Rebecca Herbst  
2023 Parish Fair Chairs

The St. Aloysius Parish Fair returns Oct. 27-29, 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 our families, friends, and parish community. We want to thank the Fair Committee for the hard work and long hours volunteered over the past year to ensure that this year's Fair is a success!

#### CONNECT WITH US!

- Website: Visit [www.staloysiusfair.org](http://www.staloysiusfair.org) for all fair information.
- Instagram: [@staloysiusevents](https://www.instagram.com/staloysiusevents)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/staloysiusevents](https://www.facebook.com/staloysiusevents)
- Email: [staloysius.fair.br@gmail.com](mailto:staloysius.fair.br@gmail.com) with any questions.

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Check the resources above for all fair details, including the weekend entertainment lineup, sponsorship information, event schedules, volunteering opportunities, the Fair Store and much more!

We will have all of the fan favorites such as the Friday Night Fish Fry, BINGO, Games, Face Painting, Sunday BBQ Chicken Lunch, Sunday Brunch and rides on the fairgrounds.

We appreciate this opportunity to serve our church parish and our community, and we thank you for your continued support of the annual Parish Fair. We look forward to spending time with you Oct. 27-29!

#### FUN FAIR EVENTS

- **Mass on the Fairgrounds:** Sunday, October 29, 9:00 AM Mass will be held

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### Save the Date!

### Advent at Aloysius

Wednesday, Dec. 6

5:30 PM – 8 PM

### Fraternus helps foster discipleship, brotherhood

In today's world, it can be hard to find true meaning and purpose.

"Many times, the chaos of this world can feel oppressive. But our God is bigger than anything thrown at us," parishioner Steven Brooksher Jr. said.

Brooksher and fellow parishioner Blake May are the new co-chairs of the St. Aloysius Vocations Committee, which has been dormant for a while. In their efforts to reinvigorate the committee, they discovered Fraternus, "a national program focused on cultivating Catholic masculine spirituality through multigenerational brotherhood," Brooksher said.

In April, Brooksher, May and others held an informational night on Fraternus where men of the parish could learn more about this program. Fraternus' national office joined virtually to discuss the program and answer questions.

Inaugural meetings or "frat nights" followed, involving dinner, friendly competitions such as dodgeball, short video clips that focus on a foundational

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## Exciting new school year at SACCC

As we soon bid farewell to the warm days of summer, the St. Aloysius Child Care Center is excited to welcome the vibrant colors of fall and a new school year filled with promise and learning.

The SACCC, as a ministry of the parish, holds dear once again to its mission of nurturing the whole child, strengthening families and grounding our little ones in the Catholic faith. We understand the importance of supporting working families in our community while providing a safe, loving, and educational space for their children.

Our dedicated team of educators and caregivers is here to ensure that every child thrives in an environment that feels like a second home. Our new Mother Goose Time curriculum is designed to support each child's unique growth and development through responsive care and sensory learning experiences.

In August, we dove right into the spirit of learning and discovery with a lively "Color Week" theme that brought laughter, creativity and a splash of color into our classrooms.

In September, our children learned about the roles of everyday heroes and the importance of helping others.

Fridays brought a touch of sportsmanship and camaraderie into our center by celebrating "Team Color Day." Our children and staff wore their favorite team colors, fostering a sense of unity and teamwork while having loads of fun.

# School News: Retreat launches 'Come, Lord Jesus'

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, plus the dedication of 32 volunteers.

The students began this year's program with participation in a mini-retreat during their religion class period on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Students entered the atrium of Gonzaga Hall and were led through a series of fun icebreaker activities. Then, they were 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 when the students received a clue to the answers of their two biggest questions—who is in my small group? Who will be my leaders?

Each student got a personalized journal with the inside cover containing a Bible scripture. Students with the same scripture gathered and went on a search through the meeting rooms to find the leaders with the same one. After a few riotous moments, students and leaders were united and got acquainted, then prayed together for the first of many times this school year.

## Making Rainbows in the STREAM Lab

The STREAM Lab, under the guidance of Mrs. Carolyn Murphy, allows students to make discoveries and apply knowledge in all disciplines - Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.

On Sept. 7, religion and science were combined to create a colorful illustration of a passage from the Bible. The rainbow is the sign of God's covenant established with Noah. The fifth-grade religion classes made a visit to the STREAM Lab to learn more about this colorful connection.

The session began with a



reading from the book of Genesis. As an illustration of the reading, students created their own rainbows. They created liquids of different densities by adding sugar to water. Then food coloring was added to the liquids. By carefully layering the fluids, students were able to create their own rainbows in test tubes.

## SAS raises U.S. flag for Scott Lamana

On September 11, the St. Aloysius School Honor Guard had the special privilege of hoisting "Scottie's Flag." Lieutenant Michael Scott Lamana lost his life on Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorists flew a plane into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. He was an alum of St. Aloysius School. Each year, in his honor, the school flies a special American flag donated to the school in Scott's memory.

This year, Scott's father, Mr. Mike Lamana and family members David and Ann Soike joined the seventh- and eighth-grade students for the special ceremony. The Honor Guard solemnly unfolded the flag and raised it to full staff, then respectfully lowered it to half-staff. Ms. Brandi Matthis, seventh-grade teacher and U.S. military veteran, gave a short explanation of the significance of the ritual.

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.

The Honor Guard is responsible for making sure the flag flies proudly on every school day. The Honor Guard is composed of eighth-grader Brady Biossat and seventh-graders William Beckers, Julia Downs, Analise Huffty, Grayson Lanasa and Brennan Russo. They are sponsored by Mrs. Matthis.

When asked why they volunteered to be in the Honor Guard, the students each have their own reason—they have family mem-

bers who served in the military, and they say flying the flag at school is a way of honoring them.

Analise said her family even flies a flag at their home. Grayson explained that he is too young to serve in the military now, but "I want to show respect" for the sacrifices his family members made. Brady is honoring his great uncle Vernon who served in the Navy and was hospitalized for a year after surviving a bombing attack.

Brennan is serving on the guard to honor his great-grandfather who served in World War I. "I find it respectful to those who have died in war." William's grandfather was a Naval officer who served in the Vietnam war aboard the U.S.S. John King. His great-grandfather served in World War II and was one of the men who raised the flag on Mt. Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima. Julia's dad served in Iraq. She shared, "People have sacrificed their lives for the flag... If you have the privilege of raising it, why not?"

Raising the flag is a small act, but the symbolism is profound. The Honor Guard is a fine example of young people who express their pride and devotion to their country every day.

## Regular Mass Schedule

SATURDAY

\*Vigil 4:30 PM

SUNDAY

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 5:30 PM

DAILY MASSES

Monday & Wednesday, 6:00 AM

Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 8:00 AM

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

CONFESSIONS: Monday and Wednesday after 6:00 AM Mass; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:30-8:00 AM; Saturday 3:30-4:30 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 AM

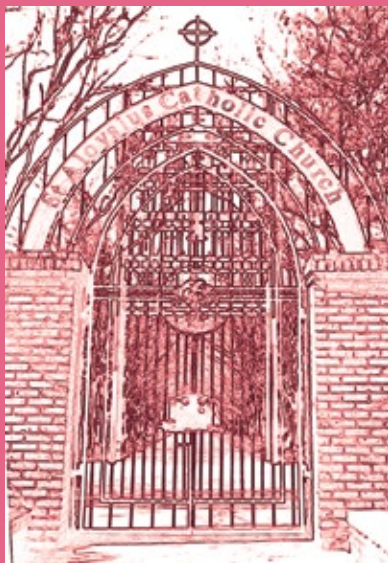
NURSERY/CHILDCARE CENTER: For information, phone 343-1338, 7:00 AM -5:30 PM Monday through Friday.

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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# Is Stephen Ministry Calling You?

"I began to feel God's love again," says a young woman describing how her caring relationship with her Stephen Minister allowed her to experience Jesus in a personal, tangible, life-transforming way.

"I'm so grateful for Stephen Ministry!" shares a man after he and his Stephen Minister built a highly trusting relationship, apart from his regular circle of friends, so that he could move forward through a tough time in his life.

"A steady reminder of God's presence," remarks a woman telling how having a Stephen Minister during a family crisis gave her a spiritual anchor and the opportunity to focus on her own needs.

These stories and many more captured on the Stephen Ministry website, [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org), describe the experiences shared voluntarily by various care receivers and the positive outcomes of the Stephen Ministry program.

Over the years, more than 1.5 million people have benefited from the one-to-one, Christ-centered care of a Stephen Minister. Launched in 1975 and head-



quartered in St. Louis, Missouri, Stephen Ministry now serves 13,000 congregations worldwide, of which St. Aloysius Parish is included.

Stephen Ministry makes a difference in the lives of our congregation. It's a lay ministry that supplements pastoral care. Trained members provide care to individuals facing a variety of life struggles and transitions, such as grief, chronic illness, job loss, divorce, cancer or financial difficulties.

Just as Jesus told Matthew, "Follow Me," perhaps you are hearing the call to follow God's promises for you by serving as a Stephen Minister. Yes, Stephen Ministry is a time commitment – training hours and visiting care receivers – but you will reap great dividends in the form of graces and blessings through the experiences.

The required 50-hour training course begins in January and includes the following dates: Jan. 4,

11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 22, 29; March 7, 14, 21; and April 4, 11. A Commissioning Ceremony is held during Mass after the program ends.

As you discern if this ministry is calling you, and if you have any further questions, please contact us through our confidential email account: [stephen.ministry.aloysiusbr@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.ministry.aloysiusbr@gmail.com) or call/text any of the following Stephen Ministry Leaders: Kathy Nikolaus, 225-603-7772; Ann McCrory, 225-235-7850; Bob Schoen, 225-937-2984; Stephanie Anderson Songy, 225-802-2020; or Dana Territo, 225-572-9250. For more information, visit: [www.aloysius.org/social-responsibility](http://www.aloysius.org/social-responsibility).

Additionally, if you need a Stephen Minister, or know someone who would benefit, please contact Ann McCrory, Stephen Ministry leader, at the ministry email above or text/phone her at 225-235-7850. Again, this care is entirely confidential – no one knows the identity of a care receiver except for their Stephen Minister and the referral person or Stephen Leader who paired them.



## Fraternus, From Page 1

virtue of our faith with a large group presentation, then small group discussions about such virtue and how to live it out. The evenings ended with prayers in the church.

Fraternus is gaining momentum in our parish, Brooksher said.

"We've had to sacrifice sports commitments and reorganize priorities to participate, but in the process, we are finding genuine, Christ-centered balance," he

said. "I couldn't be more grateful to Father Randy, the parish and school staff, as well as the many men in our parish that work to support this program for our families. We've only recently begun this journey, but the fruits are already visible."

Fraternus frat nights are held most Wednesdays throughout the year from 6 PM – 8 PM in the Parish Hall. The chapter is open to all boys ages 10 and up and all adult men. More information about Fraternus can be found on the parish's website at [aloysius.org/fraternus](http://aloysius.org/fraternus).

## Bereavement group needs help

The Bereavement Committee assists parishioners whose funeral services are held at St. Aloysius.

Parish staff contacts the deceased's family members to determine what assistance they might need. The Bereavement Committee furnishes food for visitation and/or receptions after the funeral Mass. We usually need someone to assist with the visitation and reception. The time commitment for this is usually one-and-a-half to two hours.

When we are notified of the needs, information is sent to committee members allowing them to easily view the request and volunteer. We are blessed with generous volunteers that sign up to bring whatever food items are requested. We're looking for additional volunteers who could be available to assist with visitations and/or receptions.

If you feel called to this min-

istry and would like to support families during their difficult times, sign up for the Bereavement Committee. If you have any questions, please call Kristy Roubique (225) 978-4820.



## St. Aloysius Men's Club 2023-2024

### Why Join the Men's Club

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

Click Membership Link or Scan QR Code below to Join/Renew & Pay \$40 Annual Dues

[Membership Link](#)



### Men's Club 2023-2024 Events

#### COOK FOR SAS HOME FOOTBALL GAMES

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and November 5<sup>th</sup>

#### FAIR SETUP/TAKEDOWN

Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm and Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> after the fair ends

#### HAPPY HOUR

Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at Uncle Earl's

#### ADVENT DINNER & DISCUSSION

Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

#### January Event – TBD

Details to Follow

#### LENT DINNER & DISCUSSION

Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

#### GUNS N ROSARIES

Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am at Bridge View Gun Club

#### \*FAMILY CRAWFISH BOIL\*

Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon in the Old Gym

Additional details will be emailed closer to each event date

# Fair, From Page 1

outside on the fairgrounds. Come out and 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.

• **Rides, Rides, and more Rides:** The same great ride company will be returning this year and will be bringing lots of exciting rides for all ages.

### RETURNING THIS YEAR!

• **Fair Store:** Visit the fair store online to pre-purchase all-access ride bands, ride tickets, food/beverage/game tickets, Fish Fry, BBQ Chicken and family tents. You can also purchase your 2023 fair t-shirts on the website <http://www.staloyusfair.org/store>

• **Family Tents:** Family tents are the perfect places to set up a 'home base' with your kids on the football field! **NOTE:** Outside food, drinks, and ice chests are not allowed, as the fair is a fundraiser for our parish.

• **Game Booths:** This year's 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! The Fair Game Booths are perfect places to challenge a friend! Children of all ages can participate and receive a prize or tickets from the Game Booths. 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! **NOTE:** Parishioner volunteers are needed to donate homemade cakes and treats for the fair! Please consider donating baked goods and/or cakes; donation drop-off will begin at 9:00 AM on Friday October 27 in the Old Gym. 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 Serop's, 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!

To quench your thirst throughout the weekend with 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.

### RAFFLE

Enter for your chance to win \$10,000 with the purchase of a raffle ticket! Only 350 Tickets sold! Raffle tickets are \$100 and the proceeds benefit the St. Aloysius Master Plan. You can purchase a raffle ticket online via our Parish Fair website or during the fair weekend. The drawing will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 29th at the fairgrounds.

### 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 will kick off the weekend with a performance at 5:30 PM on Friday, October 27; make sure to hang around for Parish County Line at 8:00 PM! Throughout the day on Saturday, enjoy tunes from Blue Crab Redemption, David St. Romain, 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 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 Avenue and Orchid Street, 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 Gym. 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.

## 2023 ST. ALOYSIUS FAIR SCHEDULE

Event / Activity	Location	Time
<b>Friday, October 27</b>		
Fish Fry	Cafeteria	5:00PM-7:30PM
Fair Food & Restaurant Vendors	Food Tent - Fair Grounds	5:00PM-10:00PM
Signature Cocktail	Fair Grounds	5:00PM-10:00PM
Bingo	Old Gym	5:00PM-9:00PM
Sweet Shop & Cake Walk	Old Gym	5:00PM-9:00PM
Raffle Ticket Sales	Fair Grounds	5:00PM-9:00PM
Face Painting	New Gym	5:00PM-8:00PM
Game Booths	Game Booth Village	5:00PM-7:00PM
Rides	Fair Grounds	5:00PM-10:00PM
Band: Southside Roosters	Main Stage - Fair Grounds	5:30PM-7:30PM
Band: Parish County Line	Main Stage - Fair Grounds	8:00PM-10:00PM

<b>Saturday, October 28</b>		
Fair Food & Restaurant Vendors	Food Tent - Fair Grounds	10:00AM-10:00PM
Signature Cocktail	Fair Grounds	10:00AM-10:00PM
Sweet Shop & Cake Walk	Old Gym	10:00AM-9:00PM
Raffle Ticket Sales	Fair Grounds	10:00AM-10:00PM
Game Booths	Game Booth Village	10:00AM-6:00PM
Rides	Fair Grounds	10:00AM-10:00PM
Band: Blue Crab Redemption	Main Stage - Fair Grounds	11:30AM-1:30PM
Bingo	Old Gym	12:00PM-9:00PM
Face Painting	New Gym	12:00PM-8:00PM
Band: David St. Romain	Main Stage - Fair Grounds	2:00PM-4:00PM
Band: Werewolf	Main Stage - Fair Grounds	4:30PM-6:30PM
Costume Contest	Main Stage - Fair Grounds	6:30PM-7:00PM
Band: Blue Verse	Main Stage - Fair Grounds	7:30PM-9:30PM

<b>Sunday, October 29</b>		
Outdoor Mass	Fair Grounds	9:00AM-10:00AM
BBQ Chicken	Cafeteria & Food Tent	10:30AM-2:00PM
Fair Food & Restaurant Vendors	Food Tent - Fair Grounds	10:30AM-3:00PM
Signature Cocktail	Fair Grounds	10:30AM-3:00PM
Bingo	Old Gym	10:30AM-3:00PM
Sweet Shop & Cake Walk	Old Gym	10:30AM-3:00PM
Raffle Ticket Sales	Fair Grounds	10:00AM-1:00PM
Face Painting	New Gym	10:30AM-2:00PM
Game Booths	Game Booth Village	10:30AM-2:00PM
Rides	Fair Grounds	10:30AM-3:00PM
Band: LSU Gospel Choir	Main Stage - Fair Grounds	11:00AM-1:00PM
Band: DJ	Main Stage - Fair Grounds	1:00PM-3:00PM
Raffle Drawing	Main Stage - Fair Grounds	2:00PM

## ST. ALOYSIUSFAIR.ORG

**ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

# CAMPUS TOURS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

October 18, November 9, & November 28

To sign up: [aloyusius.school/admissions-general](https://aloyusius.school/admissions-general)

For more information, email Mollie Montelaro: [mbmontelaro@aloyusius.org](mailto:mbmontelaro@aloyusius.org)