

Eucharistic Revival shifts focus to parish-level devotion

In June 2022, on the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops launched a three-year National Eucharistic Revival to respond to Christ's call for us to unite around the source and summit of our faith: the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The first year of the Revival focused on the local diocese and invited diocesan staff, bishops and priests to respond to the



Lord's personal invitation, and it equipped them to share this love with the faithful through Eucharistic congresses and events.

The second phase of the National Eucharistic Revival recently kicked off on Corpus Christi, June 11, to foster devotion

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on the parish level. In the coming year at St. Aloysius, we will strengthen our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, resources, preaching and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

Specific plans in our parish include

once-monthly Tuesday evening Eucharistic Adoration with reverent music; the distribution of copies of Bishop Robert Barron's This is My Body; a fall Eucharist study entitled "Jesus and the Eucharist"; and speakers on the Real Presence.

This promises to be a wonderful holy year!

For more information, visit the Eucharistic Revival section on the parish website: aloysius.org/eucharistic-revival.



St. Aloysius parishioner Don Allison with Bishop Duca during Allison's ordination to the permanent diaconate. (Photos courtesy of Collin Ritchie Photography)

Deacon Don Allison ordained

On Saturday, Aug. 12, four men were ordained to the permanent diaconate, including Don Allison, a St. Aloysius parishioner. The ordination was celebrated at St. Joseph's Cathedral, with Bishop Duca presiding and diocesan clergy and the faithful laity in attendance. Allison began his assignment to St. Aloysius on Aug. 14. In addition, he will work through the diocesan Ministry of Charity to serve the needs of prisoners in the Diocese of Baton Rouge.



Newly ordained deacons of the Diocese of Baton Rouge are, from left, Billy Francioni, Terry Bellon, Joseph Perry and Don Allison.

Stewardship through Ministry: Bringing Jesus' Light to all By Paula Acaldo,

Stewardship of Ministry Chair

"Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist."

These powerful words from the National Eucharistic Revival inspire us as we begin our parish's focus on total stewardship. This year's total stewardship theme is *I Am The Bread Of Life*, which ties directly in with the three-year National Eucharistic Revival.



Jesus is present at each Holy Mass, and truly gives of Himself through His Body, Blood, Soul,

through His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. As we journey through this National Eucharistic Revival, we are reminded that God is doing something new, and He is calling us to be a part of it!

Remain in Me as I remain in you (John 15:4), is this year's Bible verse selected to inspire us as we consider our personal stewardship. Reflecting upon our theme and our verse, we are encouraged to receive Jesus through His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity into our body during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist of the Mass. In further reflecting, when we leave Mass after receiving The Bread of Life, John reminds us that we are carrying Jesus with us as he instructed us to Remain in Me as I remain in you.

During this year's Stewardship of Ministry campaign, we encourage you to be a part of the Eucharistic Revival by joining your fellow parishioners and signing up for one Continued on page 2

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Stephen Ministry 2023-24 events touch on healing and training

The Stephen Ministry Members at St. Aloysius Parish have events planned this coming year for those experiencing grief and those looking to join the ministry.

Stephen Ministry is sponsoring an "Arts in Healing" event in the Gonzaga Hall Atrium in February 2024. Healing is an on-going journey, and this event will help participants sieve through the various emotions, restoring a sense of identity and dignity and a sense of meaning and purpose in their lives.

Working through the art will enable their hearts to speak through the overall experiences. Losses or transitions in lives are not instantly healed, but these



experiences in our lives help us grow mentally and spiritually and to be aware and grateful for the paths we have forged. Registration for this event will be later in the fall.

Training for new Stephen Ministry members begins in January. For all considering joining this caregiving ministry and becoming a Stephen Minister, new minister training begins on Thursdays in January, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and concludes in April, with a Commissioning Service. The training dates are Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 22,

try for many decades, and the

one thing they all have in com-

mon is that they deeply desire to

take Jesus's love to others. When

we all come together, we make

such a difference. Most impor-

tantly, ministry helps us not

only to share Jesus's love with

one another, but our dedication

to ministry results in each of us

growing closer to Jesus where

weekend in our parish is Sept.

23-24. Please prayerfully dis-

cern how you can best show

your love in St. Aloysius Parish

by joining a ministry during

our Eucharistic Revival. Please

re-commit to a ministry in

which you're currently active,

or do something new by signing

up for one of our many other

ministries which can be found

by visiting the parish website

Ministry

we can feel His love.

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just right for you!

29; March 7, 14, 21; and April 4, 11, 18.

The St. Aloysius Stephen Ministry is a 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.

For more information regarding "Arts in Healing, or if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or if you are in need of one, call the church office at (225) 343-6657 or email: Stephen.ministry.aloysiusbr@ gmail.com.

Stewardship,

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of our many parish ministry opportunities to bring Jesus' light to others.

How can we become a part of ministering during the Eucharistic Revival? Our faith community will offer several opportunities within the next several months. In August, we began having Evening Adoration on the first Tuesday of each month. On Sept. 21, we will begin an eight-week course on Jesus and the Eucharist. There will also be other opportunities for participation announced in the future. How will you join us?

Our St. Aloysius Parish Family does such a great job of following Christ's call to put our faith into action or, more importantly, as He commanded us, to put our love into action. Parishioners throughout our faith community minister to the sick, the suffering, the poor and the lonely through ministries which focus on sharing God's love and presence. With over 100 ministries, St. Aloysius has a ministry

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ings, our prayers, and our commitment to serving Jesus by serving others, we can follow I Am The Bread Of Life. In doing so, we can be reflections of Jesus's light through ministry at St. Aloysius Parish!

Stewardship Prayer

Take, Lord, and receive All my liberty, My memory. My understanding, And my entire will, All I have and call my own. You have given it all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; Do with it what you will. Give me only your love And your grace; That is enough for me.

St. Ignatius of Loyola The Suscipe Prayer



Cracked Pots group a blessing for those who have lost a child

Do you feel alone after the death of your child? Is it hard to find people to talk with who really "get" you? Do you feel like your family or friends are afraid to talk about your child? Or do you feel maybe they don't want to? Does it seem like others think you should be "over it" by now?

Cracked Pots ... Blessed & Broken is for women who have lost children. Any mother who has lost a child of any age is encouraged to attend.

The group, which meets the last Monday of each month at 9 AM in the large conference room of the Pastoral Services Center, is Christian and faith-based in prayer and discussion.

Any time in a mother's grief journey is a good time to attend. The group emphasizes that there is not a "one-size-fits-all" pattern to grief. Some of the ladies in our group have recently lost a child; for others, it has been years. All support one another at any stage.

For more information or to learn about joining, contact Mary T deBrueys at (504) 338-4287 or marytdeb@bellsouth.net. Or just show up at a meeting. All are welcome!

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 aloysius.org/livestream or on our Facebook page at facebook.com/staloysiusbr

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.

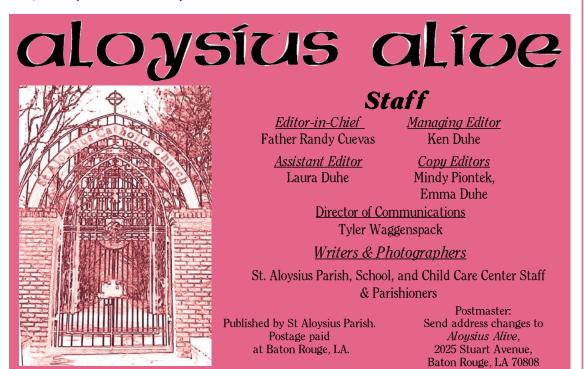
PARISH SCHOOL: For information, phone 383-3871, 8:30 AM-3:30 AM

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.



A letter from the Eucharistic Revival Committee

Dear St. Aloysius Parish, On behalf of Father Randy, Father Nutan and all members of the newly formed Eucharistic Revival Committee, we invite you to join us this year in experiencing Jesus anew in the Eucharist.

The Feast of Corpus Christi (June 11) marked the second year of the National Eucharistic Revival with this coming year focusing on the parish level. Our Bishops have called each of us - all Catholic Christians - to participate in this National Eucharist Revival. This is a call to celebrate Jesus, who gives Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist, who unites us to His sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered on the Cross, and who pours out the grace of salvation on His Church. (CCC 1407)

Do you know that a 2019 Pew survey published the headline, "Only onethird of U.S. Catholics agree with their Church that the Eucharistic (bread and wine) is truly the Body and Blood of Christ?" Alarming, to say the least. This survey was a random phone sampling of people who said that they were "Catholic," but it did not take into account whether or not they were attending Mass routinely. Fortunately, another much larger survey revealed that only a small minority of weekly Mass attendees question this truth. We can all agree that we need to grow in our love and understanding of the Holy Eucharist.

How can we each do this? • Renew your commitment to participating in Mass on every Lord's Day

- and, when possible, on weekdays. • Make an effort to experience Adora-
- tion at one of the appointed times: • after Mass on the first Wednesday
- morning of each month, • after Mass every Thursday morning, and in the Gonzaga Chapel on the third Saturday of the month,
- and at the newly instituted first Tuesday evening Adoration at 7 PM. This new opportunity will vary monthly in programming and nature.
- Hear guest speakers who will explore the wonder of the Mass, and also the theology and science of Eucharistic miracles.
- Become involved in our eight-week study entitled "Jesus and the Eucharist," which will begin in September on Thursday evenings. To make it accessible for young parents, there will be childcare available. Sign-up is

available online through a link in the parish bulletin.

• At the school, in addition to all-school and grade level Masses, all grade levels will have Adoration as part of their yearly retreat. The students will also have opportunities during the school day to adore Jesus in the Eucharist.

• Finally, invite back a Catholic who no longer attends Mass or even encourage a non- Catholic to attend Mass with you. What's the worst thing that can happen? They can ignore us? No! The worst thing that can happen is our being silent on this, out of concern we may sound too "churchy."

We invite you today to say "yes" to this invitation from our Eucharistic Lord!

In the words of Pope Francis, "Let us rethink the style of our parish communities. We pray that, placing communion at the center, we may increasingly become communities of faith and welcome toward those most in need ... Let Us Be Daring."

In Christ,

The St. Aloysius Parish Eucharistic Revival Committee

'Celebrating Sunday' book a guide for Catholic families

The book "Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2023–2024" 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 toward more fully integrating the Sunday Gospel into their everyday lives.

Encouraging family attendance and participation at Sunday Mass, this invaluable resource provides parents with a guide for reflecting on the Gospel as a family.

Prompts for conversation on the way to and from Mass inspire children to focus and engage with different aspects of the liturgy, while simple family activities reinforce the connection between the Gospel stories and daily family life.

Copies will be distributed to all PSR families and will be available to pick up after Masses beginning the weekend of Sept. 2-3 and in the Parish Office. For more information, contact Mark Christian or Tricia Greely at the parish office by calling (225) 343-6657 or emailing mchristian@ staloysiusparish.com or tgreely@staloysiusparish.com.

Video series an invitation to renewal

Beginning Thursday, Sept. 21, St. Aloysius Church will be offering a unique opportunity to reflect and experience renewal in our devotion to God's gift of Himself in the Holy Eucharist.

Every parish across the country is being invited to host "Jesus and the Eucharist," a seven-part video study that serves as a key element in our on-going National Eucharistic Revival. The study offers a short-course in the Catholic Faith, focusing on the Biblical Story of Salvation, the Identity of Jesus, the Gift of Salvation, the Importance of the Church, and the Life-giving Treasure of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Each session opens with an exhortation from a different U.S. Catholic bishop, followed by lectio divina prayer with Scripture. Each lesson is drawn from content created by the Augustine Institute (producers of FORMED.



org) and will include personal testimonies from Catholics across the country. We will then transition into small group discussions. Each session will be two hours or less.

The series is free, but registration is required to ensure there are enough materials available for all participants. Also, childcare is planned for ages 1-5 in the Child Care Center; contact the parish office if you plan to use childcare. Also, volunteers are needed to facilitate the discussions in small groups. Worksheets and questions will be provided. The series will continue at 6 PM in the Parish Hall each Thursday evening through Nov. 9. No session will be held on Nov. 2 because of Youth Confirmation. To register, scan the attached QR Code or visit the parish website: aloysius.org/eucharistic-revival

This will be an excellent opportunity to re-connect with old friends in the parish and make new ones, as we consider together the wondrous Gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist: the Source and Summit of our Catholic Faith!

For more information about the study, contact Mark Christian, Director of Adult Formation, at mchristian@staloysiusparish. com or through the parish office at (225) 343-6657.





Several of our choirs have resumed regular rehearsals to provide sacred music for the liturgy. Share your musical gifts in our parish music ministries! New members are always welcome.

- The St. Aloysius Children's Choir (for young singers in grades 3 through 8) rehearses each Wednesday, from 2:45 until 4:30 PM. They sing monthly for 9:00 or 11:00 Masses, and for Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday Masses. Contact Director, Danielle Laird DLaird@catholichigh.org
- Sign Up form: https://forms.gle/BhJ4GDkqvyRjHEk49
- Our Handbell Choir, the Festival Ringers rehearses each Monday, from 4:30 until 6:00 PM and plays monthly for Sunday Mass, as well as special liturgies.
- Contact Director Lenny Long lenny.long@cox.net
- The St. Aloysius Parish Choir rehearses each Wednesday from 7:00 until 8:30 PM. The choir is open to high school, college and adult singers and musicians. They provide music for either 9:00 or 11:00 Masses, as well as special feasts. Contact Director Ken Thevenet for more information.

If you would like more information about any of our parish music ministries, contact Ken Thevenet kthevenet@staloysiusparish.com 225-343-6657, ext. 20.





VBS is simply 'Stellar'!

St. Aloysius and St. Jude parishes joined forces this year for a 'Stellar' Vacation Bible School.

Held June 12-16 on the St. Jude campus, the fun-filled week of learning centered around the theme "Stellar – Shine Jesus' Light!" More than 200 children attended, with 70 adult and 80 youth volunteers from both St. Aloysius and St. Jude.

Each day blasted off by singing fun songs and meeting Bible Memory Buddies with emcee Scott Roussel. Children experienced Bible stories with all five senses as they rotated through Stellar Bible Adventures:

- Imagination Station, where they engaged in science experiments to make Bible connections and meet the Saint of the Day.
- All-Star Games, where they played games that connected to the daily Bible Point.
- Galactic Snacks, where they had time to grab a bite to eat and visit with their crew.
- KidVid Cinema, where they learned stories of real kids living out their faith.

The littlest campers (entering



Pre-k and kindergarten), led by Erica Badeaux, broke off for their own special activities designed just for them.

Each morning ended by gathering for Cosmic Closing to recap the day with a slideshow, God Sightings, music, and prayer. Children also enjoyed special visits from Fathers Randy, Nutan and Trey Nelson throughout the week. They also collected canned goods for the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank.

A huge thank you to the leaders from St. Aloysius: Erin Walker, Colleen Walker, and Tricia Greely; and from St. Jude: Leah Barbato, Carmel Acosta, plus the countless others who had a hand in preparation and execution.

Special thanks to St. Jude Parish for hosting on their campus while facility improvements were underway at St. Aloysius. VBS will return to St. Aloysius' campus in 2024 for a SCUBA adventure June 10-14!









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SACCC keeps it cool for summer fun

While the school bells rang for the last time of the year at St. Aloysius School, the St. Aloysius Child Care Center carried on, embarking on a summer filled with laughter, learning and unforgettable memories.

The center's halls echoed with the sound of joyful children as they engaged in different exciting activities that made this season a special one.

The summer heat was embraced with weekly splash day parties to cool off! The little adventurers donned their swimsuits and gathered for outdoor play that involved frolicking in sprinklers and exploring water tables.

These "splash-tastic" gatherings provided relief from the heat, and it was topped off with special popsicle treats for unforgettable moments of outdoor fun.

Relaxed summer schedules also meant an opportunity to do something different from the traditional curriculum while still promoting valuable learning experiences.

The children embarked on a journey through different summer themes that included camping week and beach week. The kids had a blast with creative crafts, engaging activities and interactive learning to develop their skills in a playful environment.

The days leading up to the Fourth of July were filled with patriotic fervor at the center. The young patriots began their mornings learning the Pledge of Allegiance, instilling a sense of national pride and unity.

As the holiday drew near, one class hosted a special party to honor members of the armed services. The children had the privilege of witnessing a flag-folding demonstration, a poignant moment that highlighted the importance of those who



serve our nation.

As the summer season ended, classes gathered for heartwarming end-of-year festivities that celebrated both the accomplishments of the children and the strength of our community. Families joined together for joyful gatherings, strengthening bonds and creating lasting memories. Laughter echoed through the halls as children and their loved ones embraced the spirit of togetherness.

Summer at the SACCC was truly a time of joy, growth and unity. Through splash day parties, themed activities, patriotic celebrations and end-of-year gatherings, the center created an environment where children thrived, families connected and memories were cherished. Our adventurers eagerly await the coming year!



Sixth-graders' 'trash' pile of shoes does world of good

A pile of old shoes may not look beautiful to everyone, but to the St. Aloysius School sixthgrade class of 2022-23, it's a work of art.

The shoes were collected to honor the memory of Dr. Phil Quartararo, father of sixth-grade teacher Ms. Debbie Michael, and donated to the Soles 4 Souls program.

In March, the sixth-graders led a shoe collection for the en-

tire school, spreading the word through publicity posters and announcements. They organized the collected shoes and when the drive was complete, Ms. Michael mailed them to the Soles 4 Souls organization.

The shoes will be sent to various places around the world, doing much good. The shoes in good condition are donated to adults and children in need. Shoes that need repairs go to shops so that entrepreneurs can fix and sell them.

If a shoe is too worn to be repaired, the parts are recycled. This saves the planet from tons of waste. Profits from this recycling go to programs promoting health and education in communities that need assistance.

By completing this service project, the sixth-graders became aware of how "trash" can be turned into "treasure."



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New School Year!











Faculty members learn, grow during school preparations

The theme for St. Aloysius School this year is, "Let's root for each other and watch us grow." Preparations before the start of school allowed the faculty to work on developing skills and knowledge for this year of growth.

On Aug. 1, new teachers met with administrators for an introduction to our school. And on Aug. 2, the faculty joined teachers from all the schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge at St. George Church for an educators' gathering, allowing for fellowship among the various faculties.

Educators listened to Dr. Tina Holland, president of Franciscan University, describing what makes Catholic Schools so special. Following her talk, educators then attended Mass.

On Aug. 3-4, the faculty gathered on campus for in-service days. Highlights of these meeting days included safety training by school nurse Michaelyn Bellelo and Dean of Students Mark Messina.

Mr. Messina presented information from ALICE training, a program he and Officer John Laws of the Baton Rouge Police Department attended this summer. The training taught responses to threatening situations. Teachers were also given the chance to participate in training exercises on how to distract and thwart an intruder.



Members of the Baton Rouge SWAT team presented "Stop the Bleed" training. This provided valuable information on packing wounds and using tourniquets to possibly save lives in a traumatic situation. Faculty members worked together on practice techniques. These safety measures can be used, not only in school, but anywhere a dangerous situation may occur.

In addition to gathering for presentations, teachers also worked in their classrooms. This gave grade-level teachers a chance to share ideas and strategies for the new school year. These days of preparation gave an opportunity for faculty members to learn and grow together.





Therese Azcue, Gay Hebert, Edie Boudreaux, Markaye Latuso, Margy Loup, Sister Teresa

Sister Maria Teresa Eceizabarrena

From Spain With Love

Parishioners visit Sister Teresa, 97, longtime SAS teacher

In June, several St. Aloysius parishioners traveled to San Sebastian, Spain, to meet with Sister Maria Teresa Eceizabarrena, 97, and the Daughters of Jesus.

Edie Boudreaux, Gay Hebert, Margy Loup and Markaye Latuso arrived in San Sebastian on June 14 and met with Therese Azcue and friends for breakfast. Therese taught at St. Aloysius School early in her career with the Daughters of Jesus. She is also a cousin of our beloved Sister Carmen Mass in the Convent Chapel Azcue. Though Therese left the order to become a

lawyer, she has remained a close friend of the "Jesuitinas," as the Daughters of Jesus are known in Spain.

Therese traveled with the group to the nursing home/ convent of the Daughters of Jesus, where they were met with a warm welcome from all the members of the community. The sisters spoke little English, but huge smiles and warm hugs surpassed any language barrier.

Sister Teresa greeted her visitors from her wheelchair. Her memory is as sharp as ever. The group sat in the parlor while waiting for Mass. Photos of family and friends were shared, and many pictures were taken to commemorate the visit.

The group was joined by Sister Aranzuzu, who was a teacher at St. Aloysius for several years. She and Sister Teresa shared stories of the early days of the school. Before the convent (now Gonzaga Hall) was built, the sisters lived in the white house where the Child Care Center is now located. Their bedroom was in the attic and they had to climb a stair ladder in their long habits



to get to their room. The house had no air conditioning, but Sister Teresa said they were young, so that was "not a big thing."

After visiting, everyone at-tended Mass in the convent chapel. The devotion of the older members of the Daughters of Jesus, both to their faith and to each other, was evident throughout the celebration. The prayerful atmosphere was peaceful and refreshing. During the prayers of the faithful, a petition was offered for the safe travels of the group from "North America."

After the meal, the parishioners visited the studio of resident artist Sister Maria Cruz Bascones, who is a well-known tile artist in Spain. Walking back from her studio, several familiar faces greeted us, the sisters who lived with Sister Teresa in her former convent.

Telling Sister Teresa good-bye was difficult, but she sent the group with her love and blessings. She also wants the community of St. Aloysius to know that she treasured her 40 years spent in our parish. She thinks of her time fondly and she prays for us every day.



Lunch in the Dining Room



Gay Hebert and Sister Aranzazu



Therese Azcue and Edie Boudreaux