Come Celebrate!

The St. Aloysius RCIA Program encourages all to attend the Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, March 31 at 8:00 PM. We will welcome twelve new Catholics through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist!

As a congregation, we have offered them our prayers and encouragement throughout their time of preparation. Be present and celebrate with them as they are received into full communion with the Catholic Church!

Everyone is invited to attend our Parish Easter Vigil Reception following Mass in the Parish Hall.
Dear friends,

Jesus’ resurrection from the dead is the first act of God’s work of making all things new. That means that everything is changing and we need to testify to others about the new life God offers us all. Central to Paul’s message to the earliest Church in Colossia was that, for those in the community of faith, the starting and ending point of existence is Christ. Christ brings both life and death. We have died with Christ. We now live in and with Christ. This is the basis for the meaning of life. It was important to the resurrection testimony of the evangelist Mark to mention the women witnesses to the resurrection because Jewish law did not accept the testimony of women. It was an unusual surprise for the earliest Christians to hear this! It was an antecedent premonition to the “surprise” of the resurrection! It was Henri Nouwen who wrote: “Each day holds a surprise. But only if we expect it can we see, hear, or feel it when it comes to us. Let’s not be afraid to receive each day’s surprise, whether it comes to us as sorrow or as joy. It will open a new place in our hearts, a place where we can welcome new friends and celebrate more fully our shared humanity.” Not all of us like surprises. That may be because we have often had some very negative surprises in life. Yet God wants to surprise us with new ways of seeing, hearing, loving and being. These are all positive surprises. The lordship of Christ is the reminder that we have been buried and raised with Christ. If we are raised with Christ, then we have died to the old life and all of its ways. We should therefore spend no time seeking after things that are under the lordship of the rulers of this world. We should no longer have any investment in their agendas, but in Christ’s. Seeking things that are above is all about reorienting our allegiances to the Lordship of the crucified Christ, so that Christ’s lordship might be known and experienced in this life now. Happy Easter!

Have a good week!

Love and prayers,
Father Randy
WILL YOU BE A SPONSOR FOR RCIA?
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process by which we welcome persons who are inquiring about the Catholic Faith and prepare them for Baptism, Confirmation, and full Communion with the Catholic Church.

The entire St. Aloysius family plays a vital role in this holy hospitality. Participants rely on your prayers, support, and, most importantly, your presence. Members of the parish are asked to serve as Sponsors – mentors and guides who encourage and help the participants as their companions as along the Way.

At St. Aloysius, we are always welcoming newcomers and we have a continuing need for Sponsors. The need has recently become especially great because of a startling increase in the number of participants.

While no special preparation is required, Sponsors should be practicing Catholics who are willing to share their faith and stand with participants during the various rites celebrated at Mass. The time commitment is about one to two hours a week, usually on Sunday mornings after the 9:00AM Mass. This may last a few months in the case of baptized Christians preparing for Confirmation, or up to a year for those preparing for Baptism.

For more information, contact Mark Christian by email at mchristian@staloysiusparish.com or by calling the Church Office.
Senior Ministry Luncheon
Mark your Calendars!
All are welcome—any age!
Thursday, May 3, 2018
11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Guest Presenter: Florent Hardy, Jr., PhD
Louisiana State Archives Education and Community Relations

Mr. Florent will speak on the many treasures of Louisiana’s Historical Jewelry Box (the Archives) and the current projects to preserve Louisiana’s rich colorful history.

Cost is $12.00 per person.
Mail payment for reservation to: St. Aloysius Catholic Church 2025 Stuart Ave.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808 Attn: Senior Ministry Luncheon

Easter Flowers
During the Easter season (Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday) flowers will gracefully decorate our church and help bring us into a joyful spirit of Christ’s resurrection. Would you like to contribute money toward the purchase of flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones? Look for the special Easter Flower Offering envelopes at the doors of the Church, or complete the form below and return it to the Pastoral Service Center with the contribution. Should you have any questions, contact Connie Planche at 343-6657, ext 17 or cplanche@staloysiusparish.com.

Easter Flower dedication: (Please print, as the name/names will be listed in the Bulletin)

Contribution by: ________________________________________
Amount: $_______________
In Memory of: ________________________________________
In Honor of: ________________

FIRST EUCHARIST REMINDERS
First Eucharist will be celebrated during the week-end of April 21, 22, 2018 during the 4:30 vigil mass and the 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:30pm Sunday masses.

There will be reserved pews around the church. Each First Eucharist family will be allowed one half of a pew. Other family members are invited to sit behind the reserved areas.

Please choose your mass preference by going to http://signup.com/go/CtZkjF

For questions, please contact Tricia Greely at tgreely@staloysiusparish.com or at 225 343-6657.

Save the Date!

Come celebrate with Ken Thevenet as we honor his 30 years of service at St. Aloysius! His many musical and liturgical gifts have enriched us all and we want to thank him and celebrate with him.

Join us on Saturday, May 5th at 4:30 p.m. Mass. Reception to follow in Parish Hall.

Easter Sunday
**Mass Celebrant Schedule**

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Due to unforeseen circumstances, clergy assignments may change.

**Liturgical Ministers’ Schedule Link:** [http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/aloysiusbr/schedules/387394](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/aloysiusbr/schedules/387394)

**The Sacraments**

**Reconciliation**
Reconciliation is in the church at 3:30 p.m. (when the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass is scheduled) on Saturdays, from 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. (when the 8:00 a.m. Mass is scheduled) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, on request Monday and Wednesday immediately after the 6:00 a.m. Mass (when scheduled), or anytime by appointment with either priest. Please call the Church Office 343-6657 to schedule an appointment.

**Funerals**
Please contact the Pastoral Center prior to scheduling with the funeral home. If after hours, follow directions on voicemail.

**Baptism**
Please contact the Pastoral Center 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.

**Confirmation**
Teens confirm the fall of their junior year of high school. Preparation is required, including PSR for teens not enrolled in a Catholic school. Adult confirmation is hosted annually for anyone over 18. Please contact the parish office for more detailed information.

**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**
Communion is brought to the sick weekly and hospital visits made weekly. Families of the sick are encouraged to notify the parish office.

**Education**

**Parish School**
For information, phone 383-3871, 7:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Childcare Center**
For information, phone 343-1338, 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**St. Aloysius Knights of Columbus**
Council 3743

**Jambalaya Fundraiser**
April 8, 2018 following 9 AM & 11 AM Masses

**Only $8 per Plate**
Let the Guys do the cooking!

**Vacation Bible School**
June 4-7, 9am-12pm

Adult Volunteer Registration is OPEN! register at [www.vbs.aloysiusbr.org](http://www.vbs.aloysiusbr.org)

Greatest need is for Small Group Leaders and in the nursery where you care for on-campus volunteers children. Nursery does NOT require a 4 day commitment.

*Guaranteed acceptance for Small Group Leaders*
ST. ALOYSIUS NICARAGUA MISSION

When: June 4-11, 2018
Where: Managua, Nicaragua
Total Cost is approximately $600

The St. Aloysius Nicaragua adult mission ministry has a few more spots to fill for our June trip. Our trips are very safe and well organized. This is an opportunity to share your love and be in solidarity with people from local communities and youth centers in Managua, the capital of Nicaragua. The trip is focused on building cross-cultural relationships, and spiritual as well as personal growth.

Call or text Alvin Raetzsch (979) 732-4744 or Amy Pizzolato (225) 907-8876 or email raetzsch@gmail.com

“The Spiritual Graces of Aging”
Location: St. Joseph Academy’s Mother Alice Hall
9 a.m.—Noon, April 21
Director: Dana Territo

The aging process guides the individual through a re-evaluation of one’s life; and ultimately leads to understanding one’s own true spirit, the vital center or core in our lives. Spiritual experiences through events in life and through moments in relationships can make us more aware of understanding that vital core within us that brings meaning and purpose to our lives. This retreat explores the spiritual dimensions of aging, spiritual development and spiritual self. For individuals and for caregivers.
Fee: $40 Registration required: contact St. Joseph Spirituality Center, www.stjocenter.org; 383-3349

Rosaryville’s Family Day
Saturday, May 12, 2018
39003 Rosaryville Road, Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Rosaryville’s NUN RUN and COOK OFF
1k Fun Run at 8:30 a.m.
5k Trail Run at 9:00 a.m.

NEW THIS YEAR
Kateri Kidz Corner
Music by Harvey Jesus & Fire
To Register: Call 225-294-5039 or visit www.rosaryvillela.com

He is not here: for he is Risen, as he said.
Matthew 28:6

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READINGS for the Week

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, April 3, 8:00 a.m.**
- Andy Galy
- † Charles & Elise Becnel
- † Fr. Than Vu & Maria Nguy Vu
- † Helen Casse
- † Lorraine Pol
- † Raye Lynn Zeringue Galtier
- † Tal Broyles

**Wednesday, April 4, 6:00 a.m.**
- † Shirley Dean Cuevas

**Thursday, April 5, 8:00 a.m.**
- † Fr. Than Vu & Maria Nguy Vu
- † Gertrude Swayze Loudon
- † Helen Casse
- † Shirley Dean Cuevas
- † Tal Broyles
- † Vincent & Jenny Spizale

**Special Intention**

**Friday, April 6, 8:00 a.m.**
- † Matthew Myles Smith

**Saturday, April 7, 4:30 p.m.**
- † Kane Corte & Chris Korte

**Sunday, April 8,**
- 7:00 a.m., All Parishioners
- 9:00 a.m., † Vincent Spizale
- 11:00 a.m., † Paul E. Baker
- 5:30 p.m., † Christopher Hanley

† Deceased

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**VOCATIONS**

**Easter Sunday - April 1, 2018**

The glorious feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims forever that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to be His priest or to minister in His Church as a religious, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.
THIS WEEK AT ST. ALOYSIUS

SAT 03/31
HOLY SATURDAY
Chapel of Divine Mercy, 8:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
RCIA Retreat, 9:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.
RCIA Rite of Full Communion, 8:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil Reception, 9:00 p.m.

SUN 04/01
EASTER SUNDAY
SMG Team 5
Mass, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Chapel of Divine Mercy, 8:30 a.m.
Children's Choir during Mass, 11:00 a.m.

MON 04/02
Parish Office Closed
Chapel of Divine Mercy, 8:30 a.m.

TUES 04/03
Confessions, 7:30 a.m.
Mass, 8:00 a.m.
Chapel of Divine Mercy, 8:30 a.m.
Prayer Group, 12:30 p.m.
Boy Scout Mtg., 6:30 p.m.

WED 04/04
Mass, 6:00 a.m.
Gathering for Men sponsored by ACTS, 6:30 a.m.
Adoration, 6:30 p.m.
Morning Rosary, 8:00 a.m.
Wholly Fit, 8:30 a.m.
Chapel of Divine Mercy, 8:30 a.m.
Momnipotent afternoon, 1:00 p.m.
Bible Study, 1:30 p.m.
RCIA Inquiry, 7:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
Women's ACTS retreat Mtg., 7:00 p.m.

THURS 04/05
Confessions, 7:30 a.m.
Mass, 8:00 a.m.
Adoration & Benediction, 8:30 a.m.
Chapel of Divine Mercy, 8:30 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 8:45 a.m.
Wisdom Prayer Group, 9:00 a.m.
Music Makers, 9:30 a.m.

FRI 04/06
Mass, 800 a.m.
Wholly Fit, 8:30 a.m.
Chapel of Divine Mercy, 8:30 a.m.

SAT 04/07
Confessions, 3:30 p.m.
Rosary 4:00 p.m.
Mass, 4:30 p.m.

SUN 04/08
Mass, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
and 5:30 p.m.
Chapel of Divine Mercy, 8:30 a.m.
Children’s Church, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Nursery, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Baptisms, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
KC Jambalaya Sale, 9:00 a.m.
Coffee & Donuts, 10:00 a.m.
SMG Team 2, 3:00 p.m.

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Sacristans
March—Charlene Denoux, Edy Koonce, Judy Montague and Anne Meek

PRAYER LINE
Call Odette Collett 766-5470
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Mon.—Fri. except holidays or email anytime to prayerline@staloysiusparish.com

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Vision Statement
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