Altar Server Training Information

Altar server trainings will be held during the month of January for all 5th-8th graders interested in becoming an altar server.

These trainings are for new altar servers and for existing altar servers who would like a refresher on their responsibilities during Mass. Each training will cover the same information, therefore students only need to attend one training.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 – 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 18, 2017 – 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Monday, January 23, 2017 – 5:00-6:30 p.m.
In St. Aloysius Church

Those interested should sign up using the SignUpGenius link below for the date most convenient for them. Each training session needs 3 adult volunteers who are Child Protection Certified to assist the head trainer. Qualified adults can sign up to help by also using the SignUpGenius link below.

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4dafa62ea5f94-january

Contact Annette Cotton at annettetcotton@bellsouth.net for more information or with any questions.

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time—John 1: 29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel."

John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, "On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."
Dear friends,

The ancient Israelites thought of themselves as the Chosen People of God. They took this to mean that they were the recipients of God’s special love and care. But the great prophets of ancient Israel proclaimed a new understanding of the covenant. The children of God were to be a light to the nations so salvation could extend to the ends of the earth. We are called by God and consecrated in Christ to be a holy people. This means that we must be diligent in keeping our thoughts and deeds pure. We need to clear out the dark concerns of our minds and clear the secret recesses of our heart of all sin. Christ gives us the strength we need to be a holy people. John proclaimed that Jesus was the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world. Jesus does not just cover up our sins with his saving love. He does not just cancel out of sins by his saving grace. He takes our sins away. They do not remain as bitter memories or embarrassing moments. He buries them in the sea of his forgiveness. When and why do signs and wonders happen?

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Healthy self-love is a pre-requisite to loving others and to finding the joy of living. We are sons and daughters of God. Even before we were born God had a dream for our lives. In our fallen world it is difficult to believe the truth about ourselves. We are so easily led astray by the standards of the world. We are quick to forget that the world’s ways are not God’s ways. Our truest identity is in His everlasting love, which gave us life in the beginning and will keep us secure when life is over. Jesus said we are to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Psychologists suggest that we will love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Self-love is not necessarily narcissism or pride. It is the proper evaluation of us as children of God. We ARE good creations of God. Healthy self-love is a pre-requisite to loving others and to finding the joy of living.

Have a good week!
Love and prayers,
Father Randy
MOMNIPOTENT MINISTRY

New Year . New Book . New Time*

CALLING ALL MOMS
Join us for our Spring Semester Book Study
We gather each Wednesday starting THIS week – January 18th
Morning Group meets at 9:30 a.m.
Location: weekly rotation
Contact Louise Flavin at 225-907-2888 or louiseflavin@gmail.com for details
Contact Ministry Leader Jena Cook at jena.l.cook@gmail.com or 832-686-1659 for more information

*NEW THIS SEMESTER

Afternoon Group meets at 1:00 p.m.
Location: East Wing Conference Room A in the Parish Administration Building
Contact Lauren Walker at 225-933-1535 or limwalker@gmail.com for details

Missionary and speaker Colleen Mitchell weaves together moving anecdotes of her own search for identity as a Catholic woman along with accounts of thirteen women from the Gospels that reveal the healing, grace and purpose God has in store for all of us.

St. Aloysius Men’s Club - Night of Reflection
Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Parish Hall
Guest Speaker: Rev. Tony Russo
Dinner by Walk-On’s Catering
Questions? Contact Drew Tessier at drewtessier@up.com

St. Aloysius AUCTION
The Evening of February 3, 2017 - 7:00 to 11:00 - Grand Ballroom

Tickets and More Details Available Online: 350 Per Person
To purchase tickets and volunteer: stalloysiusauction.org

Baby Bottle Campaign to Save Lives
On January 21st and 22nd baby bottles will be available at the entrances of the church to be taken and be returned the following week with your donation. The money will go to our local crisis pregnancy center, the Pregnancy Problem Center, for its operation. Please be generous and know your contribution will be saving lives.
January 15, 2017

**CELEBRANT MASS SCHEDULE**

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Due to unforeseen circumstances, clergy assignments may change.

**Liturgical Ministers’ Schedule Link:**  [http://www.rottunsoftware.com/ministry/alloysiusbr/schedules/307806](http://www.rottunsoftware.com/ministry/alloysiusbr/schedules/307806)

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**THE SACRAMENTS**

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

**FUNERALS**
Please contact the parish office prior to scheduling with the funeral home. If after hours, follow directions on voicemail.

**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.

**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, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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

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**First Reconciliation News**

**First Reconciliation Parent Meeting and Afternoon of Reflection:**
Sunday, January 22, 2017, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Parents and First Reconciliation Candidates meet in the Church.

**First Reconciliation Celebration:**
Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Families meet in the Church.

**First Eucharist News**

**First Eucharist Parent Meeting and Afternoon of Reflection:**
Sunday, March 26, 2017, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Parents and First Eucharist Candidates meet in the Church.

**First Eucharist week-end:**
May 6 & 7, 2017. First Eucharist will be celebrated at the 4:30 p.m. vigil and at the 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. masses on Sunday. Families may choose the mass of their preference. More information about how to sign-up for the mass preference to come.

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**Join us on Saturday, January 21 for the LA Life March South in Baton Rouge!**
All are welcome to join in the 2017 Louisiana Life March happening in Baton Rouge on Saturday, January 21, 2017! The mission of the Life March is to unite the pro-life people of Louisiana, across all denominational lines, to take a stand for life in our state’s capital city, and mobilize them with resources to go make a difference in their community. Pre-Event remarks will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Galvez Plaza (behind the Old State capital). The March will begin at 10 a.m. and end at the State Capital. Activities will conclude by noon. For more information, visit [www.prolifelouisiana.org](http://www.prolifelouisiana.org).

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**Training Sessions for New Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers)**

Extra-Ordinary Ministers assist Priests and Deacons with the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass. If you would like to begin service in this important ministry, especially those who have signed up to serve through our Stewardship of Ministry Appeal, you are invited to participate in one of the following training sessions:

**Thursday, January 19, 2017**  5:00–6:30 p.m. in the Church (Led by Rusty Daigle) or **Wednesday, January 25, 2017**  5:00–6:30 p.m. in the Church (Led by Chris Christensen)

For more information about this ministry contact Director of Worship, Ken Thevenet [kthevenet@staloysiusparish.com](mailto:kthevenet@staloysiusparish.com) or 343-6657.
Journey of Hope

Journey of Hope is a special program addressing the concerns of separated/divorced Catholics. It offers support and addresses important issues that arise as a result of a divorce. The strong emphasis on prayer, scripture and Church teachings leads to healing and a better relationship with Christ. Some of the topics discussed are:

- How do I deal with my Anger?
- What Does the Church Say About Divorce?
- Can I Receive the Sacraments?
- How Do I Deal with My Children?
- Why Does God Allow Divorce to happen?
- Do I Need to Forgive? and other important issues.


Contact Angela Falgoust at 343-6657 or email afalgoust@staloysiusparish.com, for more information or to register go to JOURNEY OF HOPE REGISTRATION.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Robert Muench will celebrate a special mass honoring couples who have celebrated 25, 50, 65, or greater years of marriage. Families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and the reception that follows. The mass will be held at Our Lady of Mercy (445 Marquette Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70806) on February 12, 2017. Registration forms are available in the St. Aloysius Church office or on the website http://tinyurl.com/guycywv. The form must be returned to the St. Aloysius Church Office no later than Thursday, January 26, 2017. For more information, contact: Connie Planche at 343-6657, ext 3033 or cplanche@staloysiusparish.com.

St. Aloysius Parish Golf Classic

University Club
Monday, March 20, 2017

Scramble Format
Gross & Net Prizes
Longest Drive (2)
Closest to the Hole
Tee Gift
Hole-in-One Car Give Away

Click below to Register:
http://church.aloysius.org/assets/uploads/docs/2017_St_Aloysius_Golf_Tournament_Flyer_%222%22_Fillable.pdf

“Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest Winners

For the first time, our council held a “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest. All boys and girls ages 5 through 14 in the parish were invited to participate.

The following council winners advanced to the Diocesan competition:

These council level winners will receive a check for $25 and an award certificate. Chairman Sam Mistretta will present the awards at the St. Aloysius school assembly in January. Congratulations to our winners!

5 to 7 yrs old: Anadele Lagarde
8 to 10 yrs old: Mary Preston March
FR. SIMEON GALLAGHER, OFM, Cap - Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFM, Cap was born in Philadelphia and is a member of the Mid-America Province of the Capuchin Order. He was ordained a priest in 1971 and his ministerial background is diverse. Fr. Gallagher is Director of the Preaching Ministry Office of the Mid-America Province of the Capuchin Order. He conducts retreats, parish development programs, parish missions, and religious education workshops. His association with the Emmaus Spirituality Program for Priests has gained him an international reputation in conducting retreats for priests. His work has taken him to Central America (specifically El Salvador), and was instrumental in founding Emmaus in Great Britain. He has presented ecumenical lectures at the Jean XXIII Centre in Geneva, Switzerland. For the past several years he has worked closely with the US Armed Forces at military bases around the world, including engagements in Asia and Australia. In June 2011, he was a featured speaker at the Society of University Neuro-Surgeons (SUN) International Symposium in Athens, Istanbul, and Ephesus.

Fr. Gallagher holds advanced degrees in Religious Education, Ascetical Theology, Liberal Arts, and 19th Century British Literature. His literature degree has earned him a reputation as a scholar in the works of John Henry Cardinal Newman. He is a graduate of the Great Books Program at St. John’s College (Annapolis/Santa Fe). Additional information about him can be obtained by visiting the Mid-America Provincial website: www.midamcaps.org

Fr. Gallagher will conduct the St. Aloysius Mission on Monday February 20 through Thursday, February 23. Each day he will have mass at 8:00 a.m. and begin the talks at 9:00-10:00 a.m. He will repeat the talks each evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Plan to attend. Fr. Gallagher will speak at all masses on Saturday and Sunday, February 18-19.

EVENT OF INTEREST IN THE AREA

The Krewe of Southdowns is hosting its 30th annual Mardi Gras Ball on Saturday, January 28, 2017, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in the Lyceum Ballroom at 124 Third Street, Downtown Baton Rouge. There will be food, a cash bar, and two live bands: Patrick Henry & Liberation Band; Psychedelic Swamp Funk With The Iceaman Special. There are a limited number of tickets available for $40 each. Call Frank Muscarello at 225-278-3625 to get yours. Will deliver to home or business.
WE OFFER OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF
Larry Stoltzfus
Margery Johnson Olinde
Georgiana Vallery Perez
Alda Campanella Guercio

MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, January 16, 6:00 a.m.
† James O’Beirne
Tuesday, January 17, 8:00 a.m.
Special Intention
Matt & Amanda Keating
† Annie Durham
† Cecilia Hope Froeba
† Elaine & Bob Thomas
† Fr. Than Vu & Maria Nguy Thi Vu
† Gaye Murray
† Georgiana Perez
† Paula Ann Marchand
† Weston J. Martin
† Willie & Lillie Meshell
Wednesday, January 18, 6:00 a.m.
Don Hines
Thursday, January 19, 8:00 a.m.
Special Intention
† Albert Briede
† Cecilia Hope Froeba
† Edward Isaac
† Elise R. Becnel
† Fr. Than Vu & Maria Nguy Thi Vu
† Paula Ann Marchand
† Penny Powell
† Sam Williams
† Weston J. Martin
Friday, January 20, 8:00 a.m.
† Lewis E. “Ed” Miremont
Saturday, January 21, 4:30 p.m.
† Jenny Spizale
Sunday, January 25
7:00 a.m., All Parishioners
9:00 a.m., † Sam Williams
11:00 a.m., † Fr. Than Vu & Maria Nguy Thi Vu
5:30 p.m., † Zulma Waguespack Elrod

† Deceased

Adoration—Saturday, January 21st
Join us in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Office Chapel following a Communion Service at 8:00 a.m. Please sign in. If you would like to be contacted about scheduling an hour, please contact Ross McCalip. If for any reason the scheduled adorers are not able to make their hour, e-mail Ross at rmccalip@aol.com so we can assure that someone will be there to cover that hour. Adoration ends at 3:00 p.m.

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Special Collections:
- Catholic Relief Services $ 25
- Catholic Life Center $ 35
- Human Development $ 10
- Latin America $ 10
- World Mission Sunday $ 25
- Christmas $ 545
- Thanksgiving $ 10

Total Special Collections $ 660

Grand Total $ 46,760
## THIS WEEK AT ST. ALOYSIUS

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| THURS, 01/19 | Confessions, 7:30 a.m.  
Mass, 8:00 a.m.  
Adoration & Benediction, 8:30 a.m.  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9:00 a.m.  
Music Makers, 9:30 a.m.  
Children’s Choir, 3:00 p.m.  
Financial Peace, 6:00 p.m. |
| FRI, 01/20  | Men’s CLJ, 7:30 a.m.  
Mass, 8:00 a.m.  
Five-O-Exercise, 8:30 a.m. |
| SAT, 01/21  | Communion Service, 8:00 a.m.  
Adoration, 8:30 a.m.  
RCIA Retreat, 9:00 a.m.  
ACTS Core Planning, 10:00 a.m.  
Confessions, 3:30 p.m.  
Mass, 4:30 p.m. |
| SUN, 01/22  | Mass, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
PSR Grades 1-6, 8:45 a.m.  
Rite of Full Communion, 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Nursery, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Children’s Church, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
RCIA Dismissal, 9:15 a.m.  
Coffee & Donuts, 10:00 a.m.  
RCIA for Children, 10:15 a.m.  
Divorce Ministry, 12:00 p.m.  
SMG Team 2, 3:00 p.m. |
| MON, 01/16 | Martin Luther King Day  
Parish Office Closed |
| TUES, 01/17 | Confessions, 7:30 a.m.  
Mass, 8:00 a.m.  
Leadership Night, 6:15 p.m.  
Boy Scouts, 6:30 p.m.  
Pastoral Council Mtg., 8:15 p.m. |
| WED, 01/18 | Mass, 6:00 a.m.  
Men’s gathering sponsored by ACTS, 6:30 a.m.  
Morning Rosary Group, 8:00 a.m.  
Five-O-Exercise, 8:30 a.m.  
Altar Server Training, 3:00 p.m.  
Men’s Club Night of Reflection, 6:00 p.m.  
RCIA Inquiry, 7:00 p.m.  
Renewal Singers, 7:00 p.m. |

## READINGS for January 16-22

### Monday:
Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

### Tuesday:
Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

### Wednesday:
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

### Thursday:
Heb 7:25 -- 8:6; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:7-12

### Friday:
Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

### Saturday:
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

### Sunday:
Is 8:23 -- 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

## Vision Statement
St. Aloysius Parish is a vibrant community of peace, love and unity as the living body of Christ.

## Mission Statement
St. Aloysius Parish embraces and nurtures all, inspiring each to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly in the love of God.