

# Gator Gazette

March 11, 2022

## Mission Statement

*St. Aloysius Gonzaga School is a Christ centered, Roman Catholic, elementary school where the children are empowered to become full and productive members of the Church and society. We strive to educate, in partnership with the parents, the whole child spiritually, physically, intellectually and emotionally.*

**Main Office: 513-574-4035**

**Preschool 513-587-3978**

Hello Gator Families,

We celebrated our outstanding scholars at an assembly after mass on March 9th. Congratulations to the award winning students for all their hard work and dedication.

**Marketing: The newly formed Marketing Committee met on Tuesday, March 8th. If you are interested in joining this group please call Jenny at the school office for information or questions. Our next meeting is April 8th.**

**We are hoping to expand enrollment to 25 per class, 4th –8th grade. We still have some space available.** Invite your family and friends to join our family. Spread the word about all we have to offer. No matter where in Cincinnati you live your student can be a part of our community. We are still accepting registrations.

**Gala Auction:** Gala Auction is this weekend. Use your phone camera to scan the code and get into the auction site. We have many nice items to bid on: a Big Green Egg, Yetti Cooler, Air Fryer, Kate Spade purses, jewelry, many gift baskets, quilts and more. Tell your family and friends to log in too. Share it on Facebook. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. Let's make it great!!! Grand Raffle tickets will be sold after masses this weekend. Drawing is Monday, March 14



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**Fish Fry:** The Best Fish Fry in town!!! Stop by every Friday in Lent for our Drive-thru Fish Fry 4:30-7pm. The menu is attached in this Gazette.

**Substitute Teachers** are needed: The entire city is experiencing a shortage of subs. The State has altered requirements for substitutes this year. Please consider helping out. Call the school office to see if you are eligible.

**Reminders: \*\*Parents: please keep 3 reusable masks in your child's backpack at all times. It's very hard to keep up with the demand of forgotten masks when we assemble. Thank you.**

**Important dates:** March 14 - Grand Raffle winner drawn at an all school assembly at the end of the day.  
March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Program - Pre - 8, see attached flyer in the Gazette for details and what students may wear. The community is welcome to attend.  
March 24 - Conferences 3-7p.  
March 25 - Remote conferences - No School  
March 26 - Corn Hole Tournament  
March 28 - In Service Day - No School  
April 22 - Cabriolet

We are always looking for donations of gift cards or cash (to purchase gift cards) as rewards at the end of each semester and end of year to honor our outstanding Scholars. Gifts can be sent to school or put in collection basket, marked school awards. Thank you.

Volunteers make our school great. Please join the Athletic and PTO Organizations and attend meetings and Fundraising events.

God Bless, Stay safe and warm (spring is just around the corner)  
Mr. Mark Auer

# SAINT AL'S

Gator Gala

## Online Auction

**Begins March 12 @ 10am**  
**Ends March 13 @ 10pm**

Over 60 items and experiences to bid on. Please share with your friends and family as this is our largest fundraiser of the school year!



# Gator Gala 2022

## Gator Gala Online Auction!

## Instructions

Supporting the excellence and education of St. Aloysius Gonzaga School!

Welcome! Thank you for supporting St. Al's School. We're glad you are here!

Gator Gala Online Auction, our main school fundraiser of the year to help raise funds to enhance educational programs in our classrooms. 100 percent of the proceeds will go to support our students!

**Auction begins Saturday, March 12, at 10 AM**

**Auction ends Sunday, March 13, at 10 PM**

### Instructions:

For auction bidding and to preview items please go to our auction website at:

<https://www.biddingowl.com/StAls>

### To PREVIEW auction items:

Click on the green box marked "View Items" in the top left corner of the screen

### To register as a BIDDER:

Click the "Register" link in the top right corner of the screen

Enter in all of your details so we know how to contact you

*Please make sure to check the email or text notification box at the bottom of the form so you can receive alerts if you are outbid!*

**If you do not register, you will not be able to bid on items when the auction opens**

**Payment:** Upon winning, bidders will be sent an email invoice to check out with options for payment.

All items must be paid for and picked up by Friday, March 18, or the item will be offered to the next highest bidder.

**Pick Up:** Local pick up only. Payment will need to be confirmed before item pick up. All baskets need to be picked up by Friday, March 18. All items are available for pick up in the School Office between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm.

**Alcohol Policy:** Baskets containing alcohol are reserved for bidders age 21 or over.

**Disclaimer:** There are NO returns or exchanges offered. All Sales are Final.

**Last Chance to purchase Grand Raffle Tickets.**

**Drawing will be Monday, March 14 at an all school assembly before dismissal.**

**Help us reach our goal! Sell those tickets to family, friends and neighbors.**



# A letter from the Director

Hello Preschool Families,

Our preschool friends had a busy week preparing for St. Patrick's Day! We have been working hard learning our songs for the St. Patrick's Day program and making rainbows with pots of gold. Don't forget Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend, which means Spring is near! Have a wonderful weekend!

Please see below for important upcoming dates and events:

**-Just a friendly reminder that the school day begins at 7:50 with 7:15 being the earliest drop off.**

**-If you have a child returning to preschool next school year or a new incoming student, acceptance letters for next school year were sent home this week. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have a change in your plans for next year and will not be returning as we have a waitlist for new incoming students.**

**-Preschool conferences will be March, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Homeroom teachers will send out a Sign-Up Genius in the next few weeks for you to schedule a conference.**

**-The St. Patrick's Day Program will be Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the school gym. Parents are welcome to attend!**

**-There is NO SCHOOL the following days in March:**

**Friday, March 25th**

**Monday, March 28th**

# From the Pastoral Associate

Julie McDonald

## ST. PATRICK

St. Patrick of Ireland was born in Britain – not Ireland- to very wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. Although his father was a Christian deacon, Patrick was not interested in his faith at all. At the age of 14, a group of Irish pirates who were raiding his family’s estate, captured Patrick and he was taken to Ireland as a prisoner.

During this time, he worked as a shepherd, and was outside and all alone. After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast, which was nearly 200 miles away. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family. In his memoirs, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation—an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, Patrick began studying for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Familiar with the Irish language and culture, Patrick chose to incorporate traditional ritual into his lessons of Christianity instead of attempting to erase the native Irish beliefs. For instance, he used bonfires to celebrate Easter since the Irish were used to honoring their gods with fire. He also superimposed a sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create what is now called a Celtic cross, so that veneration of the symbol would seem more natural to the Irish.

St. Patrick was known for having chased away snakes in Ireland, thus protecting the people from the mysterious creatures and sending them to the sea. However, Ireland didn’t have snakes at the time. Surrounded by icy water, Ireland was the last place that these cold-blooded reptiles would want to go. It’s much more reasonable to think that the “snakes” that St. Patrick banished were representative of the evil Druids and Pagans in Ireland.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461 at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church.

### ANNA’S SODA BREAD

From colleague and friend, Anna Mitchell, who tweaked this recipe and eliminated the sugar originally called for - 1/4 cup so if you like it, go ahead and add it. Wonderful moist bread!

#### Ingredients

4 cups unsifted all-purpose flour

1 tsp salt

3 tsp baking powder

1 tsp baking soda

1/4 cup sugar (Annie doesn’t add this)

1/4 cup butter (Annie usually uses less because she can't handle the calories!!)

2 cups raisins

1 egg

1 3/4 cup buttermilk

## The Breastplate

Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God:

*"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."*

While listening to Sacred Heart Radio (740 am) <https://sacredheartradio.com> this morning, I heard Rita Heikenfeld, who is a regular on the Sunrise Morning show, Fox 19, and the Community Newspaper talking about St. Patrick's Day. I found the recipes.

### GOOD AND SIMPLE IRISH STEW

I will tell you I've made this a couple of times and the gravy doesn't get real thick.

It's because I used red and Yukon gold potatoes. A starchier potato, like a baker, would produce thicker gravy.

A little less, or more, of any one ingredient is OK. We like a splash of red wine vinegar added to each serving.

Ingredients:

2 pounds or so boneless chuck roast, trimmed a bit and cut into 2" chunks (or use stew meat already cut up)

Salt and pepper

Olive oil

2 nice yellow onions (not sweet onions), cut into chunks

4-5 carrots, peeled and chunked up

1 quart beef broth, low salt, room temperature

4 tablespoons flour

2 pounds or so potatoes, peeled and cut into largish chunks

Instructions

Preheat oven to 325.

Season meat with salt and pepper.

Oil oven-proof pot with olive oil. Turn heat to medium high and brown meat, working in batches.

Set aside, then put onions and carrots in same pot and cook on medium heat until they start to color up a bit.

Meanwhile, whisk flour into broth.

Put meat back into pot with vegetables.

Pour broth over, give a good stir, and bring to a simmer.

Put lid on and place in oven. Bake until meat is very tender. This took 1-1/2 hours in my oven. The longer chuck roast and stew meat cooks, the more tender it becomes.

Remove from oven. Give stew another stir. Adjust seasonings.

Serves 6 generously.



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### Instructions

Combine the flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda and sugar. Cut in the butter until crumbly. Add the raisins.

Beat the egg slightly and combine with the buttermilk, then add to the dry ingredients and stir until it's all blended together.

Knead on a floured board until smooth. You'll probably have to add extra flour to the dough as you go along, and don't get concerned if you end up adding a lot - just make sure it's not sticky when you're done.

Divide the dough at least in half for two loaves. I like to make multiple small loaves that I bake in small oven-safe bowls and big coffee mugs - you could even do muffins tins! Anyway, shape them into round loaves, and put them in whatever pan is appropriate for the size you've made. I usually spray the pans/bowls/cups/etc with some cooking spray beforehand. Take a sharp knife and cut a big cross in the top.

Bake at 375 for 35 to 40 minutes. I always do the knife check to make sure they have cooked all the way through.

\*\*Now, some people like savory soda bread, in which case you omit the sugar and raisins and add instead a 1/8 tsp of coriander.





# HOLA AMIGOS! ; COMO ESTAIS?

**Come join us this summer and have fun while learning Spanish!**

**Spanish Summer Camp** is being offered **for one week only** for children in grades Kindergarten through Fifth! This Summer Camp is an immersion of conversational Spanish. The environment of the Spanish Camp is very educational and entertaining for the children. They will have the opportunity to participate in Spanish sporting activities and crafts. Spanish Summer Camp will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn and have fun while conversing in Spanish

Spanish camp will be **June 6-9** at **St. Jude School**, which is located at 5940 Bridgetown Road (45248). Classes will be **Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.**

Please bring a snack and drink. Tuition is \$60 and there is a registration fee of \$10 for course materials.

Please return the **registration form** and **fee** to Marsha Davis, 10158 Dugan Gap Road, North Bend, OH 45052. This is **due no later than Friday, April 29.** Please make check payable in the amount of **\$70 to St. Jude School.** Call Senora Davis with any questions at 307-2366.

**Register early and join us for a fun and exciting week of Spanish!**

## SPANISH SUMMER CAMP 2022 REGISTRATION FORM

Grade (2021/22 school year): **K**     **1**    **2**    **3**    **4**    **5**    

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact/Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Spanish instruction is non-refundable; spanishsummercamp22stjude**





Come celebrate with us  
**St. Patrick's Day Program**



Thursday, March 17

10:00 AM

in the gym

Pre-K - 8th grade



Wear green on top and uniform bottoms

Students can invite  
parents, grandparents, people that  
are special to them.

St. Patrick and a leprechaun will be visiting classrooms  
beginning at 12:30.



# SAINT AL'S

 FISH FRY 

4390 Bridgetown Road, 45211

**Fridays in Lent through Good Friday**

**Drive-thru only, 4:30 to 7 p.m.**

## Menu

**Baked or fried fish dinner** \$11

1 piece of fish, white or rye bread, green beans,  
mac 'n cheese, coleslaw, hush puppies

**Shrimp dinner** \$11

Basket of shrimp, cocktail sauce, green beans,  
mac 'n cheese, hush puppies

**Fish 'n chips** \$9

1 piece of baked or fried fish, fries, coleslaw

**Baked or fried fish sandwich** \$7

1 piece of fish and your choice of white or rye  
bread, fries

**Shrimp basket** \$7

Shrimp, fries

## Individual items

Whole cheese pizza \$14

Slice of cheese pizza \$3

Cheese sticks \$3

Mac 'n cheese \$3

French fries \$3

Green beans \$2

Coleslaw \$2

Hush puppies \$2

***Cash or credit card accepted!***



Freshen Up Your Spring  
Gear With St. Al's

# SPIRITWEAR

FEB 22-MARCH 7





# St. Al's Bridgetown Cornhole Tournament



**SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH**  
**St. Aloysius Gonzaga School Gym**  
**Doors Open at 6:30 ~ Tournament Starts at 7:00**

**\$50.00 per Team; limited to the first 64 Teams, 2 loss format**  
**Visa/MC accepted at the door!**

**Adults only, MUST be 21 or older. AMATEURS ONLY PLEASE!**

Admission includes the tournament fee, snacks, appetizers, and 2 event t-shirts

**CANNED BEER WILL BE SOLD. PLEASE NO COOLERS!!**

The top two winners of the tournament will win cash prizes!  
(1<sup>st</sup> Place \$400, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$200)

**HURRY AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!**

Contact Erin Gassett by email at [eegassett126@gmail.com](mailto:eegassett126@gmail.com)  
or by phone at 513-659-5374 to make your reservation

**Admission for spectators is just \$5.00!**

There will also be hourly Split-the-Pot raffles.

Additional event t-shirts can be purchased for \$12 each. All proceeds will go towards the families. Please include sizes on your entry information.

*Proceeds will benefit two of our St. Als students who recently lost their parents*

Hi families and friends,

Our school is participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. There are over 60 products and many are less than \$15. These make great gifts and a percentage of every purchase goes right back to our school. Click on the link below and enter the online order code shown on your child's order form, or to search for your child's artwork. Then, have fun shopping!

<https://arttoremember.com/school/9QPHKA>

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You can purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. There are over 50 products to choose from and a percentage of every order goes right back to our school.

Click on the link below to see our students artwork and details about purchase.

<https://arttoremember.com/school/9QPHKA>

### **Dine to Donate**

For the entire month of March our Dine to Donate is **Nation**. We are the recipient of the BIT burger promotion. We receive \$1 for every BIT burger ordered

April 12 will be **Chipotle**.

# March Menu

< February				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Popcorn Chicken Corn Apple Sauce	2 Cheese Pizza Slice Carrot sticks Fruit	3 Turkey & Ham Sub Sandwiches Baked Chips Fruit	4 Mac N Cheese peas Fruit
7 Hot Dog on Bun ater Tots Fruit	8 Hamburgers Potato Wedges Fruit	9 Pancakes & urkey Sausage Spiced Apples	10 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce reen Beans Fruit	11 Fish Sticks Peas Fruit
14 Chicken enders Potato Rounds Fruit	15 Chili Three Way Celery Sticks Crackers Fruit	16 Chicken Nuggest Corn Apple Sauce	17 Mini Corn Dogs ater Tots Animal Crackers Fruit	18 Cheesy Bread Sticks Marinara Sauce Mixed Veggies Fruit
21 Sloppy Joe Sandwiches Sweet Potato Fries	22 Beef Cheese Burritos Bean & Corn Salsa Fruit	3 Egg, Sausage Biscuit Hashbrowns Fruit	24 Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese Gold Fish Crackers Fruit	25 OFF
28 OFF	29 Beef Soft Taco Lettuce & Cheese Salsa Fruit	30 Breaded Chicken Patty Broccoli Fruit	31 French Toast Turkey Sausage Fruit	

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CHEF SALAD IS THE SALAD OF THE MONTH AVAILABLE FOR GRADES 4-8





## We Donated \$3301.34 to St. Aloysius Gonzaga School PTO in 2021

In all, The Kroger Family of Companies donated over \$45 million to local organizations through Community Rewards, and it's all because of you and other Kroger shoppers. Thanks again for being a Community Rewards member.



**2021 Donation Summary**  
**\$3301.34**

Total Donation to St. Aloysius Gonzaga School PTO

# St. Al's PTO Fundraiser

## Kroger Community Rewards



**DETAILS:** Every purchase on your Kroger card can raise money for the St. Al's PTO. You only need to sign up once and you will earn rewards for the school with every shopping trip! You can enroll at any time, so please try to get your family and friends to sign up as well!

### HOW TO SIGN UP:

#### Option 1 - Through their website.

Follow the link: <https://www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards/>

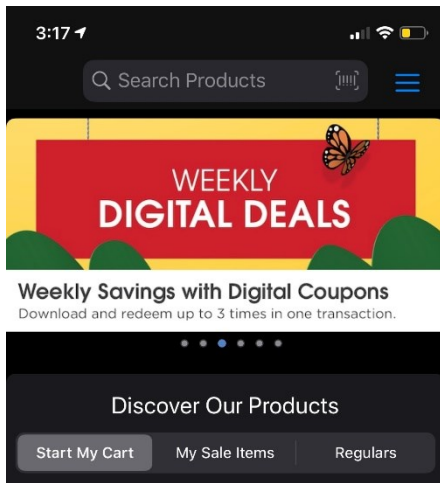
Create/sign in with your digital Kroger account.

Search either by the org name **St. Aloysius Gonzaga School PTO** or org number **RX687**.

Click ENROLL and you are finished!

#### Option 2 - Through their app.

Download the Kroger app and create/sign in with your digital Kroger account.



Click on the MORE drop down in the top right corner.

Click Rewards → Community Rewards → Search for Organization

Search by org name **St. Aloysius Gonzaga School PTO** or by org number **RX687**.

Click ENROLL and you are finished!

# Save as a reference

If your child develops any of the following symptoms please have the child isolate and speak to their medical provider..

Fever      myalgia      nausea      fatigue      cough      loss of taste/smell  
 Chills      headache      vomiting      congestion      shortness of breath  
 Rigors      sore throat      diarrhea      running nose      difficulty breathing

	Quarantine Period	Recommendations
<b>Optimal Duration to Minimize Risk of Transmis-</b>	Stay at home for at least <b>14 days</b> after last exposure	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through <b>day 14</b> . (Check temperature twice a day, watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.) Persons who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate and follow recommendations for discontinuing isolation.
<b>Re-duced Duration 1</b>	Stay at home at least <b>10 days</b> after last exposure	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through <b>day 14</b> . (Check temperature twice a day, watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.) Consider obtaining a viral test near the end of this period (day eight or later) to increase certainty that there is no infection, but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after day 10. Persons who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate and follow recommendations for discontinuing isolation.
<b>Re-duced Duration 2</b>	<b>Negative test</b> result for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) from a sample collected on day five or later after last exposure <b>AND</b> stay at home for at least <b>seven days</b> after last exposure.	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through <b>day 14</b> . (Check temperature twice a day, watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.) Persons who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate and follow recommendations for discontinuing isolation.

*A 14-day quarantine period presents the lowest risk of post-quarantine transmission. This strategy is preferred for people living in, working at, or visiting congregate living facilities, high density workplaces, or other settings where potential extensive transmission or contact with people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 is possible.*

•ro minimize the risk of Covid-19 transmission, student-athletes should wait until 14 days of symptom monitoring have passed since they would not be able to social distance or

wear a mask during active practice or play. Such student athletes are permitted to return to class sooner since they can social distance (at least 6 feet) and wear a mask when around others in class.

If you or your child's doctor has any questions or concerns, please contact *Hamilton County Public Health's Division of Epidemiology and Assessment Outbreak Response Team* at (513) 946-7919.

Sincerely,



Greg Kesterman  
 Health Commissioner  
 Hamilton County Public Health