

Gator Gazette

March 18, 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,

Thanks to this community our Gala auction was a huge success. On behalf of our school I want to thank everyone: organizers, donors and bidders for supporting our students. These funds allow us to bring new programs to the students which enhance learning. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. And a very special thank you to Mrs. Staud for all her work on behalf of St. Al's. You're the best!!!

As with any first time endeavor, our online auction had a few hiccups. Therefore we will be presenting **Gala 2.0** Items that were so generously donated but mistakenly left off the auction site will be available for bid in the Tekulve Room after Easter. More details to come.

Kindergarten and 1st grade went to a Cyclones Hockey game on Wednesday. This was a math based learning opportunity as well as fun! The kids had a blast and can hopefully now tell you why they need to learn math rather than asking why they have to learn it.

On Thursday we had our St. Patrick's Day program, Preschool - 8th. The kids did a great job and everyone enjoyed their performances. Students were then surprised by visits from St. Patrick and a leprechaun in their classrooms. Thank you Mr. Shea for a job well done.

Marketing: The newly formed Marketing Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. We welcome parents and parishioners to join us. If you are interested in joining this group please call Jenny at the school office for information or questions. Our next meeting is April 12th.

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.

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. The food is great and you are supporting our Athletic Association.

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 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 trimester and end of year to honor our outstanding Scholars. Gifts can be sent to school or put in the 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 and enjoy this nice weather,
Mr. Mark Auer

Congratulations

to our Honor Roll Students

First Honors

4th Grade

Mary O'Connell

Will Lupp

5th Grade

Adelaide Gibbons

Jonny Goldsberry

6th Grade

Naomi Yisrael-Johnson

7th Grade

Emma Collins

Ryan Smith

8th Grade

Jordan Goldsberry

Rachel Harrell

Meadow Johns

Jaden Jordan

Olivia Reinstatler

Madison Smith

Second Honors

4th Grade

Turner Mazzella

Anaya Scott

5th Grade

Joseph Duke-Ibanez

William Michels

Ethan Raisor

Ayana Scott

6th Grade

Daphne Bennett

Lincoln Drake

7th Grade

Izabella Gardner

8th Grade

Euriah Carter

**Congratulations students
on your hard work!!!**

Grand Raffle Winners

\$ 500.00 - Mary Jo Shearer

\$2,500.00 - Elonia Scott

\$5,000.00 - Marsha Stowe

ShowPhoto Studios, St. Al's sports photographer will be sharing images from the St. Patty's Day performance on 3-17-2022. These images will be available to download free of charge from a password protected gallery, more information will be sent in the next gazette with a link and password to the image gallery.

SAFEPARISH

SafeParish is the new Child Protection Platform for the AoC, taking the place of **VIRTUS**.

By now all volunteers and employees should have received an email from SafeParish inviting them to register for their SafeParish account. If you did not receive the email, please check your spam or junk mail folders. You can also find a copy of the SafeParish registration instructions by going to the AoC's Safe Environment Office webpage at <https://catholicaoc.org/offices/safe-environment> and going to *Top Resources* and then clicking the link for SafeParish.

All new volunteers and employees should follow the SafeParish registration instructions for creating a SafeParish account. During the registration process new volunteers and employees will be invited to complete their online background check and their child protection training online. New employees will also need to complete manual fingerprinting and submit a B4 form for approval.





A letter from the Director

Hello Preschool Families,

Our friends had so much fun at our St. Patrick's Day performance! We hope everyone who could make it enjoyed the performance too. We had some sneaky leprechauns make their way into some of our preschool classrooms and make a big mess! Unfortunately, none of our traps were successful at catching those tricky little leprechauns...maybe next year! Have a great weekend!

Please see below for important upcoming dates and events:

-Preschool students will be tie dying t-shirts on the last week of March. If you could please send in a prewashed plain white t-shirt with your child by Thursday, March 24th we would greatly appreciate it!

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

- 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, 22nd & 23rd. You can sign up for a conference through the Sign Up Genius sent out by your homeroom teacher.

-There is NO SCHOOL the following days in March:

Friday, March 25th

Monday, March 28th

From the Pastoral Associate

Julie McDonald

ST. JOSEPH

They call him the *Terror of Demons*. The *Defender of Families*. The Patron of the Universal Church. Thankfully, the Church has always had such a hero.

Now, more than ever, we *need* St. Joseph.

Quick Facts

Feast day is March 19th

husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

came from King David's noble lineage

foster father of Jesus

carpenter

born in Bethlehem, lived in Nazareth

an angel told Joseph in his dream to take Mary into his home

in another dream, Joseph was warned to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt

Joseph disappears from the New Testament before Jesus began his public ministry

patron Saint of the Universal Church, unborn children, travelers, families, workers, happy death, fathers

St. Thomas Aquinas once noted that St. Joseph is unique among patron saints in that *he can assist us at any time for anything*

Also, the patron Saint of many countries including: Russia, Canada, Mexico, Peru, Belgium Korea, Austria, Vietnam, Bohemia, and also Sicily, Italy.

Consecration means placing yourself and every aspect of your life under his fatherly care, abiding by his guidance, and striving to imitate his life and virtues. Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, shows us exactly how to do this in [*Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father.*](#) This is a fantastic book, my husband and I read a section of it together every night during Covid shutdown and we learned so much more about the quiet holy man.

SAINT AL'S



FISH FRY



4390 Bridgetown Road, 45211

Drive Thru Only
Every Friday During Lent
4:30–7:00pm

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 Fried	\$ 3
Green Beans	\$ 2
Coleslaw	\$ 2
Hush Puppies	\$ 2

Cash and credit cards accepted



St. Aloysius
Gonzaga

**Freshen Up Your Spring
Gear With St. Al's**

SPIRITWEAR
FEB 22-MARCH 7





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**

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!
(1st Place \$400, 2nd Place \$200)

HURRY AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

Contact Erin Gassett by email at 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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Click on the link below to see our students artwork and details about purchase.

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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

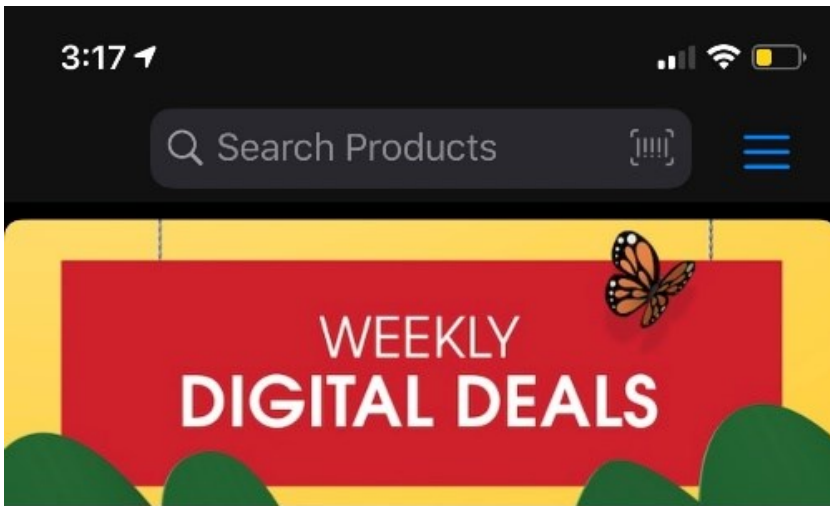
St. Al's PTO Fundraiser

Kroger Community Rewards



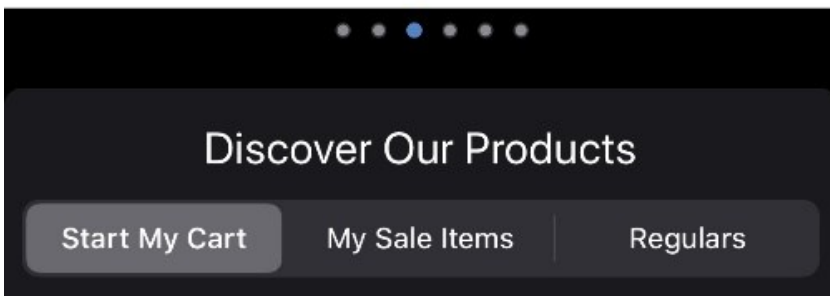
DETAILS: Every purchase on your Kroger card can raise money for the St. Al's PTO. You only need to sign up once and you will earn rewards for the school with every shopping trip! You can enroll at any time, so please try to get your family and friends to sign up

How to Sign Up



Weekly Savings with Digital Coupons

Download and redeem up to 3 times in one transaction.



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
Optimal Duration to Minimize Risk of Transmission	Stay at home for at least 14 days 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 day 14 . (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.
Re-duced Duration 1	Stay at home at least 10 days 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 day 14 . (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.
Re-duced Duration 2	Negative test result for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) from a sample collected on day five or later after last exposure AND stay at home for at least seven days 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 day 14 . (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