

# Gator Gazette

March 4, 2022

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

**Preschool Office: 513-587-3978**

Hello Gator Families,

The whole school, including preschool attended a very nice Ash Wednesday service. Adults in attendance commented how well behaved our students were and what a nice job our children's choir did. Great job Gators, way to make us proud!

Monday, March 7th we are having a Lenten prayer service 8:15 in church. Parents are welcome to attend.

There will be an Awards ceremony after the all school mass on Wednesday, March 9th. Join us as we show our support for students ourstanding academic performance.

**Iowa Tests:** Please see the attached letter regarding the upcoming standardized testing, the Iowa Tests.

**Marketing:** The newly formed Marketing Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 8 at 7pm in the cafeteria. We will be bouncing ideas around and can use lots of input. If you are interested in attending, please call Jenny at the school office to rsvp or just show up. Thank you.

**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.

**Grand Raffle Tickets:** Gators, we have one weeks left to sell those Grand Raffle tickets. We need 100% participation to reach our goal. Extra tickets are available at the school or church office. Sell those tickets!!!

**Gala Auction:** 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. Mark your calendar for March 12th and support our school. Tell your family and friends to save the date and spread the word on social media. Instructions for accessing the online auction will be attached in this Gazette (pg 3) and church bulletin.

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

**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:** Winter weather cancellations—we follow Oak Hills School District.

**\*\*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 7 - Lenten Prayer Service  
March 9 - Awards grades 4-8  
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 26 - Corn Hole Tournament  
April 22 - Cabriolet

**Students had an enjoyable week celebrating the Dr. Seuss theme, Read across America. Each day they focused on a different Dr. Seuss book with fun activities. Thank you teachers for making this a fun experience for our students. Drop in collection**

We are collecting gift cards or special events tickets: ie. Kings Island tickets, Zoo Pass, restaurant gift cards, etc. to be used as awards as we honor our students for academic achievement at the end of each trimester and at the end of the year. Help us celebrate our scholar's hard work by sending donations to the school office or drop in the collection basket marked school awards. If you prefer you can donate cash and we can buy the cards.

Nothing like knowing the whole St. Al's family supports you.

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

God Bless, Stay safe and warm.

Mr. Mark Auer

#### **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.*



St. Aloysius  
Gonzaga

March 1, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The season of Lent and the promise of spring also brings us into the season of school testing! Starting next week, we will begin the spring administration of standardized testing. All students within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati take the Iowa tests for academic content area assessments, and those in grades two, five, and seven will take part in tests designed to assess cognitive abilities as well. The test results return to parents and teachers in May. Taking the Iowa tests fulfills the testing requirements for all students benefitting from Ohio scholarships. In addition, students in grades five and eight must participate in testing, using the Ohio state online assessments in the content area of science.

Students will spend between 25 and 45 minutes most days, engaged in the testing process. For the most part, teachers have determined testing will take place in the morning hours when students are fresher, but shorter sessions and make-up testing may take place in the afternoons. Children need not study nor prepare for the upcoming tests, but families can help by ensuring their children are getting plenty of sleep and on time for school during these next few weeks of school, especially. A healthy breakfast always helps, and St. Aloysius Gonzaga is happy to offer breakfasts to students who arrive before the 7:50 a.m. start of school.

Our kindergarten, first, and second grade students will be taking reading and language Iowa tests a little later in March. The results of the Iowa testing help guide many decisions revolving around curriculum and instruction, and help us identify students who might benefit from additional learning supports. If you have any questions about testing or your child's progress, please feel free to contact me or speak directly to your child's teacher at the upcoming parent/teacher conferences.

Sincerely,

Susan Meymann,

Testing Coordinator at St. Aloysius Gonzaga School

# 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,

Dr. Seuss week was a huge success! Our week was filled with crazy hats and hairdos, lots of animal print, a ton of love and kindness, many different colors, and very creative letters for our ABC parade. Thank you for helping your little ones come up with such fun and creative ideas for the week! Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the beautiful weather!

Please see below for important upcoming dates and events:

**-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.**

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

**Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

## From the Pastoral Associate

Julie McDonald

*Lent is a time when we practice new ways of giving up sin and doing good so we can be closer to God.*



Lent began on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Lent is a great liturgical season to observe with kids to help teach them about the church year.

The first thing to understand is that Lent is its own season, lasting 40 days and it is very different in feel and observances than Easter. Easter is also a season that lasts for 50 days, but it doesn't start until Lent is over. **So, this year, try observing Lent first, and then celebrate Easter.**

I have listed some websites to help you with this! I hope you find these **Lenten and Easter resources for children** helpful in bringing your family closer to Jesus this year!

[-http://www.reallifeathome.com](http://www.reallifeathome.com)  
<http://kareninmommyland.blogspot.com>  
<https://www.teachingcatholickids.com/lent-ideas/>

<https://holymen.com>

“To a great extent the world is what we make it. We get back what we give. If we sow hate, we reap hate; if we scatter love and gentleness, we harvest love and happiness. Other people are like a mirror which reflects back on us the kind of image we cast. The kind person bears with the infirmities of others, never magnifies trifles, and avoids a spirit of fault finding. “

Taken from the book The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

**St. Al's Athletics Drive-Thru Fish Fry**  
**Fridays in Lent, March 4 - April 15, 4:30-7 p.m.**

Please support our St. Al's Gators student-athletes and enjoy some great food each Friday during Lent! This year, we will continue to operate as a drive-thru only, so get in line early for the best Fryday dinner in town.

Learn more and see a menu at  
<https://saintals.org/fishfry/>.



**Mark your calendars**  
**for upcoming**  
**Dine to Donate**  
**Events**

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.**



**Boy Scout**  
**Troop 238**  
**Wants You**



Troup 238 is celebrating it's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. We would like to extend a welcome to anyone looking to begin their scouting career (11 years or older) or looking to continue their journey. Troup 238 meets weekly and would like to invite you to our information night March 6<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of the Visitation Sports Pavilion starting at 7:00 PM to learn more about our program. Upcoming events include a primitive camping weekend in March and a high adventure trip to Red River Gorge in May. We hope to see you there! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Tony Edwards – Scoutmaster  
Anthony.T.Edwards@gmail.com



# **Northside K of C Youth Summer Volleyball**

The Friday night youth league for students **CURRENTLY** in grades 5 through 8 (as of 1/1/22) is now accepting registrations. Games will be at the K of C Sports Complex at 3144 Blue Rock Rd.

All games will begin Friday, 6/10/22 and run every Friday night through 8/12/22. Games will begin at 5:00 pm and run through no later than 11:00 pm, depending on the number of teams in the league. Game times will vary each week. Schedules will be posted on the Youth Sand Volleyball Facebook page and will also be sent to the coaches by no later than 5/31/22.

The league is filled on a first come, first-served basis and has a capacity of 50 teams total. Once capacity is met, teams will not be accepted. In 2021, capacity was reached in mid-April, so it is important to get registrations in as early as possible.

Teams may be co-ed, all girls or all boys. Grade levels may also be combined onto one team. (5/6, 6/7 or 7/8) All teams must have one adult coach (over the age of 21) or at least one parent at their game every week. Teams with more than 15 students on their roster will be automatically split into 2 teams unless prior arrangements have been made through the league coordinator.

Rainouts will be communicated via Facebook/Twitter/Instagram no later than Friday at 4:00 pm. If there is impending severe weather (lightening/thunder/torrential rain) during a game, a decision will be made as soon as possible. Rainouts will not be made up.

**PRIORITY REGISTRATION** is accepted starting Friday, February 4, 2022 and run through Sunday, May 1, 2022. Priority registrations will have a \$40 fee. Any registrations after May 1, 2022 will assess a \$10 fee. If the late fee is not paid with the registration, the student is not registered. All registrations will receive online confirmation within 48 hours of receiving payment. Payments will be accepted via Cash, Check or Venmo again this year. Venmo payments **MUST** be labeled with the student name, or the registration will not be processed and money will be refunded. Any registrations received after May 1, 2022 are not guaranteed a printed t-shirt. Links to registrations through Google Forms will be posted on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. No refunds will be issued after the start of league play.

Coaches meeting will take place on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm. League rules, schedules and tshirts will be handed out at the meeting and must be signed for by the coach. Any coach that is not present for the meeting will not receive their packet and tshirts until June 10, 2022. No exceptions. Complete parent and emergency contact information must be received in order for students to participate. This is for your child's safety and is required or their registration will not be processed.

**For more information, please email the league coordinator**

**Kateri Knosp @ [kofcvolleyball@gmail.com](mailto:kofcvolleyball@gmail.com)**



**Please Print Clearly\*\*\*Please Print Clearly\*\*\*Please Print Clearly**

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Grade (as of 1/1/2022)** 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>

**School presently attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**T-shirt Size (Available in adult sizes only)** S M L XL

**Coach's Name (if you have a team)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks/Money Order can be made out to: Northside K of C Cash is also an acceptable form of payment.**

**Please mail any completed paper registrations to:**

**Northside Knights of Columbus  
Attn: Youth Volleyball Coordinator  
3144 Blue Rock Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45239**

# 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*



Freshen Up Your Spring  
Gear With St. Al's

# SPIRITWEAR

FEB 22-MARCH 7



# **Welcome family and friends of St. Aloysius Gonzaga School!**

**Our school is participating in a creative fundraiser with  
Art to Remember**

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>

# 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



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.





## 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/>

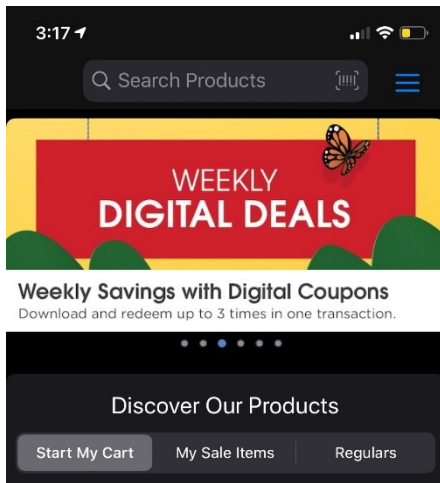
Create/sign in with your digital Kroger account.

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