

# Gator Gazette

April 29, 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.*

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Dear Gator families,

I hope everyone had a great Easter break and is ready to tackle May. We are rounding third and heading for home! It's hard to believe there are only 4 weeks left in our school year. May will be packed with fun activities and hard work.

Thank you to Fr. Hay for visiting the 7th & 8th grade religion classes this week for a Question & Answer Session. The students were excited for the opportunity to ask Father questions and Father found their questions very thought provoking and enjoyed his time talking with the students. He then joined the second graders and helped them prepare for their big day. Congratulations to our 2nd graders as they receive this sacrament.

A special thank you to our volunteers who made rosaries with the 2nd, 3rd and 8th graders. The rosaries are beautiful and the students really enjoyed making them.

### Mark your calendars for all of our upcoming events.

- May 1st - First Communion 1:00pm Families be there by 12:15 for pictures. The group picture will be first so please be on time.
- May 2 - 6 - Book Fair - Students will get the opportunity to preview the sale then make purchases on Tuesday and Thursday. The Book Fair will also be open on Wednesday for Grandparent's Day.  
Teacher Appreciation Week - PTO has fun things planned - Breakfast from Panera, Lunch from Dewey's, and special treats
- May 3 - Preschool Evening with Mom
- May 2 - Zoo Trip - Grades 2 & 3
- May 6 - Zoo Trip - Kindergarten and 1st grade
- May 6 Stumps Bowling Alley Field Trip - Grades 4-8
- May 9 - May Crowning in the Mary Garden 10:00am
- May 10 - Marketing Meeting - 7pm in the cafeteria
- May 11 - PTO General Assembly: Mrs. Paul and Mr. Auer will hold an introductory session at 6:30 Prior to the meeting introducing the new program for next year **The Science of Reading**. This session will help parents understand the program so they can help their students get a jump start over the summer
- May 15 Rosary for First Communicants - wear your communion clothing and join the families that say the rosary after 10am mass on Sunday
- May 23 - Field Day
- May 26 - 8th Grade Graduation
- May 27 - Preschool and Kindergarten Graduation.

Enjoy your weekend. Mr. Auer

Please see the attached letter from Mr. Mohr. You have been a gift to our community. Thank you for your dedication and service. You will be missed. We wish you the very best of luck.

Dear St. Al's families,

A few weeks ago, I was approached by a friend of mine who is a principal at a local private school about a possible job opportunity. At the time, I had no intention of looking for another job because I believe very strongly in the vision that Mr. Auer has for St. Al's. There were many positive aspects to the job I was offered, including that it would be much closer to my home and it would be very close to the high school my oldest son will be attending next year. Getting him to and from school was an issue that my wife and I were very concerned about because of time and distance issues. This issue would be completely resolved if I accepted the offer from my friend. The job would also allow me to stay in the classroom while also having more responsibilities in the school building as the Dean of Discipline. Still, the decision was very difficult for me to make, but in the end, I had to do what was best for my family and accept the position. The decision to leave does not reflect how I feel about St. Al's and the future of the school under the leadership of Mr. Auer. I believe, with cooperation from parents and teachers, Mr. Auer will bring St. Al's to even better days ahead. I wanted to be part of his plan, but God works in mysterious ways, and I believe God has led me to this new opportunity. I wish nothing but the best for St. Al's School and will stay in touch to keep up on the great things going on in this very special school. I will miss the students of St. Al's so much. I feel I have developed a special bond with so many of them over the years, but I believe they will be in good hands going forward. I thank all of the parents and fellow teachers who have been so supportive during my 5 years at St. Al's and will miss so many of you very much.

Once a Gator, always a Gator,

Michael Mohr

# Reminders

## Latest news is on the home page

Access to the Gator Gazette (past and current)  
Links to join your child's class facebook group/  
St. Al's Facebook page  
Links to pay for school lunch and to log into My  
Student Progress parent portal  
Access handbook, calendar, school supplies and  
other important documents  
Easily report an absence  
Easy enrollment: Immediately upload all docu-  
mentation needed and make payment.  
Quick link to SafeParish  
Quick access to all Athletic sign-ups and PTO  
information  
Misplaced a flyer that went home, or can't find  
the facebook feed that mentioned an  
event you wanted to attend? It is on the  
website.

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

## Summer Help opening

Great seasonal position in maintenance and  
grounds for Highschool or college students.

May through August - 40 **hours** per week.

Please contact Ken Schultz at  
513-574-4840, ext. 204 or email at  
[ken.schultz@stalsbridgetown.org](mailto:ken.schultz@stalsbridgetown.org).

If you know of someone you can send them  
Ken's way!

## Dates to Remember

### First Communion

May 1 @ 1pm

### Book Fair

May 2 - 6

### Teacher Appreciation Week

May 2 - 6

### Preschool Evening with Mom

May 3

### May Crowning

May 9, 10am in the Mary Garden

## PTO News

**PTO positions are available for next  
year! Please check the schools  
website for available positions  
and to apply!**



## A letter from the Director

Hello Preschool Families,

It was great to see all of our friends back from Easter Break! We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. This week was very busy in preschool. We have been working on some special projects for mom and starting to prepare for our end of the year celebration. Can you believe we only have four more weeks of school left?!?!

Please see below for important upcoming dates and events:

**-Preschool's Evening With Mom will be Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00pm-6:00pm in the gym. Please sign up through the Sign-Up Genius link on the flyer that was sent out!**

**-Preschool's End of the Year Celebration is Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 , which is the last day of school. This is an end of the year celebration for ALL of our preschool friends! Students will dismiss for the day after the celebration. There will be more details to come!**

**-Preschool students will attend May Crowning on Monday morning at 10:00.**

**-Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> will be Water & Picnic Day! ALL FULL DAY students will need to pack a lunch and drink. There will NOT be hot lunch available from the cafeteria. Students will need to bring a beach towel for the day.**

Thank you,  
Stephanie Goettke

From the Pastoral Associate

Julie McDonald

## A Parents Prayer for First Holy Communion

Lord, give us the wisdom and the courage to help our children as you would  
to develop in them a Christ-like love for all people ...

To nurture in them a desire to give and not simply to take ...  
to teach them to be doers of Your Holy Word.

Guide us in our parental responsibilities strengthen our love as a family  
so that we may work together in coming closer to You.

May we be the expression of Your love to our children  
so that each day will be as today ...

Your love received and shared ...  
to help us be one in the Body of Christ.

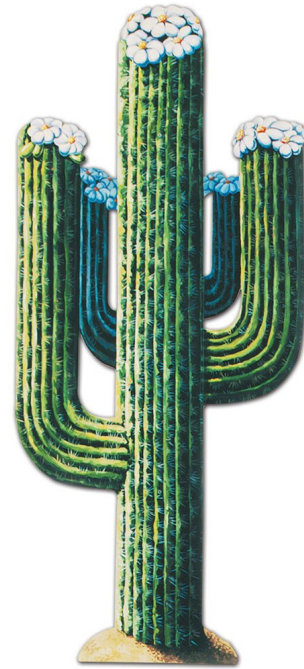
Amen.

# Save the Date

Vacation Bible School  
2022

## Monumental Celebrating God's Greatness

June 13 - 17 9:00 am to noon



At Monumental VBS kids celebrate God's Greatness! Monumental is filled with awesome Bible learning experiences that the kids see, hear and touch! They will do fun science experiments, play team-building games, learn and sing unforgettable Bible songs and be encouraged to see God all around them in what we call "God sightings!" These are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life.

Join us at **St Aloysius on June 13-17 from 9:00 until noon each day. Cost is \$20**

Register at [myvbs.org/stjudeals](https://myvbs.org/stjudeals) Registration ends May 23

Any questions contact Peggy Cappel 513-288-9031 or [piapegy@gmail.com](mailto:piapegy@gmail.com)

**Volunteers needed:** To help set up in the week prior to VBS. No skill necessary but will be put to good use if you have them. We will be building monument valley, complete with cactus. We need painters, box cutters and many miscellaneous other jobs. We will be working in the undercroft at St Al's most days. Please contact Peggy Cappel at 288-9031 if you can offer a few hours of help.

We also need 7th & 8th graders as team leaders during VBS.





## *May Crowning*

**May 9th**

**10:00 am**

**Crowning of Mary will take  
place in the Mary Garden by  
the back parking lot, weather  
permitting**

St. Al's  
DINE TO DONATE



**FUNDRAISER FOR  
ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA PTO**

**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 from 11:00am – 9:00pm**  
(30% OF ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ST. AL'S PTO)

Valid on Dine-In, Drive Thru, or Carry Out

**ZORBAS**  
GREEK RESTAURANT

6520 Glenway Avenue

Call 574-2111 to place a phone order

**\*Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone,  
or tell the cashier you are supporting St. Al's  
to ensure we 30% of the proceeds  
will be donated to St. Al's PTO.**



# Book Fair 2022

May 2nd-5th, 2022

The Saint Aloysius Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Grade book fair will be next week, May 2nd-5th. Students will attend a preview day on Monday, May 2nd and see the books that are available and create a "Wish List" paper to take home while visiting the preview day.

Students will attend the book fair either Tuesday or Thursday morning with their homeroom.

The bookfair will also be open on Wednesday for Special persons day from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**IMPORTANT**- Please sign your child up for an e-wallet. This will help minimize cash. Below is the link to do that.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/articles/ewallet.html>



<https://bookfairsfiles.scholastic.com/flippingbooks/S22/S22-ES-Case-Booklist/S22 ES Case Booklist.html#p=1>

**Book fair catalog:** Below is a link to the book fair catalog of books. Hard copies will also be sent home with students.

Note: Students that volunteered to help set up the book fair: we will meet today, Friday, April 29 at 4:30 after school.📍



## Panthers Junior High Running Club

Boys entering the seventh and eighth grade next fall are invited to join the Panthers Junior High Cross Country team. If you are interested in learning about the sport of cross country and long-distance running, join the team for summer conditioning every Tuesday at 5:30 pm at Fernbank Park, beginning July 5th. Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday practices will begin August 2nd.

The running club is open to all boys entering 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade from the West side of town. No experience is needed to join and conditioning is free. Meets begin in mid-August with 8-10 races ending in mid-October.

If interested, contact Rob Carvitti at [panthersrunningclub@gmail.com](mailto:panthersrunningclub@gmail.com).





# REDS KID GLOVE PROGRAM

## SPECIAL SAVINGS

Join us for a game at Great American Ball Park. A portion of each ticket supports your Kid Glove Program. For more information on the Kid Glove program, visit

[reds.com/KidGlove](https://reds.com/KidGlove)



**OFFER CODE: Gators**



### KID GLOVE PROGRAM GAMES



**APRIL 26**  
6:40 P.M.



**MAY 6**  
6:40 P.M.



**MAY 25**  
6:40 P.M.



**JUNE 7**  
6:40 P.M.



**JUNE 22**  
6:40 P.M.



**JULY 6**  
6:40 P.M.



**JULY 31**  
1:10 P.M.



**AUGUST 16**  
6:40 P.M.



**AUGUST 31**  
6:40 P.M.



**SEPT. 13**  
6:40 P.M.



**SEPT. 25**  
1:10 P.M.



To purchase tickets, please scan this QR code with your smart device or visit:

[reds.com/KidGlove](https://reds.com/KidGlove)



For questions or group purchases of 15 or more, please email Nick at [NGeraci@reds.com](mailto:NGeraci@reds.com).

[reds.com/Groups](https://reds.com/Groups)

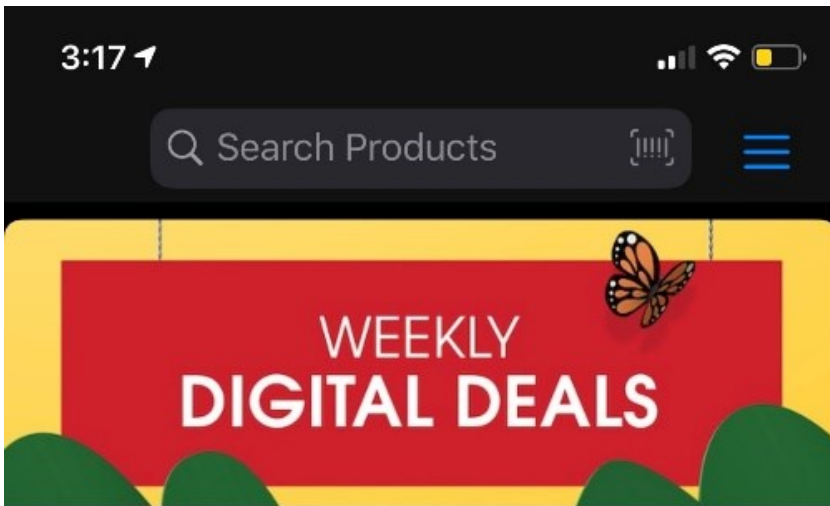
# St. Al's PTO Fundraiser

## Kroger Community Rewards



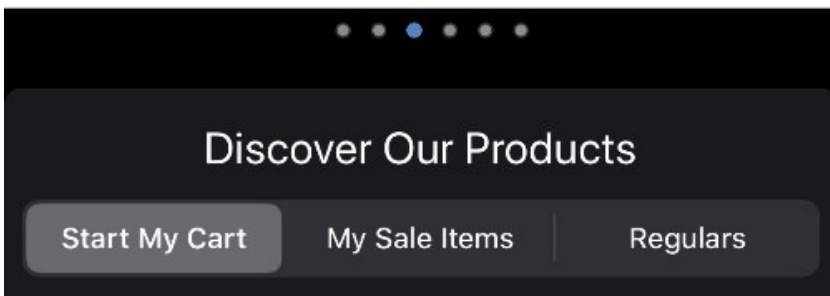
**DETAILS:** Every purchase on your Kroger card can raise money for the St. Al's PTO. You only need to sign up once and you will earn rewards for the school with every shopping trip! You can enroll at any time, so please try to get your family and friends to sign up

### 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!