

Gator Gazette

April 8, 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 Gators,

As educators, our teachers have been instructing your children about Jesus' journey to the cross. As Holy Week begins you as parents can re-enforce those lessons by attending Holy Week services with your children. Living our faith is the best example for our children.

Palm Sunday Mass: 4pm Saturday and 10am Sunday.

On this day, the Church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish His paschal mystery. During this mass we receive palms and walk with Christ through the gospel on His Passion, death, and resurrection.

Holy Thursday Mass: 7pm

Today, we focus on the gift of the Eucharist as we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Here, we remember the last meal Jesus celebrated with His disciples as He anticipated His Passion and death. The Blessed Sacrament is removed from the main sanctuary after mass in a solemn ceremony and taken to a place of repose for adoration.

Good Friday Service of the Passion of the Lord: 12:30 pm

On Good Friday, we focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. We recognize that our sins come with a terrible price and that Jesus paid that price willingly out of love for us. We observe Good Friday as a day of fasting and abstinence.

There is no Mass on Good Friday. This service begins in silence, with the priest lying prostrate before the cross. It continues with readings from Scripture, a homily, and prayers for God's blessings and mercy. Next, we adore the cross with a sign of reverence: often a kiss or a touch. The key is for us to show our gratitude for the means that God used to save us.

Finally, we bring the Blessed Sacrament out from the place of repose and receive Communion. The service ends in silence.\

Easter Vigil

Continuing our walk with Christ, we will have spent Friday and Saturday "in the tomb" with Jesus. With our service on Holy Saturday, we move from the tomb to the glory of the Resurrection.

The service contains four parts: the service of light, Liturgy of the Word, Christian initiation and renewal and holy Eucharist.

The service of light begins outside where we bless our Easter fire and Paschal candle. The Mass begins inside in darkness to remind us of Jesus in the tomb. As mass begins with readings of the story of salvation the only light is from candles held by each person in the church. Then, the lights come on as we sing the Gloria both signs of our movement from the darkness of the tomb to the glory of the Resurrection. We then bring into the Church those in the RCIA program who have been preparing since September. We remember our own baptism, thank God that we are a part of the long chain of salvation history through our membership in the Church, and rejoice with those who are joining us in the family of faith.

Easter morning Mass: 10am

We rejoice with great joy at Jesus' victory over sin and death: His victory is our victory. We have hope and joy in our lives because of the wonder of Christ's love conquering our sin and His life overcoming our death.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

I encourage you to experience one of these services in addition to Easter mass. It is a great learning tool and a way to re-inforce your own faith.

I would like to thank our teachers who will be moving on next year.

Elizabeth Lounsberry is seeking a higher college degree and exploring career paths.

Hannah Smith will be attending graduate school in Chicago and teaching in the Chicago area.

Anne Porter (Frazze) will be living in the Dayton area and continuing her career in teaching.

Thank you to all three of you for your dedication to the children of St. Al's and your hard work. It's been a blessing to have you here and you will all be missed. Wishing you the best of luck.



Fish Fry: Come see us. Only 2 weeks left in Lent!!! These are your last chances to get the best Fish Fry in town, Don't miss it.

See page 3 & 4 for the tuition rates and the application for Scholarship for Parishioners.

The dates of the Book Fair have changed. The new dates are May 2-6. Don't forget to check it out. There are many good selections for summer reading! Now that's a novel idea.

CABERET is Saturday night at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. Our students have been working very hard. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Congratulations to our Bible Bowl Team. We are all very proud of you. You did a great job representing St. Al's. A very special thank you to our team coaches: Joe Shea, Crissi Reid and Tammy Elsen. Thank you for going above and beyond guiding our students. Great job everyone!

Our 4th—8th graders are going on a field trip to Stumps Bowling Lanes on May 6th, noon-2pm. We need more chaperones for this trip. If you can help please call Jenny in the office.

K-3 is going to the Zoo on May 6. Let's pray for great weather.

The 2nd graders will be having their Jesus Day Retreat on April 27th. Followed by their First Communion on May 1st at 1:00pm. Families should arrive at 12:30.

Reminder to staff. We have a staff meeting on April 13th, 3:15 - 4:15.

Have a great weekend.

Mr. Auer

	Parishioner Full Tuition Rate:	Net, After St. Aloysius Gonzaga Scholarship	Non-Parishioner Tuition Rate:
Kindergarten Full Day	\$5,500*	\$3,900*	\$5,500
1st Child	\$5,500	\$3,900*	\$5,500
2nd Child	\$5,500	\$3,680*	\$5,500
3rd Child	\$5,500	\$3,470*	\$5,500
4th Child	\$5,500	Free*	\$5,500

** St. Aloysius Gonzaga Scholarship is available to Active Parishioners. You must complete an application to be eligible. To receive the Parishioner Full Tuition rate, you must apply for assistance through FACTS.*

Pre School		
Full Week	\$5,125	
M/T/TH/F	\$4,155	
M/W/F	\$3,325	
T/TH	\$2,375	
Half Day Full Week	\$3,075	
Half Day M/W/F	\$2,000	

2022-2023

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Scholarship Application

As active St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parishioners, we request the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Scholarship.

We are aware that the funding for these scholarships comes mainly from our Parishioners' Sunday contributions, and that as Business Manager, you are charged to be the steward of these funds.

We understand that gathering for Eucharist is the most important thing we do as a parish community, and that in doing so we are teaching our children the importance of Sunday worship.

We worship and will continue to worship regularly with the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish community. We understand "regular worship" to mean that we are present at weekend liturgies more times than not over any monitored period of time. We also understand that you will monitor our attendance, for the purpose of this scholarship, through our envelope usage. We will continue to place an envelope (even if empty) in the collection basket, every weekend we attend Mass. We also understand that we could lose this scholarship if our attendance falls below

the requirements. (We will notify the parish if circumstances arise that may prevent us from attending Mass for a period of time.)

I/We are active St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parishioners and attend Sunday Mass and/or the Saturday Vigil Mass on a regular basis, as defined above. I/We will continue to do so, so that our child will learn the primary importance of Sunday worship in a Catholic's life.

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____

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.

Substitute Teachers are needed: The entire city is experi-
encing a shortage of subs. The State has altered re-
quirements for substitutes this year. Please consider
helping out. Call the school office to see if you are eligi-
ble.

Volunteers make our school great. Please join the Ath-
letic and PTO Organizations and attend meetings and
fundraisers.

We are collecting gift cards or special events
tickets: ie. Kings Island tickets, Zoo Pass, res-
taurant 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 cele-
brate 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.



Dates to Remember

Caberet
April 9

Easter Break
April 15 - 22

First Communion
May 1

Book Fair
May 2 - 6

Teacher Appreciation Week
May 2 - 6

Preschool Evening with Mom
May 3

Dine to Donate
Chipotle
April 12



A letter from the Director

Hello Preschool Families,

Our preschool friends had a very busy week! We finished up our tie-dye project, started some really cute Spring crafts, and squeezed in a fire drill on Thursday and a lockdown drill on Wednesday. Hopefully we start to see some Spring weather soon! Have a great weekend!

Please see below for important upcoming dates and events:

-Please remember to have you child eat breakfast prior to coming into school. The only outside food that should be coming into preschool should be packed lunches.

-Our preschool friends do go outside for recess in the morning when it is still chilly out, please make sure that they bring a jacket to school everyday.

-Preschool students will participate in an Egg Hunt on Wednesday, April 13th & Thursday, April 14th.

-Easter Break is Friday, April 15th - Friday, April 22nd.

-Thursday, April 14th will be LaRosa's Pizza Day! Milk will be available to purchase.

-Preschool's Evening With Mom will be Tuesday, May 3rd from 5:00pm-6:00pm in the gymnasium. We will send out a Sign-Up Genius when we get closer to May.

-Preschool Graduation is Friday, May 27th 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.

Thank you,
Stephanie Goettke

From the Pastoral Associate

Julie McDonald

PALM SUNDAY

This Sunday is already Palm Sunday the beginning of the holiest week of the year. We will all be given a palm when we walk into church this Sunday and when we bring them home, we just don't know what to do with them. Here are instructions to make a cross and links at the bottom where you'll find videos showing you how to make a palm fish, and more.

Storing palms until you can braid them. If you can't braid your palms within an hour or two after Mass, place your palms in a zip-loc bag with a tablespoon of water, seal it, shake it, and place it in the fridge. That will keep it from drying out until you can braid it! They should keep that way for a few days.

<https://catholicinspired.com/2015/03/29/create-a-fish-from-palms-and-more>

<https://catholicinspired.com/2017/04/09/palm-branch-braiding-a-youtube-mishap>



Making a Palm Cross

START with a long vertical strip of palm as shown in the upper left drawing.

Step 1 - Make a diagonal fold near the middle of the strip so that the top part of the strip extends out to the right.

Step 2 - Fold C over B so that the top of strip extends to the left.

Step 3 - Fold C end under B so that top of strip extends to the right again.

Step 4 - Fold A under B and through slot and pull tight (shape looks almost the same but B now has more slots).

Step 5 - Bring A end up and through bottom slot at B and pull half way through and tuck A into top slot at B.

Step 6 - Bring C end over and through right slot at B and pull half way through and tuck C into left slot at B.

NOTES: In step 4 be sure to pull end A all the way through, snug and tight but gently. It is this step that creates the flat knot that has the slots you will use in steps 5 and 6.

When you have completed step 6, push/pull to adjust the limbs of the cross and shape it. The size of the cross depends on the size of the palm strip that you use.

Example: A palm strip size 13" long x 1/2 " wide, will create a cross that is approximately 2 1/2 inches tall.

What Happened During Holy Week: (The Cheat Sheet)

Palm Sunday: Liturgical color, red. Jesus rides a donkey into Jerusalem, the people wave palm branches at him shouting “Hosanna”.

Holy Monday: Liturgical color, purple. Jesus and his disciples go into the temple, and Jesus overturns the tables since people are selling things rather than praying there.

Holy Tuesday: Liturgical color, purple. Jesus and the disciples return to the temple and teach the people many things with parables and give the people the new commandment.

Holy Wednesday (AKA Spy Wednesday): Liturgical color, purple. Judas agrees to hand over Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

Holy Thursday (AKA Green Thursday): Liturgical color, white. Jesus has the Last Supper, which is the institution of the Eucharist and also the first mass. He also washes the feet of his disciples. Jesus asks his disciples to pray in the garden with him all night, and they fall asleep.

Good Friday: Liturgical color, black. Jesus dies on the cross. All the things from the stations of the cross happen this day.

Holy Saturday: Jesus is dead in the tomb. The evening of Holy Saturday is considered the “vigil”, and Easter celebrating can begin then.

SAINT AL'S



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

The St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Knights of Columbus will host the annual

Tony Pagano Italian Dinner

at Our Lady of Visitation Church, 3172 South Road, Cincinnati Ohio 45248 on Saturday, April 23rd, 2022, from 5:00-7:30PM in the school cafeteria. Dine in service returns this year! (carryout available). \$12.00/adults, \$5.00/kids 6-10, kids 5 and under free. Dinners include salad, bread, drinks & dessert. Cash/checks/credit cards. For more information, contact Dan Warnock at 513-477-2217 or visit stjosephkofc.org. Thank you for your support!



May Crowning

May 9th

10:00 am


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




CHIPOTLE

FUNDRAISING

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA PTO (YOUR FUNDRAISER)

 04.12.2022

 4:00PM - 8:00PM

Guac on! Your fundraiser is now fully approved! Use this page to get the burrito rolling on your event by sharing your fundraiser on social media, downloading flyers in different formats, and checking out our fundraiser “do’s and don’ts”. Best of luck with your fundraiser!

SHARE YOUR FUNDRAISER WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

 SHARE

 TWEET

 EMAIL

 SHARE

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Don't forget to include your unique code BC6NJ7N in the body of your post so supporters know how to order ahead!

Dine to Donate

What an easy way to support your school.

And who can resist **Chipotle**

St. Al's
DINE TO DONATE



**FUNDRAISER FOR
ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA PTO**

Tuesday, May 3rd, 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

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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.**



Back row) Mr. Auer (Principal), Naomi Israel-Johnson, Emma Collins, Mrs. Reid (Coach), Mrs. Elsen (Coach), Mr. Shea (Coach)
(Front row) Izzy Gardner, Gia DiPuccio, Aubrey James
Lincoln Drake (pictured below)

Our Bible Bowl team did a great job at St. Ignatius this week! They were ahead after the first round of questions and did a great job representing St. Aloysius. Congratulations to our participants!





CABARET

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Theater presents our production of:

CABERET

April 9, 7:00 pm @ St. Aloysius Gym

Doors open at 6:30

Tickets: \$5 per ticket

Please support our theater group by purchasing Our flowers, buttons and ornaments, before and after the show.

Also stop by our Cast Comment Bags and leave a note for your favorite cast member to receive after the show.

Ticket orders may be sent to practice or to school. Cash or checks (made out to St. Al's Theater) are accepted.

Name _____

of Tickets _____ Total _____

April Menu

					1 Fish Sticks Peas Fruit	2
3	4 Popcorn Chicken Applesauce Corn	5 Cheese Coneys Carrot Sticks Fruit	6 Turkey & Ham Subs Baked Chips Fruit	7 Hamburgers Potato Rounds Fruit	8 Cheesy Breadsticks Mixed Veggies Fruit	9
10	11 Chicken Nuggets Applesauce Green Beans	12 Meatloaf Mash Potatoes Green Beans	13 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fruit	14 LAROSA'S PIZZA DAY!!!!!!	15 SPRING BREAK "OFF"	16
17 Easter	18 SPRING BREAK "OFF"	19 SPRING BREAK "OFF"	20 SPRING BREAK "OFF"	21 SPRING BREAK "OFF"	22 Earth Day SPRING BREAK "OFF"	23
24	25 Mini Corn Dogs Green Beans Fruit	26 Soft Beef Tacos Lettuce & Cheese Fruit	27 Chicken Tenders French Fries Fruit	28 Rotini w/ meat sauce Green Beans	29 Pancakes Turkey Sausage Fruit	30



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



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



For questions or group purchases of 15 or more, please email Nick at NGeraci@reds.com.

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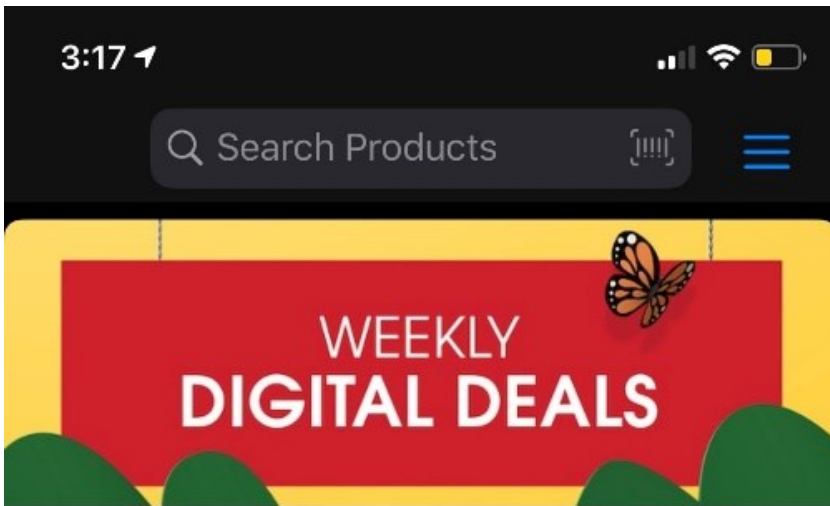
St. Al's PTO Fundraiser

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!

