

Gator Gazette

March 25, 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

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for choosing St. Aloysius Gonzaga School for your child's education. St. Aloysius School as part of St. Aloysius Parish, is a catholic school committed to values incorporated throughout our excellent academic program. The staff integrates the best instructional practices to foster the gifts of all students, empowering them to meet the challenges of the future. At St. Al's we believe that the education of the child must be a team effort with the student, parent and teacher all working toward the same goal.....student success.

Tuition for the upcoming year has been set at \$5,500.00. The tuition changes are in accordance with the Ohio Ed Choice Program. We work extremely hard to control expenses, provide competitive salaries to our teachers and set tuition at as affordable rate as possible.

At this time Fr. Hay and our business manager, Ken Schultz have decided to increase our tuition only \$100 for families that are active members of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church. We thank the parish and its parishioners for contributing the balance of the fees to make up the difference between the standard rate that is now \$5,500.00 and the actual cost of educating each child. There is a St. Aloysius Scholarship available. These scholarship are only available to active parish members. Families using the Ohio Ed Choice Prog are not eligible. All families are asked to support the school in other ways such as volunteering, participation in fundraisers, etc.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga continues to develop its' intention to be known as a STEM School. As you can see by the following list, we provide a wonderful Catholic faith-based atmosphere for learning.

Benefits offered at St. Al's

Professional teaching staff with a majority of our teachers at the Master's level in Education.

State of the Art Technology. Think Pads for each student

Well-maintained buildings. Continued maintenance and recent improvements.

Increased enrollment

Airconditioned classrooms

New windows throughout the school building.

New Science Lab: New furniture and equipment

Student Scholarships in JR High for Catholic children

STEM nights and classes

Let us continue to work together to provide our students with the best education possible: academically, emotionally and morally.

God Bless us all,

Mr. Mark Auer, Principal

**Congratulations
to our Honor Roll Students
from Trimester Two**

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.

Upcoming Reminders

April 15-22 - Easter Break, no school

April 25 - Classes resume

April 25-29 - Book Fair

May 2-6 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 3 - Preschool Evening with Mom



A letter from the Director

Hello Preschool Families,

It was so nice to have parents in the building for conferences! I know the teachers love getting to tell all of our parents how wonderful your children are. If you were unable to make your scheduled conference time and would like to reschedule, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Please see below for important upcoming dates and events:

-Preschool students will be tie dying t-shirts on the last week of March. Please make sure your child has a prewashed plain white t-shirt this week.

-Easter Break is Friday, April 15th - Friday, April 22nd. School will resume Monday, April 25th.

-Preschool 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 after the celebration.

Thank you,
Stephanie Goettke

From the Pastoral Associate
Julie McDonald



The History of the Pretzel

After searching the internet for the history of the pretzel I couldn't believe how much information I found regarding this delicious snack. There seems to be an agreement that a monk in the 600s in Italy decided to make a special Lenten bread for his fellow-monks. He took a long strip of dough and arranged it in the shape of arms folded over the breast in prayer. The three holes left by this shape represented the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These little breads were called *bracellae*, the Latin word for "little arms," from which came the German word *bretzel*.

Another story says that the monk gave these folded breads to children as a reward for learning their prayers. The Latin word for "little reward" is *pretiola* (pre-tzi-OH-la), which sounds a lot like pretzel! By the 16th century, children commonly hung pretzels around their neck on special occasions, and people adorned Christmas trees with the treats as decoration. German parents even hid tiny pretzels on Easter, an early version of modern Easter egg hunts.

In the 17th century, the pretzel's interlocking loops also came to symbolize undying love. Some couples even grasped the ends of the pretzel and unraveled it during wedding ceremonies — one possible origin of the phrase "tying the knot."

Pretzels once stopped a war

The Turks had plotted a dastardly invasion of the Austrian capital, which they intended to accomplish by digging tunnels underneath the city's walls. Their plans were foiled, however, by a group of monks who were up late baking pretzels in the basement of their monastery and heard the advancing enemy army.

The monks quickly alerted city officials, who were then able to counter the assault and stop the attempted invasion. As a result of the monks' bravery, the Austrian emperor awarded them their own coat of arms: two angry-looking lions holding a pretzel. This lasting symbol is still seen across Europe today, with many bakeries displaying it above their doors as a sign of pride and honor in their craft.

Hard pretzels are a distinctly American invention

The Pilgrims are notable for bringing beer with them on the Mayflower. But they also brought pretzels — the perfect snack to go with their favorite brew.

As an increasing number of German immigrants moved to the United States and began settling in the area now known as Pennsylvania, pretzels also took on a distinctly American flavor.

In 1861, a 26-year-old baker named Julius Sturgis founded the country's [first commercial pretzel bakery](#) in the tiny town of Lititz, located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Sturgis is also regarded as the first person to purposely create the true hard pretzels that we know today. These crispy snacks can last a long time stored in airtight containers. This allowed the pretzels to stay on store shelves longer and increased the region in which they could be sold.

What about the beer? I didn't forget but there was too much fun history about the pretzel. I'll talk about the beer next week! Make some pretzels with your children this weekend and tell them about the history. Who Knew?

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



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



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

C / SD
APRIL 26
 6:40 P.M.

C / A
JUNE 7
 6:40 P.M.

C / B
JULY 31
 1:10 P.M.

C / P
SEPT. 13
 6:40 P.M.

C / P
MAY 6
 6:40 P.M.

C / LA
JUNE 22
 6:40 P.M.

C / P
AUGUST 16
 6:40 P.M.

C / W
SEPT. 25
 1:10 P.M.

C / C
MAY 25
 6:40 P.M.

C / NY
JULY 6
 6:40 P.M.

C / S
AUGUST 31
 6:40 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.

reds.com/Groups

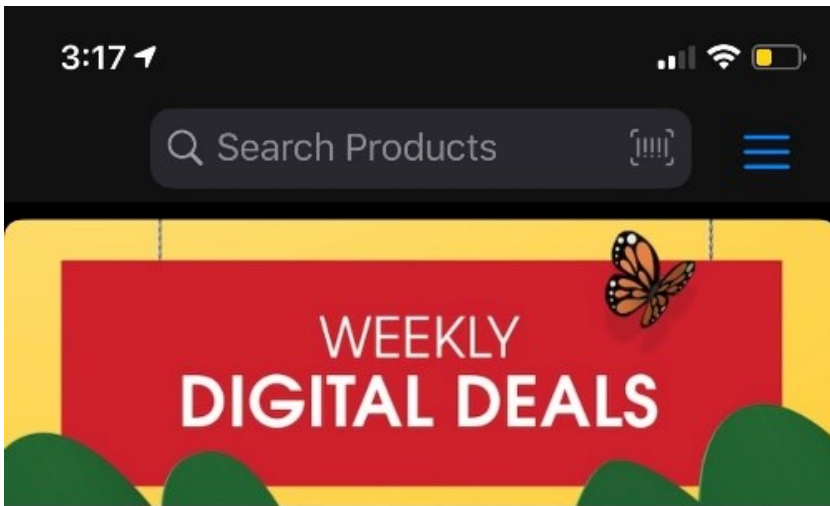
St. Al's PTO Fundraiser

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**.
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