

Gator Gazette



December 2, 2022

Main Office: 513-574-4035

Preschool Office: 513-587-3978

To our St. Al's school families:

Saturday, Dec. 3 – First Reconciliation, 10:00am

Sunday, Dec. 4 – Second Sunday of Advent

Monday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 10 – Wise Man Gift Shop

Thursday, Dec. 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Mass, 8:00am (NO Tuesday Mass)

Friday, Dec. 9 – Staff Christmas Party – NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Saturday, Dec. 10 – Breakfast with Santa, 9:00am-1:00pm in Gym and Cafeteria

Sunday, Dec. 11 – Third Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, Dec. 13 – Preschool Christmas Concert, 6:30pm

Wednesday, Dec. 14 – K-8 Christmas Concert, 6:30pm

Thursday, Dec. 15 – Athletics General Assembly, 8:00pm

On Wednesdays during the months of December and January, PTO is running Operation Warmth. Students can be out of uniform for a donation of gloves, hats, socks, gently used coats and shoes, or \$1.00 (NO CANNED GOODS) on Wednesday, December 7 and 14 and January 4, 11, 18, and 25. Decorated boxes are outside the main office and in the preschool lobby.

CALENDAR CHANGE - we are extending our Christmas Break by ONE day – instead of returning to school on Tuesday, January 3, school will resume on Wednesday, January 4. Please make sure to mark your calendars accordingly.

We have been noticing recently that students are bringing pop to school for lunch. Students should NOT bring any type of pop or soda to school for lunch. Water, Gatorade, juice, or another drink should be substituted.

This week, installation of our NEW interior/exterior camera system has begun. Through EANS (Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools) funding, we were able to purchase a number of new cameras that will allow us to better monitor the interior and exterior of the building. All the cameras should be up and running by the end of next week!

My schedule for this coming week will be: Monday, Wednesday (AM), Friday – St. Al's; Tuesday, Wednesday (PM), Thursday – St. Martin's.

Thank you for all you do!

Mr. Fightmaster



Hello Preschool Families!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We were so happy to have our students back in school after a nice break. The hallways here in the preschool building are starting to look a lot like Christmas! Can you believe we only have 12 days until Christmas break?!? With that being said, those next 12 days are going to be very busy! Please make sure you are checking folders and emails for any important information that may be sent out. As always please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Have a great weekend! Please see below for important upcoming dates and events:

-Just a reminder as we head into the winter months, St. Al's does follow OAK HILLS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT for closings and delays. If OHLSD is CLOSED St. Al's will be CLOSED. If OHLSD has a 2-hour delay, we will also have the 2-hour delay with NO HALF DAY preschool.

-Please be sure your child is bringing a coat to school, even if we do not go outside for recess they still have to walk over to the main building for gym, art, and music class.

-Parents of FULL DAY students- please be sure you are filling out the form in front of your child's folder every day, this helps our day run so much smoother when we know your plans for pick-up!

-Preschool will attend The Wiseman Gift Shop next week. Information regarding the shop came home this week. Please make sure you send in payment and mark the envelope with who you would like your child to buy a gift for. Below is the schedule for preschool to attend:

Monday-Fireflies, Bears, Owls, & Frogs

Tuesday-Fireflies, Bears, Owls, & Frogs

Wednesday-Bumblebees & Fish

-Preschool will attend all school Mass on Thursday, December 8th at 8:00 am, please be sure to have your child at school no later than 7:50 on that day!

-Friday, December 9th- NO AFTERCARE

-The Preschool Christmas Concert is Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm. Please have your child in the cafeteria by 6:15! Remember to wear your Christmas attire!

- The Preschool Christmas Carnival will be Monday, December 19th & Tuesday, December 20th. Students may wear their pajamas to school on those days!

- The PTO will be hosting Breakfast With Santa on Saturday, December 9th at 9:00. Be sure to purchase your tickets ahead of time!

Thank you,

Stephanie & The Preschool Staff



December Lunch Menu



STARTING DECEMBER 5th – THE SALAD OF THE MONTH WILL BE “CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD” SERVING ONLY 4th-8th GRADE

STUDENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 CHICKEN PAT-TY GREEN BEANS FRUIT	2 BUTTERMILK PANCAKES TURKEY SAUSAGE FRUIT	3
4	5 POPCORN CHICKEN SWEET CORN APPLESAUCE	6 HAMBURGERS TARTER TOTS FRUIT	7 BEEF TACOS LETTUCE & CHEESE SALSA FRUIT	8 MEATLOAF MASHED POTATOES MIXED VEGGIES	9 FRENCH TOAST STICKS TURKEY SAUSAGE FRUIT	10
11	12 CHICKEN TENDERS CURLY FRIES FRUIT	13 MAC-N-CHEESE PEAS FRUIT	14 TURKEY/HAM SUBS BAKED CHIPS FRUIT	15 PIZZA SLICE BAKED SNACK FRUIT	16 EGG, SAUSAGE, BISCUIT HASHBROWNS FRUIT	17
18	19 CHICKEN NUGGETS SWEET CORN APPLESAUCE	20 TBD	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24
25	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31



**Breakfast with
Santa
Order Form**

DATE: December 10th 2022

Time: 9am – 1pm

Location: School Gym & Cafeteria

\$12.00/person; \$50.00 for family of 5 (under 1 are Free)

Breakfast includes: Pancake, sausage, juice or coffee

Free digital photo with Santa, crafts for all ages and Christmas games!

Quantity	Item		Amount
	TICKETS	\$12.00	
	FAMILY PACKAGE	\$50.00	
Total Amount			

Name: _____

Payment type: _____ CASH _____ CHECK _____ CREDIT CARD

_____ **Pay-**

ment Info: Name on Credit Card: _____

Congratulations
to our 2nd graders
who are receiving the Sac-
rament of
Reconciliation
this weekend.

**Next week the Family of
Parishes will be sending out
a link to access the State of
the Families. The link will
be in the Gazette. Please
take time to review the
document. It's important
we all stay informed.**



**Looking to schedule facility
space or check for an event? Ac-
cess scheduling calendar at
stalsbridgetown.org**

Facility Scheduling

The Parish office holds the calendar for
of all rooms on the campus. Before you
group sets a meeting, practice or event y
need to call Laura in the parish office 51
574-4840 and check availability. Confl
like the rescheduling of the Open House
would not happen if everyone followed
procedure. This includes all church grou
The calendar is accessible to everyone b
going to the parish website—
stalsbridgetown.org and viewing what is
open.

SAFEPARISH

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

By now all volunteers and employees should have re-
ceived an email from SafeParish inviting them to regis-
ter 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](https://catholicaoc.org/offices/safe-environment) and going to *Top Resources* and then
clicking the link for SafeParish.

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December 4 from 5-7 PM

Mark your calendars now for AdventFest, a SW-7 family of parishes community festival that will help our community prepare for the celebration of our Lord's birth. There will be a live nativity, petting zoo, activities, educational displays, craft vendors, and a "Dance for the Lord" dance party with music provided by our community's own DJ—Brian Hellmann.

AdventFest will be **Sunday, December 4th from 5-7 PM at St. Antoninus**. We will need a lot of help to make the event a success. Any contributions that you can make of your time, talents and treasures will be much appreciated. Please go to <https://saintantoninus.org/adventfest> and click on the appropriate buttons to help make this a memorable event for all.

If you have questions regarding the event, please email Jenny Srode (jsrode@gmail.com).

AdventFest

Fun For All Ages!

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022
5 PM - 7 PM

Free Admission

Activities Crafts
Live Nativity Games
Petting Zoo

Dance Party with
Music by
DJ Brian Hellmann

Holiday Shopping
(bring cash for vendors)

Prepare Him Room

Scan Me



Dear Parishioners,

St. Aloysius Gonzaga is one of the oldest Catholic schools on the Westside of Cincinnati. We want to remain a vital part of the community through our school, services, and volunteerism. I am writing on behalf of the St. Al's PTO to request a donation for our silent auction at our annual Gala.

Since its inception in 2017, our Gala has raised over \$300,000 toward improving the educational experience for our students and the pre-school. On Saturday, February 18th, 2023, St. Aloysius Gonzaga School will host our Sixth Annual Gator Gala. The money raised this year is earmarked for supplementing educational programs and maintaining affordable tuition at St. Al's.

We have a very ambitious goal to raise \$50,000 this year. Please consider supporting our Gala with a donation of goods or a monetary donation for the auction.

Some items we are looking for are:

- Gift Cards
- Wine/Beer/Liquor
- Custom door signs/tumblers/home decor
- Cincinnati sports gear
- Tickets (concerts, plays, sporting events)
- Camping theme items
- Gardening items
- Jewelry
- High-end purses
- New Legos

If your business or your employer donates over \$100, we would love to advertise the business logo in our Gala program for the community to see.

Please contact Autumn Koch at 513-658-8522 or ptovpresident@saintals.org to arrange for a donation pick up or drop off at school. Receipts can be provided if necessary. Our tax-exempt number is 31-0536693.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping keep St. Aloysius Gonzaga a leader in your child's Catholic education in our community. We hope you consider donating to ensure our sixth Gala is another rousing success!

Sincerely,

Autumn Koch

St. Al's PTO Vice President

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/>

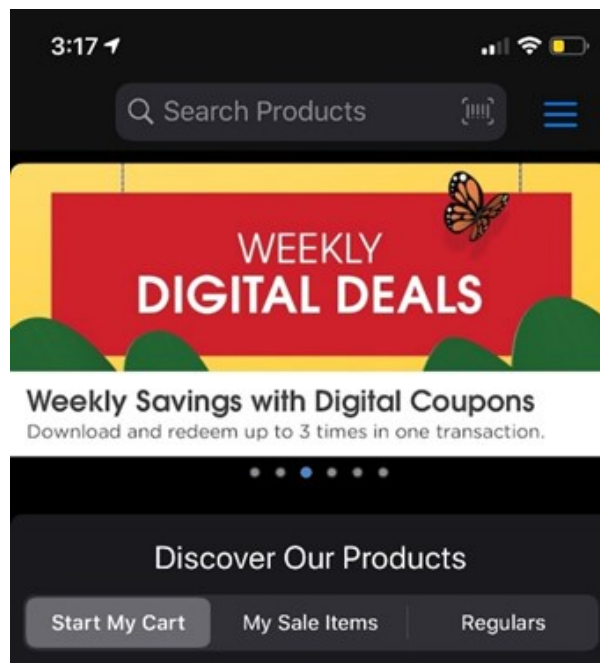
Create/sign in with your digital Kroger account.

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 in drop down top right

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!

**Great
Christmas
Gifts**



**St. Aloysius
Gonzaga
PTO**

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Gator Gear

Writely Sew @ <https://www.writelysew.net/stores/StAls>

Open all year for spirit wear purchases.
Orders delivered to student's homeroom.
Available Items updated throughout school year!
Any questions: Contact Ella George @ Email:
Spiritwear@saintals.org



Retirement of Old American Flags Cub Scout Pack 614 (St. Antoninus)

St. Antoninus Cub Scouts are collecting old flags for proper retirement. A box is available between the glass doors of the Tekulve Room. The scouts are planning a retirement ceremony with the VFW Hall in Cheviot to properly and respectfully our old flags this fall.

DePaul Cristo Rey Open House

is Thursday, November 3, 5-8 p.m. at our beautiful new campus at 3440 Central Parkway, 45223. It will include campus tours, and information on classes, DPCR's Corporate Work Study Program, 100% college acceptance rate, and the financial aid awarded to every family.

For more information, call 513.861.0600.



St. Catharine of Siena
CATHOLIC CHURCH CINCINNATI, OH

****PLEASE NOTE MEETING TIME CHANGE****

Beacons of Light

PARISHIONER INFO MEETINGS



December 21

9:30am & 6pm
Our Lady of Lourdes
Trinity Hall

Join us at our next gathering!

Dec. Topic: Love in Action

Questions? Contact Erin Dwyer, Pastoral Associate at edwyer@lourdes.org

The last Beacons of Light Parishioner Info meeting for 2022 will be held on **December 21 at 9:30am & *6pm**. We are having the evening session at 6pm as there will be a program for all beginning at 7, "The Winter Solstice, the Darkest Night" Please plan to attend both! It will be a delightful evening!!

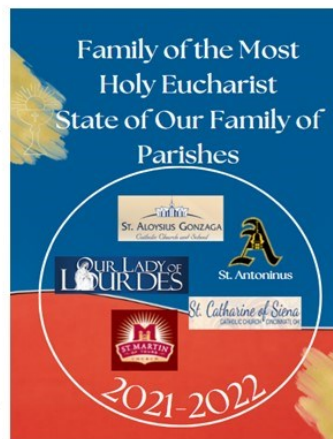


Parishioner Info Meetings in 2023 will be held quarterly.

Thank you to everyone who has attended and provided feedback at our 2022 meetings! It is always helpful to hear from the people in the parishes and learn about what's happening.

A "State of Our Family of Parishes" report will be available in the gathering space/entrances of each church, beginning next weekend December 10/11.

Please pick up a copy and take a look at the important data and information about each church as reported, for the 2021-22 fiscal year.



**Sunday, December 11, 3:00 PM
Cincinnati Camerata at
St. Catharine of Siena**

Cincinnati Camerata returns to present a moving choral program featuring Marian texts and settings that promise to make the Advent season memorable. Cincinnati Camerata is a mixed-voice choral ensemble of about 30 accomplished volunteer singers that focuses on chamber and contemporary classical music from medieval chant through living composers. Come and make this concert part of your Advent journey.



Winter Solstice; The Darkest Night

A Night of Reflection

December 21, 7pm Our Lady of Lourdes



Fr, Ryan Ruiz, S.L.D. an assistant professor of liturgy and sacraments from Mount Saint Mary's Seminary presents an Advent Night of Reflection on the winter solstice and how the darkest night of the year can make way for the greatest light in our lives, Jesus Christ. Invite a friend and please join us!

A holiday reception to follow.