

Gator Gazette



January 6, 2023

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Preschool Office: 513-587-3978

To our St. Al's school families:

A look at some upcoming events:

Wednesday, Jan. 4 – Classes resume

Tuesday, Jan. 10 – Mass, 8:00am

Wednesday, Jan. 11 – Operation Warmth

PTO General Assembly

Friday, Jan. 13 – Progress Reports distributed

Monday, Jan. 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, NO SCHOOL

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.

All families have received their raffle tickets that are to be sold for the Gatsby Gala. Raffle ticket sales go through February 10 and all students who sell a ticket are entered into a raffle to win prizes of their own. The class who sells the most tickets will earn a special treat! When you sell a ticket, please keep the portion of the ticket with the purchaser's information and then send the ticket stubs AND money to the office in an envelope marked with the students' name and grade.

The preschool is looking for some help with their aftercare program for the remainder of the year. The position is part-time, Monday-Friday, in the afternoon/evening. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact Stephanie Goettke at goettke_s@saintals.org or 513-587-3978. Please note that all applicants must be SafeParish trained and have a background check/fingerprinting as prescribed by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The school Open House will be on Sunday, January 29 coinciding with Catholic Schools Week which is January 29– February 3. More information will be coming out soon regarding these events.

This is a very exciting time for our 8th graders – the Catholic High Schools will be sending out their decision letters on Wednesday, January 11! You may receive an email on that day or you may receive a letter/packet in the mail a couple of days later, so try to be patient! We are hoping and praying that you are all accepted into the schools that you applied to – please know that if you need anything during this process, we will help you as best we can, just let us know!

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

Thank you for all you do!

Mr. Fightmaster



Hello Preschool Families!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year! I would like to thank everyone for all the generous gifts. I am blown away by the generosity of our St. Al's preschool families! The short 3-day week was the perfect way to get back into the routine of things. This part of the year is always my favorite because we are going to see so much growth from our students, not just physically but emotionally and academically. It brings us all so much joy when we get to witness things starting to "click" for our students! 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:

-Registration forms for next school year were sent home this week in your child's folder. The completed registration forms along with the \$50 registration fee will need to be turned in no later than Friday, January 27th. Registration will open up to new families on February 1st.

-Monday, January 16th - NO SCHOOL - MLK Day

-Friday, January 27th - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service

-Spread the word! St. Aloysius Open House will be Sunday, January 29th from 12:00-2:00. If you know a family interested in preschool send them our way!

-Don't forget to sell your Grand Raffle tickets! Tickets were sent home with each student back in November, please let us know if you need more.

Thank you,
Stephanie Goettke

Grand Raffle

Again, this year Gator Gala 2023 will have a Grand Raffle.

Each student is asked to sell 6 raffle tickets.

Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Tickets were sent home after Thanksgiving Break. If you need additional tickets, please call the office or email ptovpresident@saintals.org

Grand Prize is \$5000

Second Price is \$3000

Drawing will be held on Monday February 13th!

Tickets must be turned into the office by Friday February 10th, 2023.

**This Year's Goal is
\$25,000.00**

Prizes for Students

Top Selling Student will get Skyline delivered to them and a friend

Top Selling Homeroom (pre-school – 8th grade) (highest % of students participating) will get an Out of Uniform day and ice cream

Surprise Prize Patrol

For every ticket a student sells their name will be entered into a drawing for one of many awesome prizes.



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/>

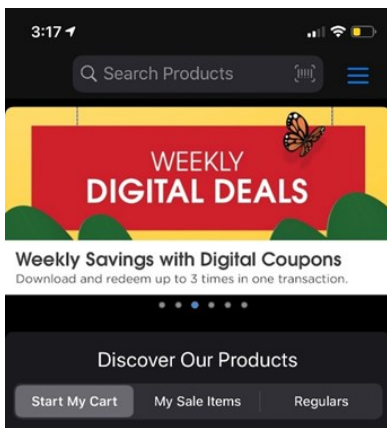
Create/sign in with your digital Kroger account.

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 the DROP down top right. Click Rewards—Search for Organization. Search by St. Aloysius Gonzaga School PTO or by organization # RX687. Click ENROLL and you are finished

Looking to schedule facility space or check for an event? Access scheduling calendar at stalsbridgetown.org

Facility Scheduling

The Parish office holds the calendar for use of all rooms on the campus. Before your group sets a meeting, practice or event you need to call Laura in the parish office 513-574-4840 and check availability. Conflicts like the rescheduling of the Open House would not happen if everyone followed procedure. This includes all church groups. Visit stalsbridgetown.org and view what is open.

Gazette Articles

If you’d like to share information in the Gazette, please email a Word document to rectory@stalsbridgetown.org by noon each Thursday.

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.



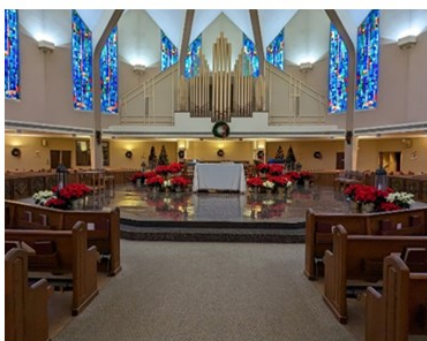
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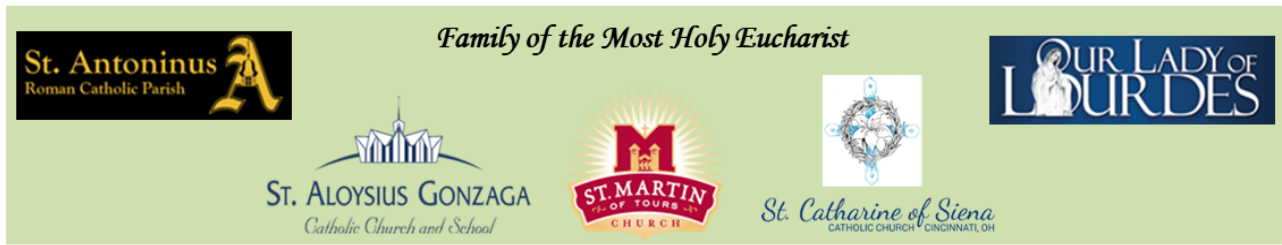
Dear Family of the Most Holy Eucharist,

As we wind down the Christmas season and start a New Year, I wanted to start with a big thank you to all who spent so much time decorating and cleaning our churches. Also, thank you for all the Sacristans, Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters, Ushers and Musicians who made our liturgies extremely vibrant and special. Your hard work has helped us all experience the joy, peace, and love of the Christ Child in a new and meaningful way this year! God's blessings for a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Thank You~ Fr Matt



MASS ATTENDANCE ~ DECEMBER 24/25			
	Mass		Attendance
Sat, Dec 24	3:00 PM	St. Aloysius	311
	3:00 PM	St. Catharine	310
	3:00 PM	St. Antoninus	546
	3:00 PM	St. Martin	500
	3:00 PM	OLL	318
	5:00 PM	St. Aloysius	190
	5:00 PM	St. Antoninus	366
Sun, Dec 25	5:00 PM	OLL	249
	11:00 PM	St. Catharine	125
	Midnight	St. Martins	170
	9:00 AM	OLL	133
	9:30 AM	St. Antoninus	213
	10:00 AM	St. Aloysius	145
	10:30 AM	St. Martin	250
	11:00 AM	St. Catharine	126
		TOTAL:	3,952



**The Family of the Most Holy Eucharist will be participating in a parish-wide survey!
Please Read**

Each of the 5 parishes within the Family of the Most Holy Eucharist will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link from **January 21 through March 4**, and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on your parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Matt, the family Beacons of Light leadership teams and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located in the Gathering Spaces/ Entrances of each church. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off at any of the 5 parish offices. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Pattie Bauer at 513-922-0715 or pbauer@lourdes.org.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

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MASS ATTENDANCE ~ DEC 31/ JAN 1			
Mass			Attendance
Sat, Dec 31	3:00 PM	St. Antoninus	274
	3:30 PM	St. Aloysius	316
	4:00 PM	OLL	203
	4:30 PM	St. Catharine	77
Sun, Jan 1	8:30 AM	St. Martin	150
	9:00 AM	OLL	140
	9:30 AM	St. Antoninus	214
	10:00 AM	St. Aloysius	204
	10:30 AM	St. Martin	185
	11:00 AM	St. Catharine	186
	TOTAL:		

**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.