



# Gator Gazette

January 20, 2023

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Preschool Office: 513-587-3978

To our St. Al's school families:

A look at some upcoming events:

Tuesday, January 24 – Mass, 8:00am

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

Sunday, January 29 – Open House, 12:00pm-2:00pm

Sunday, January 29 – Friday, February 3 – Catholic Schools Week

We will have two extra off-days coming up to make for some calendar corrections/omissions. There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, February 13 AND Thursday, April 6. Please mark your calendars for these days – again, there will be NO SCHOOL on those days.

The school Open House will be on Sunday, January 29 from 12:00pm-2:00pm, coinciding with Catholic Schools Week which is January 29 – February 3. Information regarding theme days for CSW will be sent home this coming week.

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.

For your information, for the 2023-2024 school year, the school hours will be changing. Students will need to be in their classrooms by 7:45am, as has been the case, but then school will dismiss at 2:15pm. After talking with the school staff, we agreed that this change would be beneficial to the students educationally and mentally. This change IS NOT for this school year, but will take place for the 2023-2024 school year and will still allow the students to be out of school before Memorial Day, but have more instructional days in the calendar.

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

Thank you for all you do!

Mr. Fightmaster



Hello Preschool Families!

Preschool has been working hard on important skills they will need for next year. The 3-year-old classes have been building up their fine motor skills by practicing with scissors and working with tongs and scoopers. The 4 & 5-year-old have been mastering writing their names and letter sounds. We all had fun showing our Bengal spirit on Friday, go Bengals! 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:

-Don't forget to turn in your registration for next year! Forms were sent home in your child's folder at the beginning of the month. The completed registration forms along with the \$50 registration fee will need to be turned in no later than Monday, January 30th. Registration will open up to new families on February 1st.

-Just a reminder as stated in the preschool handbook, student's lunches must include:  
Fruit/Vegetable-1 serving of each or 2 servings from one group  
Protein-1 serving  
Bread/Grain-1 serving  
Dairy-1 serving

-Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service

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

- If you haven't already, please send in your RSVP for the Gatsby Gala! This. 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.

- In last week's newsletter I talked about how much growth we will see in your child at this point in the year, below is a great list of things to work on at home to help your child master important skills.

1. Adjust own clothing before and after using the restroom.
2. Use the restroom independently including washing hands without reminders.
3. Take off and put on outer clothing.
4. Sit for a story for 5-10 minutes.
5. Clean up after themselves.
6. Share materials and toys with other children.
7. Be confident and ready to separate from parents.
8. Be able to listen and follow 2-3 step directions.
9. Be able to solve problems without aggression.

Thank you,

Stephanie Goettke & Preschool Staff

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Preschool is looking for help with its afterschool program for the remainder of the current school year. The dependable candidate would be responsible for the direction and overall supervision of a group of preschool children. Performs activities that ensure the safety, involvement, and creativity of each individual in the group. Works cooperatively with the Aftercare Coordinator to discuss the implementation of the plan and activities for the afternoon. Work hours are 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Monday-Friday. Please contact Stephanie Goettke at (513)587-3978 or [goettke\\_s@saintals.org](mailto:goettke_s@saintals.org)



Good afternoon Families and Parishioners,

First and foremost, I want to thank everyone for helping to sell raffle tickets for the Gala. We have sold over \$6000 and are a quarter of the way to our goal!

I hope that everyone has either received their Gatsby Gala invitation in the mail or it was sent home with your child last week. If you have not received an invitation, please reach out to the school office at 513-574-4035 or please email me at [ptovpresident@saintals.org](mailto:ptovpresident@saintals.org). Below you can also fill out your RSVP information and send it back to school.

Please make sure to either mail in your RSVP card or send it back to school. We can not accept walk-ins at the Gala. All RSVP's must be received by February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you again for your generosity in helping keep St. Aloysius Gonzaga a leader in our children's Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Autumn Koch

St. Al's PTO Vice President

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Accepts with pleasure

\_\_\_\_\_ Declines with regret

**Ticket**

\_\_\_\_\_ Single \$75

\_\_\_\_\_ Couple \$125

Total Amount Enclosed—cash, check or credit card:- \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to St. Aloysius Gonzaga School

If you would like to be seated with other NOT listed in this reservation, please list their names below. \_\_\_\_\_

# 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](mailto:ptovpresident@saintals.org)

**Grand Prize is \$5000**

**Second Price is \$3000**

**Drawing will be held on Monday February 13<sup>th</sup>!**

Tickets must be turned into the office by Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 – 8<sup>th</sup> 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/>

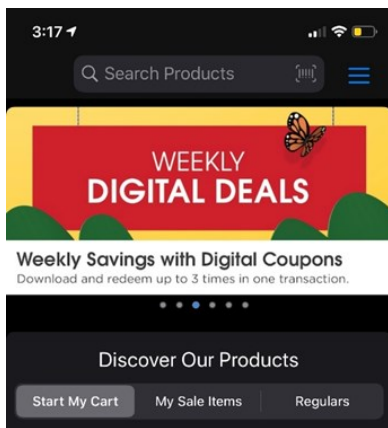
Create/sign in with your digital Kroger account.

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](https://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](https://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](mailto: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.



Family of the Most Holy Eucharist



## SURVEY BEGINS THIS WEEKEND!!

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!

Beginning Saturday, January 21, the 10-15 minute survey will be available online! If your parish office has your email address on file, the survey was emailed to you. If not, the survey links for the individual parishes can be found on the Our Lady of Lourdes website. **\*\*Be sure to complete the survey that is noted for your individual parish\*\*** Also, there will be questions about the Pastor and his preaching. The Pastor of all 5 parishes is Fr. Matt Robben. (There are no questions about parochial vicars or senior parochial vicars.)



The survey can be accessed from **January 21 through February 27**, 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 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 family.

If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily and weekend 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](mailto:pbauer@lourdes.org).

Erin Dwyer will be available after Masses to answer any questions and schedule appointments for folks who would like to submit their survey electronically but would like assistance in doing so. Look for her in the Gathering Space/ Entrance of the church on the following dates:

**Saturday, January 21 3:00pm St. Antoninus & 4:00pm OLL**

**Sunday, January 22 8:30am St. Martins, 9:30am St. Antoninus, 10:30am St. Martins**

**Sunday, January 29 9:00am OLL, 11:00am St. Catharine**

**Saturday, February 5 3:30pm St. Aloysius, 4:30pm St. Catharine**

**Sunday, February 6 10:00am St. Aloysius**

Thank you for helping with this important project!

Erin Dwyer  
Pastoral Associate/ Family Point of Contact for Disciple Maker Index  
513-922-0715; [edwyer@lourdes.org](mailto:edwyer@lourdes.org)



Family of the Most Holy Eucharist



St. Catharine of Siena  
CATHOLIC CHURCH - CINCINNATI, OH

Today begins the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal throughout the archdiocese. The CMA provides vital funding to six local ministries. These ministries include:

- St. Rita School for the Deaf;
- Our Retired Archdiocesan Priests;
- New Evangelization programming
- Catholic Charities & Social Services
- Our Seminary and Vocations work at the Athenaeum of Ohio
- Campus, Hospital, and Prison Ministries

More information about the CMA will be arriving in the mail over the next week. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's CMA. Thank you for your support.



CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL



JOIN US AS WE.....

Pray  
for  
Life



JAN 28 • 12NOON

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICE AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES. WE WILL BE PRAYING FOR ALL THE LIVES LOST TO ABORTION AND FOR AN END TO ABORTION IN THE US AND AROUND THE WORLD. WE MUST REMAIN STRONG IN PRAYER DURING THIS CRITICAL TIME IN OUR COUNTRY.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Men's Retreat Opportunities  
at Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford

Men from the Family of the Most Holy Eucharist are invited to attend one of the following Ignatian retreats at Milford:

February 10-12- OLL has a group attending. Contact Deacon Mark Madden for information. [markmadden@fuse.net](mailto:markmadden@fuse.net)

March 3-5- St. Antoninus has a group attending. Contact Bob Flick for information. [rflick10@gmail.com](mailto:rflick10@gmail.com)

MASS ATTENDANCE ~ JAN 14/15

		Mass	Attendance
Sat, Jan 14	3:00 PM	St. Antoninus	206
	3:30 PM	St. Aloysius	383
	4:00 PM	OLL	183
Sun, Jan 15	4:30 PM	St. Catharine	No count
	8:30 AM	St. Martin	202
	9:00 AM	OLL	297
	9:30 AM	St. Antoninus	330
	10:00 AM	St. Aloysius	285
	10:30 AM	St. Martin	218
	11:00 AM	St. Catharine	No count
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>n/a</b>



**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](mailto:Spiritwear@saintals.org)



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### **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.