



Gator Gazette

May 12, 2023

Main Office: 513-574-4035

Preschool Office: 513-587-3978

To our St. Al's school families:

A look at some upcoming events:

Tuesday, May 16 – Mass, 8:00am

Thursday, May 18 – Athletics General Assembly, 8:00pm

Monday, May 22 – Field Day

Tuesday, May 23 – Mass, 8:00am

Thursday, May 25 – 8th Grade Last Day/Breakfast, 8:00am (8th grade leaves by 10:00am)

8th Grade Graduation, 7:00pm in church

Friday, May 26 – K-7 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Preschool Graduation, 9:30am in church

Kindergarten Graduation, 10:30am in undercroft

ALL – EARLY DISMISSAL, 11:00AM (No Aftercare or lunch)

Congratulations to all of our students who received their first Holy Communion on Sunday! It is always wonderful to then celebrate Mass with those student and see them excited to receive the Body and Blood at Mass with the school. I hope everyone had a wonderful celebration!

Thank you to Mr. DeAtley and the 8th graders for organizing our May Crowning celebration and thank you to the staff that made things possible as well. It was a very prayerful and sacred ceremony that received many compliments.

Please make note that on the last day of school, we will be dismissing early – 11:00am – and there is no aftercare or lunch being served. Be sure to make the appropriate arrangements for your child/children.

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

Thank you for all you do!

Mr. Fightmaster



Hello Preschool Families!

Where has the year gone?!?! It's hard to believe that we have only two weeks left with your amazing kiddos. Time flies when you're having fun, and we definitely had so much fun with these kids! This week our friends worked hard on special gifts for Mom, took a visit to the 4-year-old, 5-year-old, and Kindergarten classrooms, and practiced some very special songs for our end-of-the-year celebration. We know this time of the school year can be very busy, especially when you have multiple children, so please be sure you are reading all communications from me as well as your teacher. 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:

-Monday, May 22nd & Tuesday, May 23rd will be Water & Picnic Days! ALL FULL-DAY students will need to pack a lunch and drink. There will NOT be hot lunch or milk available from the cafeteria. Students will need to bring a beach towel and wear shoes that can get wet. They do not need to wear swimsuits, just normal clothes. Please apply sunscreen to your child prior to coming to school, you may also send in sunscreen to be reapplied but it must be lotion, NO SPRAY. Half-day students are also invited to stay until 12:00 on those days to join our picnic lunch, please let your teacher know if they are unable to stay until 12:00.

-The Preschool End of the Year Celebration/Graduation will be held in the church on Friday, May 26th at 9:30 am. ALL preschool students may attend! If your child does NOT come to school on Fridays, they can meet their class in the church at 9:20. ALL preschool students are dismissed for the day after the celebration. Flyers were sent home this week!

-If your child is registered for preschool next school year, I will be sending out an email with all the important details such as the calendar, school supply list, and necessary paperwork in June.

Thank you,

Stephanie Goettke & Preschool Staff

Dear St. Al's Families,

This 2022-2023 school year will be my final year at St. Al's. It has been an honor and a privilege to be a part of this community for the past eight years. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the kindness you have shown me and the dedication you have shown for your children's education. Any teacher will tell you that students are the best part of teaching, and our school has wonderful students. I will miss them terribly!

I wish you all the best next year and in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Ehrman

5-8 Science and 4-8 Technology Teacher, Technology Coordinator

**Good luck
Ms Ehrman**



Dine to Donate



Tuesday, June 20, 2023
All Day Dine-In or Carry Out

Ron's Roost will donate 10% of all proceeds to St. Aloysius Gonzaga PTO*

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Welcome Sandy Ortman-Tomlin!

Saint Aloysius Principal



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Sandy Ortman-Tomlin (Mrs. O-T) was born and raised on the west side of Cincinnati, OH. Her family has a long history with the westside, including involvement with two west side parishes, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and St. Therese Little Flower in Mount Airy. Her educational journey began at Our Lady of Lourdes and continued at Mother of Mercy High School. However, she spent most of her adult life NOT in Cincinnati. Upon graduating high school, she went to Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. It was at OU, where Mrs. O-T began a journey that ignited a life-long passion. Mrs. O-T began her career in student services when she entered her graduate program in Educational Leadership. For the past 30 years, Mrs. O-T has worked on a college campus, in program development for higher education and/or education for youth.

Once Mrs. O-T completed her Masters of Education, she moved to Northern California working at the University of California, Davis for six years in residential housing and student programs. Mrs. O-T came back to Cincinnati for a short period, then went back to Sacramento, CA for 10 years. It was there she met her husband, Sean. They were married and had their daughter Lyla.

The Ortman-Tomlin's moved to Cincinnati in 2009. Mrs. O-T worked at Gateway Community and Technical College, where she directed the Development Department. Her work included grant writing and management, supervision of core staff, strategic development, managing a \$10 million dollar budget, and sustainability planning. She became involved once again in the Our Lady of Lourdes community and volunteered primarily coaching soccer. It was then that she decided to return to her passion and get back into the classroom, transitioning into K-12 education. She has taught 5th and 6th grades at St. William School and Junior High for the last two years at St. Dominic School.

During the interview process we asked her, "Why St. Al's...Why Catholic Education?" She replied, "When you believe in the values and quality of the "product" you are representing, the work comes naturally. As a graduate of 12 years of Catholic education, I have firsthand knowledge of the benefits and rewards of a quality Catholic education. I believe I have achieved what I have today, because of the solid foundation I received at Our Lady of Lourdes and Mother of Mercy High School. I would like to give back to my community."



Vacation Bible School Babylon Marketplace

June 12 - 16,

9:00am - Noon

**For students entering
grades K - 6**

A summer kids' event called Babylon,

Daniel's Courage in Captivity will be hosted at St Aloysius from [June 12 to 16.](#)

This Vacation Bible School is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear and touch.

They will participate in memorable Bible activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, have simple snacks and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos that they'll take home and play with all summer long.

Plus, the participants will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.

Each day concludes with Celebration in the Palace courtyard that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 11:50.

Babylon VBS is for children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade and will run from 9:00 to 12:00 each day. For more information, call Peggy Cappel at 288-9031.

To register your child/ren go to www.myvbs.org/Families2023

**Leadership opportunities for students
entering grades 7th and 8th. More info to follow**



FACILITY SCHEDULING FOR JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024

Please send this information to your own rectory/Parish Office before Friday, May 26, 2023

Our facilities are first and foremost for the spread of the Gospel of Jesus. Thus, the use of our facilities should have this focus in mind and preference will always be given to liturgical and ministerial events.

NAME OF PARISH: _____

Location at Parish: _____

Ministry/Committee/Group/Organization _____

Chairperson(s) Name _____ email _____ Phone _____

Name _____ email _____ Phone _____

Name _____ email _____ Phone _____

Describe Event:

Day: _____ Date: _____ Time: To: _____ From: _____

Setup Time/Date _____ Teardown Time/Date _____

Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Once a Year _____

What materials are needed from the parish? Ex. Internet, screens, TV's, video equipment, ministerial etc.: _____

*** All requests for facility usage that occur outside of our yearly planning process will be subject to scrutiny prior to pastoral approval. ***



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Writely Sew @ [https://www.writelysew.net/stores/
StAls](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



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.

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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 as well!

HOW TO SIGN UP:

Option 1 - Through their website.

Follow the link: [https://www.kroger.com/
account/communityrewards/](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

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.