



# St. Aloysius Gonzaga Gator Gazette

March 20, 2026

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Saint Al's Families,

It's **March Madness** for sure! March is such a transitional month—weather that keeps us guessing, academics kicking into high gear, and just a hint of summer in the air. As we move through this busy stretch, consistency is key for student success. Daily attendance plays a critical role in keeping students on track, both academically and socially, and we encourage all families to make school a priority each day.

If your child is going to be absent, please remember to call the school office to report it. Clear communication helps us ensure the safety of all students and allows us to support their learning as best we can. Thank you for your continued partnership during this fast-paced and exciting time of year!

Lenten season is a beautiful time of renewal, growth, and gratitude for the many blessings in our Saint Al's community.

Feeling Blessed,  
Mrs. O-T

Mrs. O-T



SCHOOL WEBSITE  
[saintals.org](http://saintals.org)

ATHLETICS  
WEBSITE  
[saintals.org/athletic-association](http://saintals.org/athletic-association)

FACEBOOK PAGE  
[fb/stalsbridgetown](https://fb/stalsbridgetown)

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[fb/saintalspto](https://fb/saintalspto)

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Mrs. O-T's  
INSTAGRAM  
[insta/mrs.ot](https://insta/mrs.ot)

# UPCOMING DATES



## April

- April 1- Students may begin to wear shorts as part of uniform
- April 3- No School- Good Friday
- April 5- Easter Sunday
- April 6-10- No School- Spring Break
- April 13- Return to school
- April 20-24- Scholastic Book Fair
- April 20-24- Art Show
- April 22- Grandparents Day K-8th
- April 24- Grandparents Day PK
- April 25-26- Art show after Mass

## IN OTHER NEWS...

St. Aloysius Preschool currently has openings in our **3-year-old half-day program** and our **4-year-old Tuesday/Thursday program** for the **2026/2027 school year**.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please reach out to **Stephanie Goettke** at [goettke\\_s@saintals.org](mailto:goettke_s@saintals.org) for more information!

We would love to welcome some new friends to our preschool family.

**St. Aloysius Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is now open.**

We currently have openings for incoming students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>.

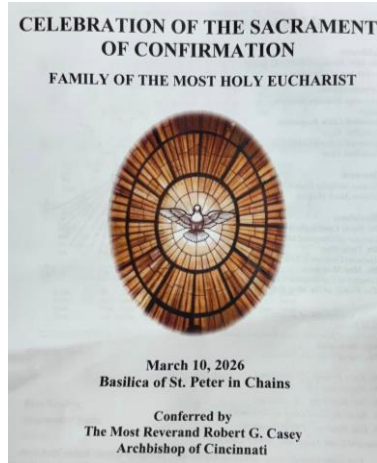
Tuition for the 26/27 school year is \$7,166 with a non-refundable registration fee of \$125.

**Current families** will need to submit their paperwork for the 2026-2027 school year to the office and update your FACTS to pay the registration fee.

**New families** will need to create a FACTS account (our online tuition management system) in order to pay registration fees and pay school tuition. Please visit <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3XD85/> to register for FACTS.

For more information, please reach out to Melissa Tenhundfeld at [tenhundfeld\\_m@saintals.org](mailto:tenhundfeld_m@saintals.org)

# **Congratulations to our 7th and 8th grade students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation Tuesday evening at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains.**



We are proud of their commitment to growing in faith and celebrating this important milestone in their spiritual journey.

Please join us in congratulating Norah Asher, Carlos Earls, and Annabella Gieske on this meaningful gift!

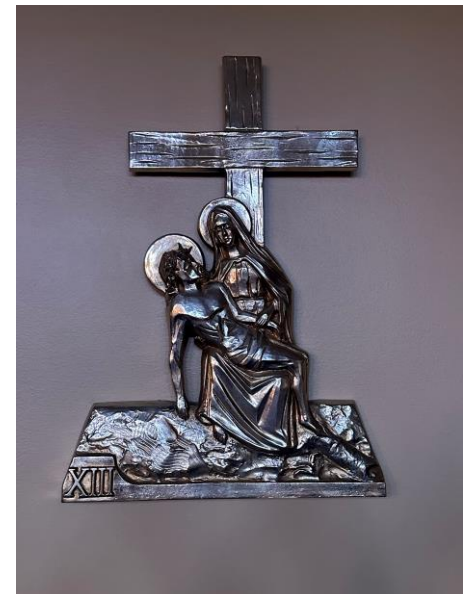
## **Walk with Us: Stations of the Cross**

All families are warmly invited to join our students in grades 3-8 for Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday, April 2nd at 1:30 PM at the church.

Together, we will reflect on Jesus' journey to the Cross, pray as a parish family, and grow in faith during this sacred Holy Week tradition.

Come share in this meaningful time of prayer and devotion with your children and our school community.

May God bless you and your family.



## News from PTO

Our **Spring Flower Sale** is on now! Order by **March 18** for delivery on **April 24**—just in time for spring planting and Mother’s Day.

Don’t miss **Adult Trivia Night** at St. Al’s on **Saturday, April 18!** Teams up to 8, \$300/team or \$40/individual, with prizes, raffles, and unlimited beer & seltzers. Register by **April 10:** [Andewelsh@gmail.com](mailto:Andewelsh@gmail.com).

Plus, our **Monthly Progressive Raffle** tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Congratulations to the March winner Mary Hambrick, winning ticket sold by 5<sup>th</sup> grade student Trace Enderle

**As always, Thank You for supporting the PTO!**

St. Aloysius Gonzaga School 2nd Annual  
Monthly Progressive Raffle

*Be sure to write the student name on the back side of the ticket to get more credit!*

<b>Monthly CASH Prizes</b> \$100 - \$500 Oct - April \$500 - \$1,000 May <small>*Prize amounts are dependent on meeting monthly sales goal</small>	<b>Tickets Cost</b> \$5 each or 5 for \$20 Purchase Online Here: 	<b>All tickets sold carry forward through the final drawing</b>  <i>Including the winning ticket each month!</i>	<b>Drawings held the 1st Friday of every month through June</b>  Nov. 7 Dec. 5 Jan. 2 Feb. 6 Mar. 6 Apr. 3 May 1 Jun. 5	<b>Student Prizes!</b>  Awarded to: The Student who sells the winning ticket each month & MORE!
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**St. Al's Athletics will be back for Week 4 of the 2026 St. Al's Fish Fry TONIGHT, serving up the very best Lenten dinners on the west side in our convenient drive-thru from 4:30-7 p.m.**

Get there early because we will have all the classic St. Al's favorites you expect each week. We have fresh fried cod, freshly baked cod, hand-cut French fries, the famous salted rye bread and our classic mac and cheese made famous decades ago by the lovely Til and Nola!

Menu: <https://tinyurl.com/StAls-FishFry2026>

Volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/StAlsFishFryVOLS2026>

Check us out on Fox19: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= m3KrUviE7E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3KrUviE7E)



**MISSION STATEMENT:** St. Aloysius Gonzaga is a Christ-centered Roman Catholic elementary school, where the children are empowered to grow as disciples of Christ. 'Educating the Mind, Nurturing the Spirit'



# SAINT AL'S

**FISH FRY**

4390 Bridgetown Road, 45211



*Proudly serving to support our Gators student-athletes and our community for decades*

**Fridays during Lent**

**2026 menu**

**Drive-thru only, 4:30 to 7 p.m.**

**Classic baked or fried fish dinner \$16**

1 piece of fish, white or rye bread, green beans, Nola's and Til's classic mac 'n cheese, coleslaw, hush puppies

**Butterfly shrimp dinner \$16**

8 butterfly shrimp, cocktail sauce, green beans, Nola's and Til's classic mac 'n cheese, coleslaw, hush puppies

**Fish 'n chips \$13**

2 pieces of baked or fried fish and our famous hand-cut French fries

**Shrimp basket \$13**

8 butterfly shrimp, cocktail sauce and our famous hand-cut French fries

**Baked or fried fish sandwich \$9**

Your choice of white or rye bread

**Individual items and sides \$17**

- Whole cheese pizza \$17
- Slice of cheese pizza \$4
- Cheese sticks \$4
- Nola's and Til's classic Mac 'n cheese \$5
- Famous hand-cut French fries \$4
- Green beans \$3
- Coleslaw \$3
- Hush puppies \$4
- Homemade tartar sauce

Free with fish dinner or fish sandwich!



**\$9 Shareable dessert offerings for 2026**



- The Pitt Stop Famous Bannana Pudding \$9
- The Pitt Stop Famous Strawberry Lemonade Poundcake \$8

**St. Al's fish fry specials offered for 2026**

- Feb. 27 — Shrimp po' boy sandwich \$8**  
Served on French bread with hand-cut Cajun fries and Remoulade sauce  
*\*while supplies last*
- March 13 — Cajun catfish dinner \$16**  
1 piece of catfish, white or rye bread, green beans, Nola's and Til's classic mac 'n cheese, coleslaw, hush puppies, Remoulade sauce  
*\*while supplies last*
- March 27 — Gator bites basket \$13**  
Cajun-fried gator medallions, hand-cut Cajun fries and Remoulade sauce  
*\*while supplies last*

**Cash or credit card accepted!**

NOTE: Menu subject to change



**Foertmeyer & Sons**  
Greenhouse Co.

# SPRING FLOWER ONLINE ORDERING GUIDE



MONARCH  
*Magic™*

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**MONARCH MAGIC  
PLANTER**

## BENEFITS!

- LUSH, VIBRANT PLANTS
- SHOP CONVENIENTLY FROM YOUR HOME
- FRESH FROM OUR GREENHOUSE TO YOUR SCHOOL
- EXPERTLY GROWN BY SKILLED HORTICULTURISTS
- ECO-FRIENDLY, PESTICIDE FREE
- EASY CARE INSTRUCTIONS
- SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ORGANIZATION

## ORDER ONLINE!

**PARENTS: CHECK YOUR EMAIL TO SET UP YOUR STORE**

**SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO ORDER AND SEE OUR  
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ST ALS PTO INVITES YOU TO:

# ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT @ ST. AL'S

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026**  
**DOORS OPEN @6PM**  
**GAME STARTS @7PM**  
**SEE YOU IN THE GYM!**

**PLEASE REGISTER BY 4/10**  
**LINK AVAILABLE AND LIVE ON**  
**3/16!!**

Email [Andeewelsh@gmail.com](mailto:Andeewelsh@gmail.com) with  
Team Name and Players!  
(Max of 8 per team)

**PRIZES FOR**  
**TOP 2**  
**WINNING**  
**TEAMS!**  
(AND ENDLESS BRAGGING  
RIGHTS!)



**Tickets: \$300 for Team of 8 max, or \$40 individual**

(a la carte players will be added to a team at event)

**Tickets include UNLIMITED Beer and Seltzers**  
**PRICES WILL BE HIGHER AT THE DOOR**  
**ONLINE SALES END APRIL 10TH**

**ENJOY Basket Raffles and Split the Pot**

(if you would like to donate a basket - contact PTO by 4/2)

**Feel free to bring your own food**  
**Popcorn, pretzels and chips will be provided!**

**CONTACT PTO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP VOLUNTEER!**

# OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS!!!

FRIDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> AND  
MONDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>  
SEE DETAILS BELOW ON  
HOW TO PARTICIPATE

THE PTO IS PUTTING TOGETHER BASKETS FOR OUR PTO  
TRIVIA NIGHT. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE OUR  
LARGEST FUNDRAISER SUCESSFUL

## HOW TO BE OUT OF UNIFORM:

BRING IN \$5 CASH PER STUDENT

-OR-

BRING IN \$5 WORTH OF LOTTERY SCRATCH OFFS PER  
STUDENT

-OR-

GOT A FAMILY???

DONATE A BASKET OF GOODIES VALUED AT \$25 OR MORE



Family Monday

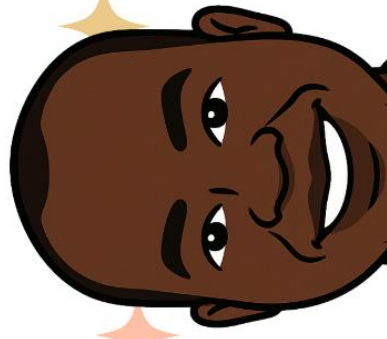
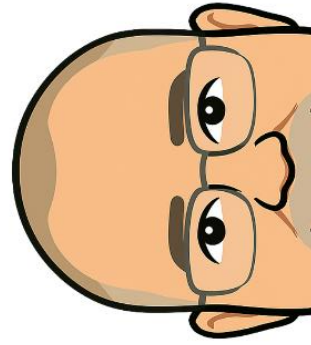
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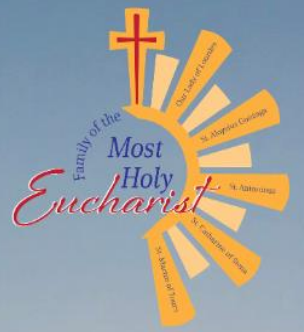
PRIESTS!

dinner, fun & fellowship  
6:00 PM, OLL Cafeteria

March 9, 16, 23



Put Fr. Matt, Fr. Jacquemin & Fr. Ben to the test!



# Turning Sorrow into JOY!

**SUN., MAR. 22ND 3PM-5PM  
ST. ANTONINUS**

*presented by Author and National Speaker, Carl Brown*

**(Location: Main Church- St. Antoninus)**

**No Charge for Admission**

# ST. JOHN BOSCO SCHOOL For Exceptional Children



## A New Catholic Inclusion Opportunity for Exceptional Learners

Opening for the 2026-2027 School Year

**Now Accepting Applications!**

The **St. John Bosco Family of Parishes** is excited to announce plans for a new Catholic classroom designed to serve students with moderate to intensive autism, Down syndrome, and traumatic brain injury—where every child is known, supported, and celebrated.

This school will operate as an extension of the **St. Lawrence School** campus, offering a fully Catholic educational experience while providing the specialized support exceptional learners need to thrive.

### WHO WE SERVE

- Students with moderate to intensive learning needs
- Opening grades 3-6 for the 2026-2027 school year
- Families of students in grades K-8 are encouraged to apply, as the school will expand annually based on need

### OUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Small class sizes capped at 6 students
- Licensed Intervention Specialist dedicated to the small classroom
- Dedicated classroom aide
- Speech and Occupational Therapy available
- Students will be served by OptimALL Services, a trusted organization that equips students in Catholic and faith-based schools to realize their full potential
- Housed in a newly renovated (summer 2026) former convent, located directly across the street from St. Lawrence School

### FULLY INTEGRATED CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE

Students will have the opportunity to:

- Participate in Catholic religious instruction
- Attend Mass and receive the sacraments
- Eat breakfast/lunch and take part in school life at St. Lawrence
- Be included in the broader school community as much as possible



### ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

- Applications for the 2026-2027 School year open on February 1
- IEP and ETR are required for consideration (upload during application)
- Apply online through the St. Lawrence School website: <https://bit.ly/sjbschool26>

### TUITION ASSISTANCE

Our school office will work closely with families to help navigate the scholarship process. Available funding includes:

- Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship
- Autism Scholarship

### PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

Priority will be given to families currently enrolled within the St. John Bosco Family of Schools. Additional applicants as space allows.



**OUR MISSION:** Inspired by St. John Bosco, we believe every child is created in the image of God and deserving of an education that nurtures faith, dignity, and potential—academically, spiritually, and socially.



# 2026 SUMMER PROGRAMS



**PURCELL  
MARIAN**  
HIGH SCHOOL

AN IS WORLD SCHOOL

## ACADEMICS

### Summer Bridge Program

Dates: July 27-August 7

Time: 9 am-1 pm

Cost: \$125 per student

Grades: Enrolled Incoming Freshmen

## ENRICHMENT

### Intro to Theater Camp

Dates: July 6-July 8

Time: 9 am-2 pm

Cost: \$150 per student

Grades: Rising 3rd-8th Boys and Girls

### Guitar Camp – Faith and Strings

Dates: July 14-July 16

Time: 9 am-2 pm

Cost: \$150 per student

Grades: Rising 3rd-8th Boys and Girls

### Construction Camp – Makerspace

Dates: July 27-July 31

Time: 9 am-4 pm

Cost: \$200 per student

Grades: Rising 7th-12th Boys and Girls

Register at [www.purcellmarian.org/summerprograms](http://www.purcellmarian.org/summerprograms)

## ATHLETICS

### Baseball

Date: Tuesday, June 2

Time: 9 am-3 pm

Cost: \$25 per child

Location: Cincinnati Reds MLB Youth Academy -  
2026 E Seymour Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45237

Grades: Rising 5th-9th Boys

### Basketball

Dates: Girls – June 8 | Boys – June 16

Time: 9 am-3 pm

Cost: \$30 per child

Grades: Rising 5th-9th Boys and Girls

### Soccer

Date: Thursday, June 11

Time: 9 am-3 pm

Cost: \$30 per child

Grades: Rising 5th-9th Boys and Girls

### Football

Date: Wednesday, June 17

Time: 9 am-3 pm

Cost: \$30 per child

Grades: Rising 5th-9th Boys

Contact:

**Tony DiMario**

Director of Summer Programming

[tdimario@purcellmarian.org](mailto:tdimario@purcellmarian.org) | 513.751.1230 x126

# Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday April 4th, 2026

**1:00 PM** at Our Lady of Lourdes  
Church Parking Lot

Individual start times and prizes for each age group!

Group 1	Toddlers	Ages 1, 2, 3 years
Group 2	Preschool	Ages 4, 5, 6 years
Group 3	Early School	Grades 1st & 2nd
Group 4	School Age	Grades 3rd & 4th
Group 5	Pre-teens	Grades 5th & 6th

**Come join the fun and meet the Easter Bunny!**



Sponsored by: OLL Men's Club and  
The Archbishop Purcell Council Knights of Columbus #2798

ALL ARE WELCOME!



# Easter Egg-travaganza

At St Martin of Tours

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026**  
**AFTER 11:00 AM MASS**

**ON THE LAWN ON ST MARTIN PLACE**

Please drop off donations of bags  
of wrapped candy & gift cards  
to St. Martin Church after any  
mass by Sunday, March 29



# Holy Week

## Holy Thursday

5:00 p.m. - St. Aloysius Gonzaga  
*(Adoration from 6-8:00 p.m.)*

6:00 p.m. - St. Catharine of Siena  
*(Adoration from 7-9:00 p.m.)*

7:00 p.m. - St. Antoninus  
*(All night Adoration in the Chapel)*

## Good Friday

12:00 p.m. - St. Martin of Tours

3:00 p.m. - Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 p.m. - St. Aloysius Gonzaga

## Easter Vigil

8:45 p.m. - St. Martin of Tours

## Easter Day

8:00 a.m. - St. Antoninus

9:00 a.m. - St. Aloysius Gonzaga

9:00 a.m. - St. Catharine of Siena

9:00 a.m. - St. Martin of Tours

10:00 a.m. - Our Lady of Lourdes

10:00 a.m. - St. Antoninus

11:00 a.m. - St. Aloysius Gonzaga

11:00 a.m. - St. Catharine of Siena

11:00 a.m. - St. Martin of Tours

# Adoration

HOLY THURSDAY

- 6:30 - 8 PM ST. ALOYSIUS
- 7:30 - 9 PM ST. CATHARINE
- 8:30 PM - 8:00 AM ST. ANTONINUS

OVERNIGHT ADORATION IN THE ST. ANTONINUS CHAPEL

THE ST. ANTONINUS CHAPEL WILL CLOSE 8:00 AM ON GOOD FRIDAY  
AND REOPEN TUESDAY, MARCH 7, AT 9:00 AM





**FMHE First Communicants:**

Join us as we honor  
our Holy Mother, in the

**Marian Procession at CincItalia 2026**

**SUNDAY MAY 31 AT 2:00 PM**



Scan the QR code to  
register your child



**APRIL 1**  
**"SALVATION"**

**MAY 6**  
**"LIVING FOR CHRIST"**



*games, prayer, worship*



*bring a friend and*



*join in on the fun*

**Come hang out with us at YOUTH NIGHT!**

Get ready for an awesome evening as we dive into the topic of "Salvation" in a fun and meaningful way!

**April 1, 2026, 6:00–9:00 PM**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church & Youth Center**

We'll have fun games, high-energy speakers, and powerful prayer and worship. Together, we'll explore how salvation isn't just about getting to heaven someday – it's about living every day with God's strength. **No matter what mistakes or tough**

**moments we've had, God offers us a fresh start. We don't have to carry the heavy stuff forever – Jesus helps lift that weight off our shoulders!**

It's going to be an unforgettable night – you won't want to miss it!

All 6th–8th grade students are welcome.