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O Come, Let Us Adore Him

St. Aloysius Parish Prepares for The Coming of Christ Masses for The Solemnity of Christmas A Holy Day of Obligation

## Tuesday, December 24:

30 minutes of pre-service music by each choir \*4:00 PM in Church: Brass Quintet, Bell Choir and Cantor 4:00 PM in Gym: Contemporary Music Ministry with Cantors 6:30 PM in Church: St. Aloysius Church Children's Choir 11:00 PM in Church: St. Aloysius Parish Choir with Brass Quintet

> Wednesday, December 25: 9:00 AM: String Quartet and Cantor 11:00 AM: String Quartet and Cantor

> > No evening Mass on Christmas Day

This \* denotes the live-streaming of a Mass on the church parish website at <u>aloysius.org</u>, Facebook at facebook.com/staloysiusbr & facebook.com/padrehooch, & YouTube at youtube.com/@staloysiusbr

## **REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY 4:30 PM

SUNDAY 7:00 AM, † 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 5:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 6:00 AM Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 AM † = Holy Mass is shared live online <u>aloysius.org/livestream</u> or <u>Facebook live</u> You Tube

#### EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Every Friday8:30 AM-9:00 AM1st Wednesday of each month6:30 AM-7:00 AM3rd Saturday of the month8:00 AM-3:00 PM\*

\*Gonzaga Hall Chapel

## SACRAMENTS

## RECONCILIATION

3:30 PM - Saturday 6:30 AM - Wednesday 7:30 AM - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Confessions at the scheduled times are offered only when the adjacent scheduled Holy Mass is celebrated.

By appointment: please call the Pastoral Services Center at 343-6657 to schedule with a priest.

#### BAPTISM

Contact the Pastoral Services Center at 343-6657. Baptismal preparation is required.

#### CONFIRMATION

Adult Confirmation is hosted annually. For those under 18, Confirmation typically occurs in the fall of their junior year of high school. Preparation is required, including PSR, for teens not enrolled in a Catholic high school. Please contact the Pastoral Services Center for more detailed information.

#### MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should contact the priest at least six months prior to their anticipated wedding date.

## PASTORAL SERVICES

#### FUNERALS

Please contact the Pastoral Services Center at 343-6657 prior to scheduling with the funeral home. Please follow voicemail instructions if after hours.

## **CARE OF THE SICK**

Families of the sick are encouraged to contact the Pastoral Services Center at 343-6657. Communion is brought to the sick weekly. Hospital visits are also made weekly.



• Frances Myria Guerin Butler



## Christmas Decorating 2024

Please join the Art and Environment Committee on the following days to help prepare the church

for the celebration of Christmas

Saturday, December 21 9:00 AM -1:00 PM Continue with creche, poinsettias, outdoor decorations, refresh Advent wreath if needed, gym set-up/decorating

Monday, December 23 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Complete all decorations



**Blessing of a Christmas Creche** 

God of Mary and Joseph, of shepherds and animals, bless us whenever we gaze on this manger scene. Through all the days of Christmas may these figures tell the story of how humans, angels, and animals found the Christ in this poor place. Fill our house with hospitality, joy, gentleness, and thanksgiving, and guide our steps in the way of peace. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

- Greg, Ada and Ginny Whalen
- Jeff, Melissa and Landon Burst
- James Fogleman
- Benjamin and Emily Brown
- Emma Antilley



## **Church Office Holiday Schedule**

The Pastoral Services Center (church office) will be closed for the holidays Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1. Our office will reopen Thursday, January 2. During this closure, regularly scheduled weekday confessions and Masses will be celebrated in the church as usual by our clergy staff EXCEPT on Thursday, December 26 and Friday December 27 when there are <u>no scheduled services</u>.

For more information: aloysius.org.

## St. Aloysius Parish Prepares for The Coming of Christ

## Feast of the Holy Family

(Our regular weekend Mass Schedule) Saturday, December 28 - 4:30 PM Vigil Mass Sunday, December 31 - Masses at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM *Livestreamed*, 11:00 AM & 5:30 PM

## The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31 Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM *Livestreamed* Wednesday, January 1, 2025 Mass at 9:00 AM

aloysius.org/livestream or Facebook live You Tube



## **Merry Christmas!**

It's hard to believe that six months have already passed since my arrival at St. Aloysius. I have spent these past weeks of Advent reflecting on what a gift it has been to be with you. For priests, whenever we move parishes, there's always a mix of emotions. We experience the loss of the community we leave behind, but the excitement of arriving in a new place. I cannot thank you enough for the warm welcome you have provided. While at times these months have been overwhelming, I truly feel that the Holy Spirit has sent me to journey with you at St. Aloysius. If the previous few



months are any indication of God's plan for us, we all might as well fasten our seatbelts because the Holy Spirit is clearly at work.

I pray that these holy days of Christmas may fill your homes with the peace of Christ. May your hearts burst with the realization that Emmanuel, God, is among us. For those of you missing a loved one, know that our God wants to draw you close and offer you comfort. Merry Christmas everyone, I'm looking forward to what the new year will bring our community.

Fr. Michael





#### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

b, and Elizabeth, filled with the Spirit, cried out in a loud voice men, and blessed is the fruit o your womb." - Lk 1:41-42



## **Christmas Flower Memorial**

During Advent, Altar Flowers usually do not decorate the church or sanctuary. The

church is decorated gradually throughout the season of Advent until it is fully decorated by Christmas. We do accept Christmas Flower Memorial

Donations to help defray the cost of Trees, Poinsettias and other Christmas decorations.

Complete this Sanctuary Flower Memorial Form and return it to the Church office with your donation. Contact Ken Thevenet at 343-6657 or kthevenet@staloysiusparish.com for more information.

ST. ALOYSIUS CHILD CARE CENTER

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

## DIRECTOR

For job description and to apply, visit

aloysiusccc.org/employment

#### Our Mission:

As a ministry of St. Aloysius Parish, the St. Aloysius Child Care Center focuses on the well being of the whole child by providing a loving "home away from home," and a quality-learning environment, thereby strengthening the family unit as a basis of the faith community.

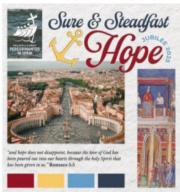
#### **Our Purpose:**

St. Aloysius Child Care Center was established to serve our working families of the parish and community by providing their children with quality early childhood education in a nurturing environment, based in the Catholic faith, while our families fulfill their ministry.

## WHEN YOU PRAY-SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Signup for upcoming Bible Studies for spring 2025 starting soon. Contact Carmel Acosta for more information. Call 343-6657 or email <u>cacosta@staloysiusparish.com</u>





Epiphany Sunday January 5, 2024

Family Resource: Chalking the Door of a Home in a Jubilee year. Click for more information: <u>diobr.org/jubilee</u>

## **ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE**

December 21, 2024 |St. Joseph Cathedral | 10 a.m.





## Adult and Not Confirmed?

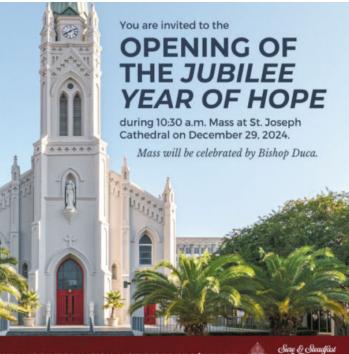
The Sacrament of Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism, more perfectly binds one to the Church, and enriches one with a special strength of the Holy Spirit.

Are you a baptized Catholic who has received the Sacraments of First Communion and First Reconciliation, is out of high school, but has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Contact Deacon Chauvin at <u>cwilkinson@staloysiusparish.com</u>. He will send you an **application packet which should be completed and returned as soon as possible**, <u>before 02/14/2025</u>.

Adult Confirmation classes will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on February 24, March 10, March 17, March 31, April 14, May 12, and May 19, 2025.

Anyone interested should mark all these dates on their calendar. Presently, the class meetings are scheduled to be at St. Aloysius in the Edith Stein Room of Gonzaga Hall.

Your sponsor must be a confirmed and practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. Tentatively, the Rite of Confirmation with Bishop Duca is planned for the **10:30 AM Mass** at St. Joseph Cathedral on June 8, 2025.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT DIOBR.ORG/JUBILEE

#### MASS CELEBRANT SCHEDULE December 21/22, 2024 Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 7:00 AM Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday 11:00 AM Sunday 5:30 PM Fr. Gerald Burns Fr. Michael Alello Fr. Michael Alello Fr. Michael Alello Fr. Michael Alello Due to unforeseen circumstances, clergy assignments may change Click here for the current Liturgical Ministers' Schedule Servant Leadership Meeting Calendar Next Meeting: January 21, 2025 at 5:30 PM MASS INTENTIONS WORD OF LIFE Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve "O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word PROVINCE PARTY you went in haste to the aid of your 4:00 PM Church cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant †James de Brueys yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical *†Kaylee* Crousillac solidarity, teach us to reverence and 4:00 PM Old Gym protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for +Michelle Gauthier us the grace to bring Christ to any Download |Order expectant mother who is alone and afraid." 6:30 PM USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities All Parishioners Prayer for Radical Solidarity (www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity) 11:00 PM A VOCATION VIEW +Brien & Gayle Guillory Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God." Consider following Christ more closely as a priest or 9:00 AM, in consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: +Janet Ely iiohnson@diobr.org 11:00 AM **†Watson Tebo** CHILDREN'S CHURCH MINISTRY Thursday, December 26, No Mass Children's Church provides a Sunday celebration of God's Friday, December 27, No Mass Word appropriate for young children ages Pre-K to 2nd grade during most 11:00 AM Sunday Masses and is held Saturday, December 28, 4:30 PM when school is in session in the fall and early spring. † Eric Paul Hansen. Sunday, December 29 SACRISTANS 7:00 AM, † Henry "Hank" William Bellows December: Diane O'Connor, Amy Pizzolato, 9:00 AM, †John Nipper Allison Vuljoin, Kaki Lowe, Karen Garner 11:00 AM, †Johnson Kadair 5:30 PM All Parishioners Church Lost and Found Call 343-6657 or visit the Pastoral Services Center to claim lost items left in church. Umbrellas, sunglasses, baby

† Deceased

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limitations.

items, bags, purses, lunch boxes, sweatshirts, jackets, sweaters, rosaries and other items. Unclaimed items will be

donated to charity every six months due to storage

#### ADORATION THE EUCHA



† 1st Wednesday of every month, 6:30 AM † Every Friday right after 8:00 AM Mass † 3rd Saturday of the month

- Communion Service 8:00 AM
- Adoration 8:35 AM 3:00 PM
- Gonzaga Hall Chapel

#### Cracked Pots: Blessed & Broken A personal loss support group

Cracked Pots ... Blessed & Broken is for women who have lost children. Any mother who has lost a child of any age is encouraged to attend. We meet the last Monday of each month at 9:00 AM in the PSC Conference room. Please contact Nancy Mumford at 225-936-0243 with any questions or to let us know you would like to join us. Ministry Signup





Attention all High School Seniors. Apply now for the Catholic Youth Leadership Award Scholarship. Follow the links below. Please put the KC Council name down: Pope John XXIII Council 3743. Deadline to apply is January 25, 2025. Click here for Application



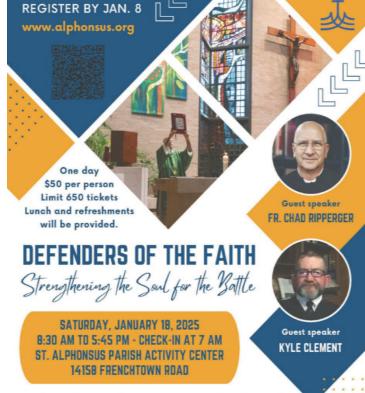
The Local Council boy and girl winners are then sent to compete on a Diocesan Level Each Diocesan boy and girl winner is provided a chance to participate in the State CYLA Finals.

State CYLA Chairman: Delmas Forbes cyla@louisianakc.org 225-939-2980 January 25- Deadline to submit CYLA Applications





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This conference will focus on Understanding Diabolical Influence and Spiritual Combat. Join us to learn about angels, the way fallen angels/demons attack us mentally, diabolical influence in our culture, tactics and weapons for combat against it, being open to the flow of grace, and more.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry Volunteers**

We make items for people who need comfort and reassurance that God is with them, during rough or happy times. We knit or crochet prayer cloths, hats, shawls and blankets which are available at the parish office free of charge. We are looking for all levels of experience! All supplies are



available as needed. We would love to have you come check us out! Join us at Gonzaga Hall Library from 9:00 AM -11:00 AM on the first and third Thursday of the month. All are welcome!

## Are you going through a difficult time?

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide emotional and spiritual support, on a one-to-one, confidential basis. A Stephen Minister walks alongside a person dealing with a serious challenge such as the loss of a loved one. a

divorce, financial difficulties, a serious illness, etc.

Contact a Stephen Leader for more information:

Stephen.ministry.aloysiusbr@gmail.com or





PRIOR REPORT CARDS (PAST TWO YEARS, IF APPLICABLE) MOST RECENT STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES (PAST TWO YEARS, IF APPLICABLE)

> QUESTIONS? CONTACT MOLLIE MONTELARO ADMISSIONS@ALOYSIUS.ORG OR 225.383.3871



# ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

at St. Aloysius

## March 18-19, 2025

To volunteer, please email AloysiusSJDA@gmail.com

## SPRING HOMESCHOOL PSR

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are traditionally observed when a child is in the second grade. In adherence to the policies of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, sacramental preparation requires **two** years of catechesis prior to receiving these sacraments.

If you have a child that you are hoping will receive these sacraments next year and has not been enrolled in a religious education program through a Catholic school or Parish School of Religion (PSR), St. Aloysius is offering a homeschool option in the spring 2025.

> PLEASE CONTACT LESLIE DOYLE AT <u>LDOYLE@STALOYSIUSPARISH.COM</u> FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON

SESSION I Saturday, January 18, 2025 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. St. Thomas More Catholic Church, St. Theresa Room

#### **SESSION II**

Saturday, February 1, 2025 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. St. George Catholic Church, Kleinpeter Activity Center

#### SESSION III

Saturday, February 15, 2025 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. St. George Catholic Church, Kleinpeter Activity Center

#### SESSION IV

Saturday, March 1, 2025 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. St. George Catholic Church Kleinpeter Activity Center

#### SESSION V Saturday, March 15, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University (FRANU)

For more information, contact Deacon Terry Bellon at <u>tbellon@diobr.org</u>

For more information you can also contact Deacon Chauvin Wilkinson <u>cwilkinson@staloysiusparish.com</u> or Deacon Don Allison <u>dallison@staloysiusparish.com</u>







## THIS WEEK AT ST. ALOYSIUS

## PARISH CALENDAR

#### SAT, 12/21

Communion Service 8:00 AM Chapel Rosary for Vocations 8:30 AM Chapel Adoration 8:30 AM Chapel Art & Environment Christmas Setup Church and Old Gym 9:00 AM Confession 3:30 PM Choir Music Rehearsal 3:30 PM Mass 4:30 PM Bell Choir at Mass 4:30 PM

SUN, 12/22 Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM Livestreamed, 11:00 AM & 5:30 PM Choir Music Rehearsal 8:00 AM Sunday Nursery 9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts 10:00 AM Sunday Nursery 11:00 AM Parish Choir 11:00 AM SMG Team 5 3:00 PM Choir Music Rehearsal 4:30 PM

MON, 12/23 SAS & SACCC Holiday Art & Environment Christmas setup 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal 2:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 4:30 PM

TUES, 12/24 Christmas Eve SAS, SACCC and PSC Holiday 30 minutes of pre-service music by each choir Mass

4:00 PM Brass Quintet, Bell Choir Livestreamed 4:00 PM Old Gym, Contemporary Music Ministry 6:30 PM Children's Choir 11:00 PM Parish Choir, Brass Quintet



## WELCOME TO ST. ALOYSIUS!

Daily Readings, Make an Offering, and more.



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#### **DIOCESAN NEWS**

The Catholic COMMENTATOR News from the Diocese of Baton Rouge The COLLECT Monthly Highlights from the Catholic Commentator

WED, 12/25 Christmas Day SAS, SACCC and PSC Holiday Mass 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM No 5:30 Mass

THURS, 12/26 SAS, SACCC and PSC Holiday No Services

FRI, 12/27 SAS, SACCC and PSC Holiday No Services

SAT, 12/28 Holy Innocents Confession 3:30 PM Choir Music Rehearsal 3:30 PM Mass 4:30 PM

SUN, 12/29 Feast of the Holy Family Mass 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM Livestreamed, 11:00 AM & 5:30 PM Knights of Columbus at Masses SMG Team 3 3:00 PM

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb
	10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
	14/Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday:	<i>Morning:</i> 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps
,	89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/	
	Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-
	25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12,
	13 (Lk 2:11)/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
	<i>Day:</i> Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3,
	3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and
,	8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Friday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a,
	2-8
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt
	2:13-18
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

## **BAPTISMAL SEMINAR**

Attention Parents and Godparents: Baptismal Seminars are offered online. <u>Click Here</u> to watch the online presentation. Print the certificate at the end of the seminar. Contact Leslie Doyle with any questions <u>Idoyle@staloysiusparish.com</u>.

## PRAYER LINE

St. Aloysius has a Group of Intercessors ready to pray for your needs...whatever they may be! 343-6657 <u>prayerline@staloysiusparish.com</u> *"Lord, in your mercy.... Hear our Prayer!"* 

## SUNDAY NURSERY

Sunday nursery is open during 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses in the St. Aloysius Child Care Center. All children ages 3 months to 3 years are welcome to attend.



#### **FAMILY FILE**

#### Has your information changed?

Information that may need to be updated: Name change, address, cell, email, marital status changes, additional members of the family, baby, children, school and grade changes. Please email, Aline <u>alandry@staloysiusparish.com</u> with your updated information or call 343-6657.

## FOOD BANK BASKETS

Food left in the Food Bank baskets located at the doors of church are delivered by ministry volunteers to the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank!



Thank you for your corporal works of mercy!

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## Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Not sure where to start? We are the group for you! For information, contact Carmel Acosta 343-6657 ext. 26 <u>cacosta@staloysiusparish.com</u>

## **BECOME A PARISHIONER**

**Welcome!** We are delighted you have joined us for worship and we hope you will return to pray with us often. If you have recently moved, are looking for a new parish or have returned to the area, we invite you to make St. Aloysius your home and carry out our mission statement!

To become a parishioner, visit:

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https://www.aloysius.org/welcome or call 343-6657.

VISION STATEMENT

St. Aloysius Parish is a vibrant community of

peace, love and unity as the living body of Christ.

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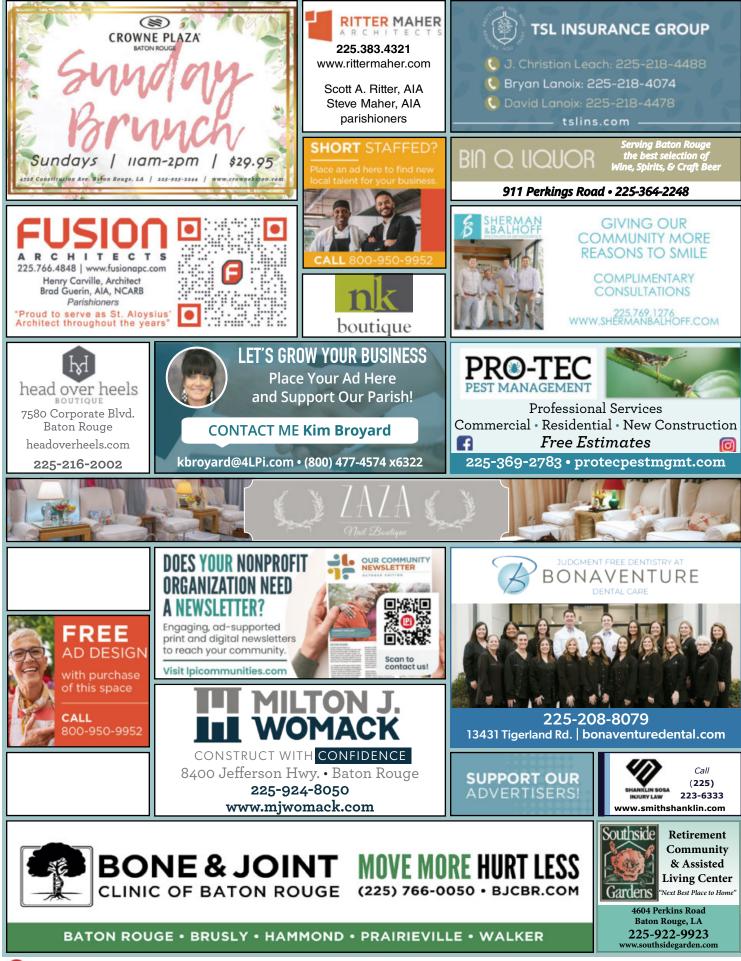
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## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Aloysius Parish embraces and nurtures all, inspiring each to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly in the love of God.





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