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## Father Ryan bids farewell to St. Aloysius

By Tyler Waggenpack

We know change is inevitable, and St. Aloysius is no exception, especially when it comes to Parochial Vicar assignments. After roughly a year-and-a-half with us, Father Ryan Hallford will be transitioning into his new role as pastor for Holy Family in Port Allen. His new assignment comes following Bishop Michael Duca's announcement in early May of clergy appointment changes in the Diocese of Baton Rouge.



Fr. Ryan Hallford

"I'm very thankful for my time at St. Aloysius and I look forward to the adventure of being a pastor," Father Ryan said. "I do regret not being able to be at St. Aloysius during a non-COVID time and experience the regular life of the parish."

Father Ryan was only three months into his time here before everything shut down in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although our church parish has reopened in phases since May of last year, most of Father Ryan's interactions with the St. Aloysius faithful were through the celebration of the Mass, including virtually via our livestreams.

"Father Ryan, we will never

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## First Eucharist at St. Aloysius

Many thanks to the St. Aloysius School and PSR second-grade teachers and all who helped prepare the children and their families for this event. See a full list of candidates and more photos, Page 4



## Eighth-grade retreat a time for reflection

This past school year has been one of changes and adaptations. The eighth-grade retreat was no different. Each year, the retreat is the culmination of the eighth-graders' small prayer group program, "Come, Lord Jesus." Usually,

the retreat is held at Camp Istrouma. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, this year the retreat was held on campus.

The day started out with Retreat Master Stephanie Cloua-

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# Interpreting the Icon of St. Joseph as reflection of Christ's love

By Mark Christian  
Director of Adult Formation

As we continue to celebrate “The Year of St. Joseph” — as declared by Pope Francis — St. Aloysius parishioners will discover that the Tabernacle in the church is now adorned with an icon of the foster father and protector of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word “icon” comes from the Greek “eikonas,” meaning “image.” It reminds us of the description of the Son of God in Colossians 1: “He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation.”

The Catechism teaches us that icons “principally represent Christ.” While the invisible and incomprehensible God cannot be represented, the incarnation of the Son of God has ushered in a new “economy” of images. In the Old Testament, Israel was forbidden to make “graven images” of the invisible God, but Christians may now do so because in the flesh of Jesus, God has now “imaged” Himself. The making of icons reflects the unseen Father now made known in the countenance of the Son. (cf. John 1:18)

Icons may depict the Mother of God and various Saints, as well, but they truly signify Christ, who is glorified in those who grow to reflect His love. As human creatures made in the image of God (Genesis 1), diminished by sin but restored by grace, the Saints in

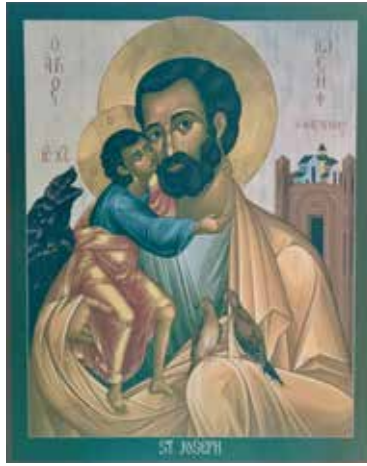
their icons are depicted as transfigured into Christ's likeness.

Just as we meet God in the words of Holy Scripture, we also meet God in the holy icons: “Image and word illuminate each other.” In the words of St. John of Damascus, “The beauty of the images (icons) moves me to contemplation, as a meadow delights the eyes and subtly infuses the soul with the glory of God.”

The purpose of icons is to draw us into prayer to mediate an encounter with the living God.

In our icon, the central figure is St. Joseph embracing the Christ Child in his right arm and holding two birds in his left, which depict the sacrifice the Holy Family made in the Temple at the Presentation of the first-born son, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” (Luke 2:22ff)

The faces of Jesus and Joseph are touching, reminiscent of many icons of the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child, conveying intimacy and affection. Each of



their heads is surrounded by a golden orb, known as a “nimbus,” which represents sanctity or holiness. Christ's is more ornate, including a cross with the partially visible Greek inscription, “O On,” or “The One Who Is.” This traditional inscription in the nimbus of Christ evokes the theophany to Moses through the burning bush on Mt. Sinai, where God discloses this as the mysterious divine

name, sometimes rendered, “I am who I am.” The Divine Name is also reflected in the Gospel of John in the many times Jesus uses the phrase, “I am...” Christ's garments are blue and red, which may represent the blue expanse of the heavens (His divine nature) and the red blood of the earth (His human nature and passion). Joseph's garments are gold and white, which convey the splendor of heaven and saintly purity, and may remind us that Joseph's earthly fatherhood points beyond him to God the Father, “from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.” (Ephesians 3:14)

On the far left of the icon is a rocky

precipice, which often appears in icons of our Lord's Nativity, Baptism and Harrowing of Hades. It represents the barren desert of this world into which the Son of God “came down from heaven,” the descent of the Infinite into the finite, the entry of the Holy and Immortal One into the realm of sin and death. On the far right are several buildings representing the home Joseph provided for Jesus and Mary in Nazareth. They may also remind us of the words spoken near the end of the New Testament by the voice from the throne in Revelation 21: “The dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them.”

The ornate vertical lettering in the upper left reads, in Greek, “O Agios,” or “The Holy” and pairs with that on the upper right, “Ioseph” or “Joseph.” To the left of Christ are the letters, IC XC, the Greek monogram (first and last letters) of “Jesus Xristos,” or “Jesus Christ” (the Greek “s” or sigma is sometimes written like the Roman “c”). Above the buildings is written, “O Nazarene,” referring to Nazareth, the home of the Holy Family.

In the coming months, you are invited (and encouraged) to spend time in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle and to pray with the icon of St. Joseph!

## Father Ryan, From Page 1

forget what you did for us, bringing Christ into our homes virtually throughout the pandemic,” one parishioner said on Facebook, following the announcement of Father Ryan's new assignment. “Words cannot express my family's gratitude for your service and unfailing presence of hope this last year. ‘Thank you’ isn't enough, but we truly mean it. You have been a gift to us.”

“Thank you, Father Ryan for all you have done to help St. Aloysius through this unprecedented time,” another parishioner said on Facebook. “You will be an amazing pastor.”

Father Ryan's new assignment will be his first pastorate, but he's no stranger to Holy Family. He served as the church's Parochial

Vicar after being ordained a priest in May of 2017.

“As I approach being a pastor, I feel a little like a teenager receiving the keys to the family car,” he said. “I'm very excited, but very much know that I could drive this thing into a ditch. Please pray for me.”

In Father Ryan's place here at St. Aloysius, the bishop has appointed Father Danny Roussel as our next Parochial Vicar. He was recently ordained to the priesthood on May 22, along with two of his brother priests, Father David Dawson and Father Taylor Sanford. Father Danny comes to us from St. Mary of False River in



Fr. Danny Roussel

Credit: Diocese of Baton Rouge, Office of Vocations

New Roads, where he served during his transitional deaconate. He is originally from Vacherie, where his home parish is Our Lady of Peace.

Father Ryan and Father Danny will start their new assignments on July 1. We pray for the best for Father Ryan as he moves to Holy Family, and we're also excited that Father Danny is joining our St. Aloysius community! May God's graces sustain you both as you begin the next chapters in your lives!

Be on the lookout for a feature piece on Father Danny in one of our future editions of *Aloysius Alive!* Meanwhile, we recommend you watch the *Path to Priesthood 2021* segment on Catholic Life Television! It can be viewed on their YouTube page, where you'll hear interviews from Father Danny, Father David and Father Taylor about their calling to their vocations.

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## Regular Mass Schedule

SATURDAY

\*Vigil 4:30 PM

SUNDAY

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DAILY MASSES

Monday & Wednesday, 6:00 AM

Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 8:00 AM

This \* denotes Mass is livestreamed via our website at [aloysius.org/livestream](http://aloysius.org/livestream) or on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/staloysiusbr](https://facebook.com/staloysiusbr)

CONFESSIONS: Monday and Wednesday after 6:00 AM Mass; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:30-8:00 AM; Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM (when the adjacent Mass is celebrated).

FUNERALS: Please contact the Parish Office prior to scheduling with the funeral home. If after hours, follow directions on voicemail.

PARISH SCHOOL: For information, phone 383-3871, 8:30 AM- 3:30 AM

NURSERY/CHILDCARE CENTER: For information, phone 343-1338, 7:00 AM -5:30 PM Monday through Friday.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptismal preparation is required.

SPONSORS: Baptism & Confirmation sponsors must be confirmed practicing Catholics in good standing in the Catholic Church, and if not St. Aloysius Parishioners, must provide a letter of good standing from the parish where they are registered.

MARRIAGE: Couples are asked to contact the priest at the beginning of the period of engagement at least six months prior to the projected date of the marriage.

CARE OF THE SICK: The Eucharist is brought to the sick weekly and hospital visits made weekly. Families of the sick are encouraged to notify the Parish Office.



# Music Ministry is back, looking for singers, musicians

At the end of August, we plan to resume regular rehearsals and liturgies for all parish choirs, which include the Children's Choir, Festival Ringers, Chorale, Renewal Singers and the 5:30 PM Mass Music Ministry. Check out this "pre-Covid" video of the St. Aloysius choirs on Catholic Life Television's program "Sacred Music: A Treasured Tradition": <https://youtu.be/bxpmWVzcfWU>



During the summer months, we will gradually add singers and musicians as we recreate our choirs and music ensembles to provide liturgical music for Sunday Liturgies. We invite those who have sung in the choirs before the pandemic to re-

sume participation in the music ministry as they are comfortable and able. We are also conducting a talent search to find new musicians of all ages who can sing in the choirs for the fall.

Summer Family Choir is an opportunity for a family, household or small group of friends to sing together for a Mass. Our parish is blessed with many talented musicians of all ages, and we would like you to share your

gifts to worship God in the liturgies at St. Aloysius Church.

Within a family, there are often several generations of gifted singers and musicians. The Summer Family Choir will enable a family, household or small group of friends to provide a song or two, or even all the music for a Sunday Mass. This would be a limited commitment with a group only singing for one Mass, and not an ongoing weekly commitment. A

rehearsal with the music director will be scheduled in the week before the Mass to rehearse music for the upcoming liturgy.

Summer Family Choir will be organized to accommodate the vacation and summer schedules of our parishioners. For more information or to schedule a Mass when your family will sing contact Ken Thevenet, [kthevenet@staloyusparish.com](mailto:kthevenet@staloyusparish.com), 225-343-6657, extension 20.

## St. Aloysius Children's Choir to return in August with new director

Beginning Aug. 18, the St. Aloysius Church Children's Choir will resume Wednesday after-school rehearsals. The Children's Choir is open to singers in Grades 3-8 attending any school or being home schooled. The Children's Choir will sing for 11:00 AM Mass on the third Sunday of the month (first Mass is Sept. 19). The choir will also

sing for the 6:30 PM Christmas Vigil Mass and an Easter Sunday Mass.

We will have a transition in Children's Choir directors. Director Shannan O'Dowd is leaving her position as she moves out of state; she recently obtained her Master's Degree in Music from LSU and is engaged to be married. Our new Children's Choir

director will be Danielle Laird.

Danielle, a Baton Rouge native who recently finished her master's degree in Music Education at LSU, is the new choir director at Catholic High School and St. Joseph's Academy, alongside Mr. Steve Galliano. Danielle has been a cantor for 23 years and volunteered in music ministry through Vacation

Bible School and ACTS. She has taught in a variety of music education settings including high school and middle school choir, children's choir, elementary music and private voice instruction. She enjoys traveling, gardening and hanging out with her husband, C.J., and their four children.

Look for bulletin messages

regarding the return of the Children's Choir. Please spread the word to your friends and family members that the Children's Choir will be back! If you have questions or would like to join the Children's Choir or any St. Aloysius Choir, contact Director of Worship Ken Thevenet at [kthevenet@staloyusparish.com](mailto:kthevenet@staloyusparish.com) 225-343-6657, ext. 20.

## Stephen Ministers inspired to be hidden heroes providing Christian care

We have observed and honored many heroes during the COVID-19 pandemic. From health care professionals to public safety workers; from local, state and national leaders to frontline workers; from teachers to moms and dads; our children, our church, our friends and family who all endured a time of isolation and uncertainty. Heroes, all of them.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

St. Stephen was a hero. He is traditionally known as the first martyr of Christianity and a deacon in the early church at Jerusalem. In the book of Acts, Stephen was chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need, a ministry considered a hallmark of the Christian faith community. Stephen Ministries, an international caregiving ministry launched in 1975, honored this hero by adopting St. Stephen's name and providing Christian care now in more than 13,000 congregations representing over 180 denominations, in all 50 states, all 10 Canadian provinces and 30 other countries.

Now, as restrictions are lifted, Stephen Ministry members are once again able to meet face-to-face with care recipients to journey with them during their time of loss or transition.

The St. Aloysius Stephen Ministry is a lay ministry that supplements pastoral care. The program teaches lay persons to provide one-on-one care to individuals facing a variety of crises or life challenges such as hospitalization, chronic illness, job loss, grief, divorce, cancer, financial difficulties or other life struggles.

Stephen Ministers are those hidden heroes who step out into the unknown and unfamiliar to offer a caring hand and a listening ear to others who need encouragement, support and prayer. They undergo 50 hours of training to offer gentle, confidential Christian care, and their companionship is invaluable as they share in the journeys of individuals who are experiencing formidable life situations.

The St. Aloysius Stephen Ministry continues to serve our caregivers in the parish in providing one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing life difficulties, losses and transitions. Because the key role of Stephen Ministers is to visit and offer one-to-one care to their care recipients, the pandemic made it particularly challenging to meet in such a personal way. However, the Stephen Ministry members, all heroes themselves, worked diligently to offer meetings digitally, by phone and through private visits by observing social distancing, accordingly to the desires of the care recipient. Additionally, the Ministry conducted monthly Peer Supervision meetings via Zoom to offer support and resources for its mem-

bers. Heroes come in many forms and from all facets of life. Please consider being a Stephen Minister, to be someone's hero and journey with him or her during a particular life challenge. Dates and times of trainings are being organized now. Please contact any Stephen Ministry Leader for more information or to obtain an application: Kathy Nikolaus, [knikolaus@cox.net](mailto:knikolaus@cox.net) or 225-603-

7772; Bob Schoen, [bobschoen@cox.net](mailto:bobschoen@cox.net) or 225-937-2984; Dana Territo, [territo4@yahoo.com](mailto:territo4@yahoo.com), or 225-572-9250.

Additionally, if you are in need of a Stephen Minister or know someone who would benefit, please call the church of-

fice at 343-6657, or contact Bob Schoen, Stephen Ministry Leader, at (225) 937-2984, or email at [bobschoen18@gmail.com](mailto:bobschoen18@gmail.com).

wine: Catholic Women's Conference

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## First Eucharist 2021

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 Luke Christopher Ashton  
 Elijah Dale Badeaux  
 Charlie Lynn Barback  
 Caroline Marie Barber  
 Cambre Elizabeth Bares  
 Anna Britt Beach  
 David Patrick Beckers  
 David Thomas Becnel  
 Beau Atkins Berry  
 Abigail Frances Blanchard  
 Kate Darcey Bonaventure  
 William Ratcliff Bondy  
 Mamie Loren Boullion  
 Jacob Daniel Bourgeois  
 Nolan Hayes Boyce  
 Elizabeth Anne Bromell  
 Elizabeth Anne Brooks  
 Marguerite Jane Brooksher  
 Gabriel Edmund Brown  
 Hugh Brandon Burris, Jr.  
 Brooks Scott Callaway  
 Jason Adebayo Campbell  
 Charlotte Cate Cascio  
 Mary Huntington Chambers  
 Lily Elizabeth Chauvin  
 Ainsley Marie Chustz  
 Charlotte Marie Chustz  
 Helen Elise Coner  
 John-Francis Sellinger Craig  
 Audrey Marie Crews  
 Parks Anthony Culotta  
 Lucille Marie Davis  
 Mary Elizabeth DeCuir  
 Madeline Francis Devillier  
 William Haik Dippel  
 Carolyn Rose Douglas  
 Jacob Henry Downs  
 Landon Paul Edwards  
 Catherine Anne Evans  
 Henry Carl Eyre, IV  
 Philip Ivan Ferrer, IV  
 Stella Babin Fontenot  
 Frances Estelle Fuselier  
 Mark Knox Garon  
 Maurice Brent Garrett, III  
 Sadie Caroline Golleher  
 Natalie Emma Graff  
 Lyla Claire Gregory  
 Wesley Paul Hebert, Jr.*

*Samuel Killen Hebert  
 Grayson Lyn Hiebert  
 Scarlett Grace Kathryn Hoffmann  
 Eleanor Jean Holinga  
 Charlotte Brooks Holliday  
 Elizabeth Rose Howell  
 Margaret Grace Howell  
 Victoria Charles Howell  
 Jackson Christopher Hughes  
 Nixon Evans Hufges  
 Whitney Blair Hutchinson  
 Anne Louise Istre  
 Jack Lawrence Jarreau  
 Olivia Kate Jarreau  
 Lauren Michael Johnson  
 Stella Ann Johnson  
 Lilly Katherine Johnson  
 Elle Alexandra Jones  
 Charlotte Betty Kidder  
 Jamie Vivien Kitchin  
 John Miles Koban, III  
 Alice Rose Lagarde  
 Max David Lambert  
 Ellington James LaNasa  
 Mary Ayres Landry  
 Olivia Grace Landry  
 Jackson Damon Lapointe  
 Cecilia Jane Lato  
 Catherine Grace LeBlanc  
 Chloe Grace LeBlanc  
 Elliott Grace LeBlanc  
 Evan Paul Ledet  
 Ellington Anne LeJeune  
 Cullen Vincent Lemoine  
 Riley Ann Lundin  
 Ava Danielle Madere  
 Gregory Donald Marcase  
 Amelia Rose Martin  
 Matthew Parks McGucken  
 Clark Norman McLellan, IV  
 Luke Thomas Messina  
 James Hardin Miranda  
 Treuil Mark Montague, Jr.  
 Lucille Carter Montalbano  
 James Maxwell Montelaro  
 Mary Margaret Moon  
 Caroline Anne Moroux  
 Olivia Wise Moroux  
 Audrey Kathryn Moser  
 Charlotte Lynn Mullin*

*Bennett Clay Ourso  
 Hayes Michael Pacanovsky  
 Camden Michael Pastorick  
 Grace Catherine Patton  
 Anne Mylinh Caroline Pham  
 Chandler Elizabeth Pinkstaff  
 Gunner Owen Pinkstaff  
 Rebecca Rose Pitz  
 James Ryan Plaisance  
 Andrew Stephen Politz  
 James Ruy Prieto  
 Christian Joseph Purpera  
 Jude Fisher Raetzsch  
 Eleanor Ruth Reynolds  
 Katherine Mae Richard  
 Lillian Nora Robertson  
 Ellason Sophia Ross  
 Benedict Goodfellow Roussel  
 Reese Adelaide Sadler  
 Josephine Frances Schneider  
 Sarah Elizabeth Schneller  
 Juliette Grace Schramm  
 Harold Dan Sheets, III  
 Lucy Aimee Simon  
 Audrey Eleanor Smith  
 Sarah Kathryn Sonnier  
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**2021 Daughters of Jesus Award- Sela Alwood**  
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**2021 Msgr. Daniel Becnel Award- Mary Ellis Beach**  
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**2021 Student of the Year- Davis Dawes**  
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## Retreat, From Page 1

tre-Davis addressing the entire grade. Since the students were not allowed to gather as a large group, she addressed them via Zoom meeting. After the address, students traveled as homeroom groups, along with their small group leaders, to participate in activities on campus.

One station was located in the STREAM Lab, where Cloutre-Davis led the students in a prayer reflection exercise. The students meditated and prayed, drawing closer to the retreat cross. This cross has been present at every St. Aloysius School retreat since 2011. Students were allowed to add their names to the hundreds of students who had previously signed the cross.

Another station was located in the new gym, where students played human "Hungry, Hungry Hippos." In between games, students were led in a discussion by Edie Boudreaux, reflect-

ing on what a difficult year this has been. Boudreaux reflected on her own eighth-grade year at St. Aloysius. Students were encouraged to look at their eighth-grade selves and see what character traits they would like to bring into the future and what traits they might want to leave behind.

"Come, Lord Jesus" coordinators Jennifer Usher and Lissa Weston led a discussion in each class's homeroom. Student ministers from St. Joseph's Academy and Catholic High School created videos to help the eighth-graders know what to expect in high school. Jennifer and Lissa discussed the videos with students and answered many of their questions and addressed some of the eighth-graders' fears.

The final station was a "Prayer Walk Down Memory Lane," which allowed students to walk around campus, remembering people and events who shaped their lives. The walkways were lined with signs created by the faculty members of all areas and grade levels, with symbols reminding students of special ac-

tivities in each grade level. The signs included scripture passages and messages of good will from the teachers. The pre-K sign was a special hit. Not only did the teachers create a beautiful poster, but there was also a bowl of candy to remind the eighth-graders of their Pre-K Mardi Gras parade.

At the conclusion of the event, the students gathered with their small group leaders, who handed out letters to the eighth-graders written by their parents. Students read the letters, accompanied by laughs and tears. Then the students had the opportunity to write back to their parents and family members. After completing their letters, students shared lunch in their small groups. This was the final time for the group members to share time together before the end of the school year.

Although the retreat format was very much changed, the mission of the retreat was accomplished. The eighth-graders gathered for a day of fellowship and fun, sharing their faith with their small group leaders and with each other.

# St. Aloysius School Class of 2021

*\*denotes Honor Graduate*

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| *Sela Katherine Alwood      | *Ella Katherine Falgoust     | Benjamin William Larson       | *Caroline Katherine Roberts |
| *Kate Elizabeth Arbour      | *Katherine Conway Fawley     | *Virginia Anne Lauve          | *Loralei Marie Robinson     |
| Ethan James Bailey          | *Madeleine Frye Feracchi     | *Ayden Thomas Leonardt        | *Caroline Cowand Roussel    |
| *Mary Ellis Beach           | Layton Joseph Fontenot       | *Wyatt Dean Lewis             | *Gage Emeric Rowley         |
| *Charley Sloan Bergeron     | Jack Anderson Foote          | *Ethan Jacob Lopez            | Mary Hill Savoy             |
| *Mary Elizabeth Bernhardt   | *Jack William Fourier        | *Addison Rose Lousteau        | *Holden Thomas Sawyer       |
| Anna Kathleen Mary Betts    | Andrew Joseph Gannuch        | Ella Kathryn Mancuso          | *Nicole Alessandra Shaw     |
| Robert Lane Bourg           | *Benjamin Clayton Garner     | Carly Elizabeth Manuel        | Ava Catherine Silva         |
| *Mary Elizabeth Bradford    | *Ben Ellis Gauthreaux        | *Zaira Penn Mayeux            | *Elena Grace Singh          |
| *Isabelle Marie Broome      | Margaret Grace Halphen       | *Sean Joseph McCay            | *Bennett Thomas Smith       |
| Owen Wyly Brown             | Amelia Claire Hannie         | *Christopher Michael McCullen | *Owen David Songne'         |
| *William Price Broyles      | William Michael Hatzis       | *Alexis Rome McGlothlin       | George David St. Germain    |
| Christian Ryan Busbice      | *Andi Elizabeth Hayes        | Bella Leigh McGucken          | *James Wesley Stein         |
| Lauren Elizabeth Calegan    | *Ava Lanehart Heine          | *William Jeffery Mickal       | Lane Grace Stevens          |
| Keller Randolph Cassidy     | *Mary Elizabeth Hill         | *Patrick Clifford Moe         | Annabelle Mai Sutton        |
| *Hannah Elizabeth Champagne | Mary Hays Hinkle             | Ainsley Michelle Moreau       | *Darby Marie Thompson       |
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| Catherine Sarah Dunn        | *Sophia Grace Lalonde        | *Avery Elizabeth Randolph     |                             |
| *Elliott Harrison Eaqleton  | *Dillon Marie Landry         | *Emmaline Elizabeth Ritter    |                             |





## Teachers receive certification in religious education courses

All teachers in Catholic schools are required to participate in continuing education provided by the Diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Courses at both basic and intermediate levels are now available in both on-line and in-person formats. Diocesan instructors have acquired a minimum of a master's degree in theology or pastoral ministry.

To achieve basic certification, a teacher must complete eight 10-hour courses. These courses provide a foundation in the basic teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. Teachers who complete their basic certification must complete at least 20 hours of continuing education every three years. This continuing education may be obtained through lectures, retreats and service experiences.

After completing the basic certification level, teachers may complete an additional eight 10-hour courses to achieve intermediate certification. These courses delve more deeply into scripture, history and traditions of the Catholic Church.

On April 28, Lauren O'Brien was recognized for receiving her basic certification. Amanda Register was recognized for achieving intermediate certification. These are two of the teachers at St. Aloysius School who have been diligently participating in the program. Nineteen percent of the teachers are working toward basic certification; 57 percent of the teachers have achieved basic certification; and 24 percent of the faculty have achieved intermediate certification.



From left: Amanda Register, Erin Candilora and Lauren O'Brien



## New Boy Scouts recognized at banquet

By Father Randy Cuevas  
Cub Scout Pack 7's annual Blue and Gold Banquet was conducted on Saturday evening, March 27, in the Student Union at Catholic High School. Pictured with Den Leader Clint Sandefer and unit Executive Officer Fa-

ther Randy Cuevas are newest Boy Scouts (from left) Reid Culpepper, John Luke Bugea, Brady Biossat, Jude Bonaventure, Jared Gonthier and Cade Sandefer. The Scouts "crossed over" from Pack 7 to Troop 7 near the conclusion of the banquet program.

Congratulations!

Troop 7 recently participated in the Istrouma Area Council Sewell-Eagle District Camporee on the weekend of April 9-11 at Camp Avondale in Clinton and came away with a lot of top awards.

## Child Care Center holds Supper Club Fundraiser

For the second year in a row, the Child Care Center's annual Fish Fry Fundraiser didn't take place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The fish fry raises thousands of dollars each year to support the center beyond its operating budget, funding special projects and fulfilling classroom needs. Organizers found themselves tasked with finding an alternative solution while respecting COVID protocols. The solution: a spaghetti dinner fundraiser!

Thus, the SACCC Supper Club Fundraiser was born. The Child Care Center's fundraising committee worked with City Pork to pre-package delicious meals of spaghetti, green beans and garlic bread. Salads and cookies were also prepared as extra sides for people craving more. The meals were delivered drive-thru style in front of the Knights



of Columbus House.

This event raised close to \$4,000 for the center, with possibly more donations coming in to help offset expenses. We would like to thank our Fish Fry turned Supper Club Chair Jody Montelaro, as well as committee members, City Pork, vol-

unteers and sponsors, for their hard work into making this fundraiser possible. We also thank those of you who purchased tickets in support, and the two anonymous donors who purchased more than 150 meals for all of our Child Care Center, school and church staff!



## St. Aloysius Golf Classic 2021 a time of fellowship and fun

Thirty-one teams and 124 players took part in the annual St. Aloysius Golf Classic, held on a gorgeous Monday, March 8. This annual fundraiser promotes fellowship through friendly competition and was able to bring in \$5,066 toward the goals of the master plan. What an up-and-down to save par!

Thank you to all sponsors, donors, participants and volunteers, including Event Chair Stuart Helo and Sponsorship Committee Co-Chairs Paul Lambert and Ryan Lee.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The 2022 Golf Classic will be held on Monday, March 14, at The University Club.





## Teachers, eighth-graders honored, May Crowning celebrated at Mass

The all-school Mass on May 5 was a very special celebration. It was the first time this school year that COVID protocols allowed for an entire grade level to attend Mass at the same time. Before the Mass, the eighth-graders joined in the May Crowning celebration. Students viewing in the classroom via livestream were invited to participate.

Attending the ceremony were three special guests, the teachers retiring from St. Aloysius School this year: Mrs. Karen Edwards (Pre-K), Mrs. Nancy Dawson (Pre-K) and Mrs. Nancy Ellis (3rd grade) processed down the aisle and crowned Mary to the song "I Sing a Maid." These ladies together have contributed more than 60 years of service to Catholic Education.

Another special event during the Mass was the celebration of First Communion by eighth-grade student Ava Heine. Ava was encouraged by the example of her classmates and wanted to make the sacrament before leaving St. Aloysius School. Her parents attended Mass to support her on this special occasion.

The eighth-graders received a special blessing from Father Randy during this Mass. Parents were

able to share this special moment via livestream. Special awards were also presented to the following students:

- Leadership Award – Brooks Kogel
- Mr. John Thomas Balhoff Memorial Scholarship – Matthew Hupperich
- Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth Balhoff Memorial Scholarship – Emery Zeringue
- Overall Principal's Award – Holden Sawyer
- Overall Principal's Award – Andi Hayes
- Knights of Columbus Special Recognition Award – Mary Elizabeth "Lizzy" Bernhardt
- Knights of Columbus Special Recognition Award – Howard Wilkinson
- Spirit of Service Award – Caroline Roussel
- Kiwanis Courtesy Award – Ayden Leonardt
- Kiwanis Courtesy Award – Billy Perkins
- Scholar Athlete – Virginia Nelson
- Scholar Athlete – Caldwell Kerth
- Woodmen of the World – David DeOliveira

One student's awards came in after the Mass. Ben Garner has been awarded two academic scholarships from his future high school, Bishop Lynch High School.

## St. Aloysius School makes record-setting donation to Food Bank

Once a month, St. Aloysius School students bring donations of food for the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. This takes place in conjunction with the celebration of the all-school Mass. This year, because of the increased need in the community due to the pandemic, this tradition became more important than ever. The students were challenged and encouraged to bring even more donations and they rose to the challenge. In addition to usual reminders about bringing food, school staff created special events to encourage the students.

In November, the library staff were the masterminds behind the "Sea-Food Bank Challenge." For the week before the Mass, students dropped off food in the library. Tables were marked for each grade level. As the students dropped off food, they could see the progress that each grade was making. The eighth-graders collected the most food, but the winners were the clients of the Food Bank as the school donated 3,170 pounds of food.



In March, the entire school body brought food for the "Knock Out Hunger" challenge. Students were asked to bring boxes of cereal and milk products. The boxes were used to build a "domino" chain that connected all the school buildings. The event took place on March 15. Eighth-graders helped set up the boxes in an 820-foot chain. When the signal was given, Pre-K student Violet Penn poured milk into a bowl, which caused a lever to rise. This caused wooden blocks to fall, which knocked over the

first cereal box. Ten minutes later, the final cereal box fell, pouring Lucky Charms into a bowl for the school mascot, Big Al. This successful event brought in 2,420 pounds of donated food.

Our final challenge was for the May collection to be large enough to break the school record from the year 1999-2000. In that year, St. Aloysius School donated 14,172 pounds of food. Once again, St. Aloysius School students and parents rose to the challenge. Donations of peanut butter and jelly, as well as other



types of food, rolled in. For the month of May, we collected 2,180 pounds. This brought our annual collection total to 15,750 pounds of food, enough for 13,125 meals. We broke our old record by more than 1,500 pounds!

Meghan Russell of the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank wrote,

"We cannot thank St. Aloysius enough for the generous support we have received this school year! We are already looking forward to continuing this partnership next year."

The faculty, students and parents intend to continue this tradition.





# Springtime means parties, nature activities, Splash Day and more

Springtime at the Child Care Center was full of fun activities! The children jumped at the opportunity to celebrate Easter with parties, candy and Easter egg hunts. After a short Easter break, they spent time enjoying nature, going on a bug hunt and nature walks, and learning first-hand about butterflies.

During the month of April, the children celebrated the "Week of the Young Child," a fun-filled week including "Music Monday," "Tatsey Tuesday," "Work Together Wednesday," "Artsy Thursday" and a later rescheduled picnic day. The following week, the kids basked in the fun of all things Earth-related as they made recycled art, rainbow art and garden flags. The year-long alphabet themed weeks ended in style, complete with "Yard Day" and some additional gardening!

In May, the Child Care Center showed its hard-working teachers, cooks and administrators much-deserved love during Appreciation Week! Parents and students sent kind words, parents provided lunch, and the entire staff was treated to spaghetti dinners. The children also dressed up as their favorite super-heroes to acknowledge the teachers' work as they help each child to learn and grow. We hope each teacher, staff member, and administrator knows just how special they are!

As some children graduate and move on, we commend our little graduates and the teachers who led the way! Thank you, teachers and staff, for the heart, creativity and love that you bring every day. Now on to Splash Day summer fun to beat the heat!

