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## Catholic Schools celebration also marks SAS's 65th anniversary

Catholic Schools across America observed Catholic Schools week Jan. 30 through Feb. 5, a time for faculty, students and alumni to celebrate and appreciate their schools. At St. Aloysius School, the week's activities included a special celebration of the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school's founding.

On Monday, students passing through the cafeteria got their first view of the mosaic poster created by the whole school. The display is titled "Faith, Excellence, Service," which is the motto of Catholic Schools week. The paper tiles on the mosaic were decorated by students and faculty members. Faculty, students and parents were invited to write or draw a symbol of the way they have shown one of these traits this year.

That evening, the Diocese of Baton Rouge hosted a dinner for the Distinguished Graduates of each Catholic school, including Jeb Broyles, representing St. Aloysius School. Father Randy Cuevas was also recognized as the Distinguished Clergy for the Diocese of Baton Rouge.

Before school on Wednesday, teachers met in the church to receive recognition for their years of service to Catholic Schools. The following teachers

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## A Rockin' Good Time

### Auction returns to parish grounds

By Katey Bergeron and Grace Ann Ourso  
Auction Chairs 2020-2022

Saturday, Feb. 19, was truly a Louisiana Saturday Night to remember!

The annual St. Aloysius Auction returned to our beautiful parish grounds as our parishioners and friends danced the night away to the sounds of Rockin' Dopsie and enjoyed delicious Cajun cuisine and drinks provided by Catering Cajun, Fred's and other generous parish supporters.

This night would not have been possible without the hard work and generosity displayed by so many. We want to thank our families, friends, sponsors and fellow parishioners for all of the support. The auction raised nearly \$230,000!

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## Men's Club debuts Guns N' Rosaries

The St. Aloysius Men's Club introduced a new event, the Guns N' Rosaries Sporting Clay Competition, on Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Bridgeview Gun Club in Port Allen.

In the club's first public event since pre-COVID, 17 teams consisting of 68 men gathered

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to pray the Rosary and enjoy some clay shooting, good food and fellowship. The Men's Club plans to host the event again next year after receiving posi-

tive feedback from participants. As Blessed Pope Pius IX once said, "Give me an army saying the Rosary, and I will conquer the world."

Anyone interested in joining the Men's Club can get information at [aloysius.org/ministry-signup](http://aloysius.org/ministry-signup).

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## Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum Schedule 2022



Together we set aside these most holy days of the Church Year.

During Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum, the people of St. Aloysius Parish walk with Christ. We experience again His saving passion and death, and we rise again with Jesus on Easter Sunday.

### Palm Sunday: April 9/10

Our regular weekend schedule: Vigil Mass, Saturday at \*4:30 PM,  
Sunday Masses at 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM & 5:30 PM.

Blessed Palms will be available at every Mass.

The procession from the Bell Tower will be held before the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses.

### Monday of Holy Week: April 11, 6 AM Mass

### Tuesday of Holy Week: April 12, 8 AM Mass

### Wednesday of Holy Week: April 13, 6 AM Mass

### Holy Thursday: April 14 (There is only one Mass today.)

\*7 PM, The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Following Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
will continue **in the Parish Hall** until Midnight.

### Good Friday: April 15

8:30 AM, Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Parish Hall)

9 AM, Morning Prayer (Parish Hall)

Silent Prayer Observing the Three Hours of Christ's Passion  
will be observed from Noon until 3 PM.

Noon, Solemn Stations of the Cross (Church)

\*3 PM, Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Church)

### Holy Saturday: April 16

8:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Parish Hall)

9 AM Morning Prayer (Parish Hall)

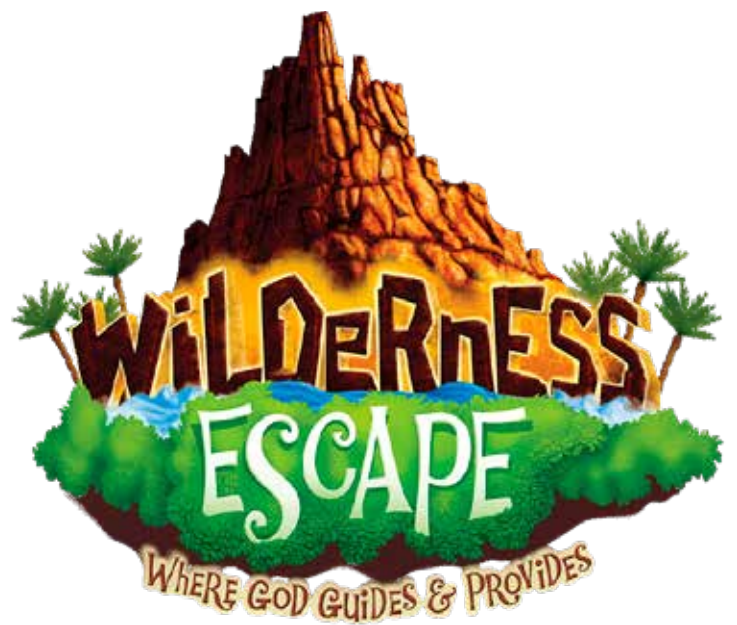
The Solemn Vigil of Easter: Saturday, April 16 at \*8 PM (No 4:30 PM Mass today.)

### Easter Sunday: April 17

8:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Church)

Masses at 7 AM, \*9 AM, 11 AM & 5:30 PM

This \* denotes a Mass will be livestreamed via [aloysius.org/livestream](http://aloysius.org/livestream) and on  
Facebook at [facebook.com/staloysiusbr](https://facebook.com/staloysiusbr)



## Vacation Bible School June 13-16

Vacation Bible School is planned for 9 AM to noon on June 13-16.

Registration is now open for

adult volunteers who would like to help! For registration, check the latest edition of our bulletin on our website at [aloysius.org/bulletin](http://aloysius.org/bulletin).

## Nursery available for 9 AM, 11 AM Sunday Masses

Sunday Nursery is available during our 9 AM and 11 AM Masses in the St. Aloysius Child Care Center. All children ages 3 months to 3 years are wel-

come to attend. Registration is required. For more information, please contact Tricia Greely at [tgreely@staloysiusparish.com](mailto:tgreely@staloysiusparish.com) or by calling (225) 343-6657.

## Regular Mass Schedule

SATURDAY

\*Vigil 4:30 PM

SUNDAY

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

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.

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# Scenes from Guns N' Rosaries



## St. Aloysius Men's Club Lenten Dinner focuses on spirituality

The St. Aloysius Men's Club held a Lenten Dinner and Evening of Reflection in the Parish Hall on March 10. Fellow parishioner and seminarian Josh

Zelden spoke to the group about men's spirituality. Josh is in his second year of priestly formation at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.



St. Aloysius Parish  
Ministry Appreciation Dinner  
Thursday, April 28 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
SAS Old Gym  
All ministry volunteers are invited!  
Hosted by church parish staff.  
Thank you for sharing your time & talents with St. Aloysius!



"May your reward be great on April 28 and in Heaven!"

### First Eucharist information available

First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday, April 30, during the 4:30 PM Vigil Mass, and on Sunday, May 1, during the 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM and 5:30 PM Masses. For more information, please contact Tricia Greely at [tgreely@staloyusparish.com](mailto:tgreely@staloyusparish.com) or by calling (225) 343-6657.







Winning poster (ages 11-14) submitted by eighth-grader Caroline Watson.

# Christmas contest showcases students' artistic talents

In December, students of all ages submitted posters illustrating the true meaning of Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, as part of the Knights of Columbus poster contest titled "Keep Christ in Christmas."

Winners received a certificate and check for \$25, as well as entry into the diocesan level of competition.

Sam Mistretta of the Knights

of Columbus presented certificates to the contest winners: Eighth-grader Caroline Watson (ages 11-14); fifth-grader Mason Richert (ages 8-10); and first-grader Gabriel Daugherty (ages 5-7).

St. Aloysius School is blessed to have students with artistic talents and love of scripture. We especially appreciate their kind hearts and their desire to share their gifts with the world.



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were recognized: 10 years of Service: Alcia Plaisance, Christy Jackson, Laurie Snaith; 15 years of Service: Brandi Matthis, Katie Bares, Tracey Barhorst; 20 years of Service: Amy Perret, Jane Patout, Jeanie Bondy, Lauren Serpas, Lisa Mongrue; 25 years of Service: Lisa Moore; and 40 years of Service: Carolyn Murphy.

Later that morning, representatives of all of the diocesan schools met to celebrate Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Student representatives from each school, as well as administrators

and teachers receiving service awards, joined Bishop Michael Duca for the occasion. Erin Candilora and Student of the Year Sophia Montalbano carried a gift in the entrance procession. St. Aloysius' Anne Maria Montalbano also attended as a student representative. Carolyn Murphy was honored during the Mass for her 40 years of service to Catholic education. Father Randy was also called forward in recognition of his selection as Diocesan Clergy of the Year.

On Thursday, morning as-

sembly prayer focused on the history of St. Aloysius School, especially on the contributions of the Daughters of Jesus, complete with pictures from the school archives.

Friday was Spirit Shirt Day, and students proudly wore the special color of each grade level. Teachers celebrating special years of service were treated to lunch. At lunchtime, the cafeteria provided faculty and students with blue cupcakes to wish their Blue Ribbon school a "Happy 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday."







## Events, projects make for a busy 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter at SAS

St. Aloysius School's mission statement is "To educate the whole child in the Catholic tradition for a life of meaning and purpose." Our teachers are always creating opportunities to bring our mission statement to life. Last year, safety protocols prevented us from having some events. We are happy that this year we're able to participate in group activities and even invite other grades to join in.

On Wednesday, Feb. 23, the seventh-graders had a mini-retreat with the theme "Positive and Proactive" where they were encouraged to think of how experiences they have now can make their future better.

The students were fortunate to hear from a special guest speaker, Leslie Lanusse, who attended school with Ruby Bridges when she was a child. Her mother was the librarian at the school when Ruby Bridges integrated the white public school system in New Orleans. The students watched a video in which Ruby Bridges describes her experience as a first-grader. The seventh-graders discussed how those events have impacted society today. Students also met with Edie Boudreaux, our school religion coordinator, to discuss how social media can be a force for good in today's world.

On Monday, March 7, the fourth-graders were introduced to Kim Bowman, one of the founders of the Bella Bowman Foundation to aid patients with pediatric cancer. The students learned what the foundation does and why it was founded. Bowman talked to them about her daughter Bella and the brave battle she fought with cancer. Bella died at age 8, but her memory lives on. Each student received a book, *Bella and the Red Bird*, and read silently as Bowman read the story aloud. After reading the book, students helped the foundation by writing notes of support that will be included in every support package sent to cancer patients.

Many other fun and educational events have taken



place during the third quarter of school. In kindergarten, students learned about the number 100. To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, students dressed as 100-year-olds. Costumes included gray eyebrows, wigs, glasses and even walkers. The middle school Spanish class planted a salsa garden. When all of the plants bear vegetables, there

will be a fiesta.

The sixth-grade classes had "French Day." This was an exhibition of projects related to French history and culture. Students from other grades were excited to view the display of projects and see the video presentations created by the sixth-graders.

The seventh- and eighth-grade drama class, with assis-

tance from the sixth-grade choir members, staged a production of "Beauty and the Beast." Bell, Gaston, the beast, magical furniture and dishes, and a supporting cast of townspeople wowed their audience. The middle school audience was invited to a full-scale production in the gym. One day later, the lower grades were invited to view a selection

of scenes from the play. The success of the production represents the hard work of Beth Bordelon, Leslie Beckers and the students whose performances delighted everyone in attendance.

We appreciate all the extra time and effort that our faculty contributes to make St. Aloysius school an active, creative and fun place to learn.





# It's Mardi Gras – SAS style!

Friday, Feb. 25, was a special day of celebration at St. Aloysius School. Students arriving on campus were greeted with the sound of a four-piece brass band playing traditional Mardi Gras songs. The band was led by Dean of Students Mark Messina.

The lively music was an appropriate backdrop to the pre-kindergarten students unloading their floats from their cars and lining up for their parade. The pre-K student floats were pulled by eighth-graders. Bonds between the youngest and oldest students formed quickly during discussions about floats and costumes and the organizing of beads and throws. The parade passed through the Old Gym to the delight of the kindergarten through third-grade students. As the parade left the gym, fourth-graders cheered and called for throws.

The fun did not stop there. In the morning, the cheerleaders hosted a pep rally for the kindergarten through fourth grades. Each grade dressed in the theme of a different holiday. The grade levels then entertained each other with prepared dances: Kindergartners, dressed as leprechauns, danced an Irish jig; first-graders danced to the Mardi Gras beat; second-graders dressed up for Easter, singing "I wanna dance with some-bunny who loves me";

and third-graders dressed for Cinco de Mayo treated their audience to a fiesta. The dramatic conclusion to the entertainment was fourth-graders, dressed for Halloween, dancing to "Thriller" and "Ghostbusters." The cheerleaders wowed the crowd with their cheers and acrobatic stunts.

In the afternoon, fifth- through eighth-graders enjoyed their pep rally. Fifth-graders celebrated Valentine's Day by dancing to "Hooked on a Feeling"; sixth-graders celebrated Mardi Gras dancing to the Second Line beat; seventh-graders dressed up in their formal black t-shirts to celebrate the New Year, dancing to "Auld Lang Syne"; and the eighth-graders thrilled the crowd with their Halloween presentation.

In between the celebrations, the fourth-graders assisted Ken Thevenet, parish director of worship/liturgy, in burning the blessed palms from last Palm Sunday. Fourth-grade readers led the prayer service, then the palms were placed in the burning pot. Parents who joined in the service were also given the opportunity to burn palms. In the end, these ashes were used at Ash Wednesday services.

It's fun to celebrate the joy of Fat Tuesday and a privilege to be a part of the solemn celebration of Lent.







# Annual Krewe of Tots Parade rolls!

The SACCC's Krewe of Tots Parade rolled through the St. Aloysius campus on Feb. 24, featuring decorated floats personal-

ized by the krewe members' parents. St. Aloysius School students lined up along the route to catch as many throws as they could.





## Join us for an Evening of Reflection

Lent is a season to unearth our brokenness, embracing it as we move toward the cross and the empty tomb. We are reminded to bear one another's burdens, to embrace whatever brokenness resides in our lives and to remember that we are not alone in the burdens we carry. By allowing God to minister and heal our wounds, we are graced with many blessings through experiencing healing and wholeness.

The St. Aloysius Stephen Ministry is sponsoring an Evening of Reflection from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, in the church. All are welcome for this special time of prayer and reflection.

## 2022 Baby Bottle effort a success

Because of the generosity of St. Aloysius parishioners, the 2022 Baby Bottle Campaign was a success! The Dignity of Life Committee and Knights of Columbus want to thank you. Nearly \$11,000 was collected and split between our two local crisis pregnancy centers: Pregnancy Problem Center and the Woman's New Life Center.

Now more than ever, these centers have an important role in the pro-life movement by serving mothers and their unborn babies who are in crisis pregnancies. Both centers serve the mothers and their babies with diapers, clothes, ultrasounds, information to aid them, and most importantly, compassion and prayer! They save lives! Thank you once again.



# Auction Scenes



*Louisiana Saturday Night*

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