Dear Friends in Christ,

“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.” (Joshua 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

This weekend we pray for our brothers and sisters who are on the STALK retreat. Under the leadership of Vikki Warren, we pray that the Holy Spirit might be realized in the lives and hearts of all retreatants. May God bless the Koinonia team with insight and love. Blessings on our Koinonia.

I hope it is already on your calendar, but in case it is not, please plan now to join us on April 6 at our Dinner and Auction. You can find more information about this in another place in this bulletin. I hope to see you there. All are welcome.

Last weekend at all of the liturgies we heard the inspiring letter by Matt Daniels encouraging all to support our efforts at St. Al’s School. If you hear God calling you to offer a gift to our school, you can do so either on our webpage or through the Sunday collection. Thank you for your generosity in keeping the flame of faith alive in our school.

In the next few weeks to come you will hear more about our use of Flocknote. Flocknote is the next step in keeping in touch with our parish family. Flocknote is a web-based program which will help us send out group texts, e-mails, and recorded phone messages. Such will be used for sharing information, keeping folks up-to-date on meeting times, changes surrounding our events, etc. We will have a sign-up Sunday in the future but if you wish, you can check it out at flocknote.com. If you sign up, be sure to sign up for the groups you are a part of. If your group is not listed, let me know with an e-mail and I’ll add it.

Again, this is the next step in communications in our parish.

It is a deeply emotional and spiritual experience to pray for an end to abortion. Even more powerful to do so outside Planned Parenthood on Bruns Lane. Many people shrink away from the abortion issue as it has become such a politicized reality. But I wonder if we have grown complacent when it comes to abortion? I was so edified and inspired by our St. Al’s Men’s Club when they joined in praying for an end to Abortion at Planned Parenthood this past week. Thank you, men, for your witness to the Gospel value of life. If you might be interested in becoming active with our Pro-life Group contact Nancy Schrenk or Deacon Mick for a list of their activities and for more information.

Spring is finally here! Thank God!

Let’s pray for one another during this holy season of Lent.

With Pastoral Affection,
Fr. Clint, O.P.
Tickets are still available for our annual **dinner and auction** being held on Saturday, April 6! Don't miss your chance to bid on some of the following items: a timeshare stay for 4 in New Orleans, a Labrador puppy, a mega pass for the IL State Fair, classroom projects, jewelry, Date Night packages, wine tasting at Cooper's Hawk, and much more! Cocktails begin at 5:30pm and dinner, catered by McCormick’s, will be served at 6:00pm! Thank you for your continued support! We hope to see you there!

Try your luck at our **50/50 raffle** being held during our dinner and auction! Tickets are $5 each! If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Denise Reavis (denise.reavis@saintaloysius.org) or Angie Daniels (angie.daniels@saintaloysius.org).

We want to thank all our Grandparents for joining us for **Grandparents Day**. You are truly loved!

Classes throughout the school have been praying a decade of the rosary this **Lent**. While doing this we learn about some part of Christ’s life through the mysteries of the rosary. We pray for our school and all our families. Please join us for Stations of the cross on Friday, April 6 at 2:15pm in church.

Congratulations to the **Class of 2016, St. Aloysius Alumnus**, Cloe Camden, Elizabeth Dennison, Matt Drewes, and Amanda Rhodes for being inducted into the National Honor Society at Sacred Heart Griffin. We are so proud of our alumnus for continuing the tradition of academic excellence in a faith centered school.

Congratulations... Elly W. (K), Kendall S. (5th), Mya P. (7th) won first place ribbons for their artwork in the Catholic Schools Art Show. They competed against other students in all the Springfield Catholic Schools.

Save the Date... **A good breakfast is a GREAT way to start the day**! You won’t want to miss the St. Aloysius Pan-cake Breakfast being held at Xochimilco Restaurant on Sunday, April 28th from 8am-10am! Enjoy deliciuous pancakes while supporting our school! Stay tuned for more information.

There is still time to take advantage of the **Invest in Kids scholarship tax credit**. Individual donors can designate scholarship funds for lower income families to schools of their choice and take advantage of a 75% Illinois state tax credit. Currently scholarship applicants far exceed the amount of funds available for distribution. To make a gift, consult the diocesan website at [www.dio.org/investinkids](http://www.dio.org/investinkids) for more information.

Don’t forget to join us for **Bingo** at Caritas Hall, 909 E Converse, on Saturday, April 6 at 10:45am for Early Bird, other games begin at noon. If you can volunteer to help out, the school office. Plan to play bingo during our times, help make this a fun and profitable activity for St. Aloysius School! Thank you to our volunteers last week…..Richard Camden, Ed Strode, Vanessa Riley, and Rhonda Mills.

Because it’s all about Jesus,
Rich Harkins
— Parish Data —

### Weekly Parish Offering

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The budgeted amount is the minimal required to maintain services, employee benefits, utilities, and maintenance at current levels and does not provide for debt payment, unbudgeted repairs or improvements, or long term planning for the parish or school. **Offerings Budget for the month of March is $40,000.00. We have received 83% of the needed funding to meet essential budget obligations.**

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

- **Assessment (2018)**: $49,968.00
- **Total Pledge (March 26, 2019)**: $22,420.00
- **Amount owed**: $27,548.00

### Boiler Project

- **Amount**
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- **Residual**

### Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat-Sun - April 6-7

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In charity, please remember in your prayers...Honora Forgas, Louise Wolosick, Norma Hubbard, Edith Caruso, Joseph Luparell, Don Kmett, William Wente, Emma Planezza, Carmen Santini, Armand Colin, Evelyn Collins, Judy Danna, Carolyn Venvertloh, Larry Selinger, Al Giacomini, Mary Pratt, June Forgas, Barbara Pulliam, Leona Murphy, James Todd, Charlie Barber, Gilda Fulgenzi. 2017...Donald Drendel, Denzil DeVanney, Walther Fliege, Barbara Todd, Helen Richardson, Mary Bedolli, Donald Mroscak, August Papilli, Frances Emmons, Robert Berberet Sr. Katie Raffa, John Williams, Barbara Veseling, Mike Timko, Richard Neal Sr. Marianne Charles, Robert Wolf, Virginia Wagner and Betty Andretta. 2018... Larry Brooks, Katherine Stoecker, Betty Chernis, Kathy Martin, Beatrice Nimpson, Fredick Bedolli, Mary Kulek, Bernie Hagele, Dorothy Warrington, Mary LeMasters, Peg Wilson, Annette Hickman, Edna Kennedy, Joseph Carlove, Bernadine Seltz, Joseph Crowe, Janet Coe, Jeannette O'Ravis. 2019... Lena Ostenburg, Bonnye Locke, Alda Bretz, Della Maurer, and Leonard Naumovich.
March 31, 2019

Around the Church

The **40 Days for Life** campaign in our diocese will be now thru April 14. We will be peacefully praying in front of Planned Parenthood at 601 Bruns Ln. for an end to abortion, healing for post-abortive women and men, and for the conversion of the PP workers. For 40 days, from 7:00am-7:00pm each day we need you to pray with us.

**Life Advocacy Day** at the State Capitol was amazing. Thank you for responding and attending. Continue to call and write your legislator and express opposition to HB2467/SB 1594 and HB 2495/SB 1942.

**From the Catholic Conference of Illinois**... Extreme Abortion bills have been introduced in IL Legislature. **House Bill 2467 & Senate Bill 1594**: Repeals Illinois Parental Notification of Abortion Act Current law requires a parent or legal guardian be notified when a minor seeks an abortion. It includes a waiver for children physically or sexually abused. It passed in 1995 but not implemented until 2013 by a unanimous Illinois Supreme Court ruling. **House Bill 2495 & Senate Bill 1942**: Repeals current state ban on partial-birth abortions. Defines abortion as a fundamental right. Removes abortion clinics from regulations for serious medical procedures. Removes the requirement that only doctors can perform abortions. We are studying the bill for further impact. We will keep you updated at www.ilcatholic.org, and via emails sent through our Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network (ICAN). Sign up for I-CAN at: [www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can](http://www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can)

Contact your state House and Senate lawmakers and urge them to vote "no" on HB 2467, SB 1594, HB 2495 & SB 1942. Go to www.ilcatholic.org for more information.

The **Passion Narrative in the Gospel of St. Luke**. In preparation for the celebration of Holy Week, join Father Michael Friedel for a study of our Lord’s Passion as recorded by St. Luke. Cathedral Atrium, Wednesdays April 3 & 10, 7:00pm.

Butler Funeral Homes, April 11, 2019... **A Peace of Mind Seminar**. We invite you to learn more about how planning for your final wishes can help your family celebrate your life, begin the healing process and avoid unnecessary emotional and financial burdens. Please join us for a complimentary lunch and learn more about advance planning, veterans benefits, cremation, burial, and more. The event is free and will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Prairie View Reception Center, 8865 State Route 4, Chatham, IL. Call Butler Funeral Home-Chatham at 217-483-9292.

The **Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary** is having a Bunco Night on April 4 in the Main Hall at the Knights of Columbus 4175, 2801 West Street at 7:00pm. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Beth Mayfield 971-2325.

**Thank You**... The advertisements that appear in this bulletin completely defray all publishing costs which the church would otherwise incur. Please patronize the sponsors on the back of this bulletin and thank them for their kind generosity.

**Something better**

They had plans for a future together.

Which is why Joseph was heartbroken. When he found out that Mary was pregnant. All of his dreams for their future together were shattered.

Joseph could have lashed out. He could have let everyone know what she had done. No one could have blamed him for being angry.

But not Joseph. Even after that, he was unwilling to humiliate Mary.

Joseph’s plan B was kind. He was going to leave quietly. To give up on all of his hopes and dreams.

What makes Joseph different from most of us is that – in the middle of it, when it hurt the most, when it couldn’t get any worse – Joseph was listening to God.

Joseph didn’t ask why me? Joseph didn’t rage about the betrayal. Joseph turned to God.

In the midst of it all, Joseph was listening to God.

Which is why Joseph was able to hear what God was saying.

Listen. It’s the same thing that God is saying to you.

“Let go of your plan.

I have something better.

Just for you.”

-Deacon Jim

**Fourth Sunday of Lent** – 31 March 2019 – A gospel of the Man Born Blind 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a. Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. Ephesians 5:8-14. John 9:1-41. **Seeking Light.** It is easy to comprehend that the blind cannot see. But blind or sighted, today’s gospel is more about insight into the invisible. Christ is the Illumined One we seek – not only in what we see but also in what we hear, touch, taste, and feel.

- Because of Baptism, how will I bear the light of Christ in life this week?
- How will I support the elect – those who celebrate the Scrutiny today and who seek the Light – this week?
- I will do this implied work of mercy, giving light and heat to the needy, by __________?
March 31, 2019

Parish Bulletin Board

Catholic Standard Time... We will be on break today Sunday, March 31. Catholic Standard Time will be back on Sunday, April 7... Faith versus Reason: Can Thinking People Believe in God?

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion...This Five-Part Video Series will be shown at St Aloysius Parish 6:30pm Monday evening. April 8, 15. For more information and to register, text or call 217-306-3807 or email phil.limper@gmail.com

Stations of the Cross...will be celebrated on Friday, April 5 and 12, beginning at 2:15pm.

Lenten Penance Service... Sunday, April 7 at 2:00pm at St. Aloysius. A number of priests will be available for confessions.

Today, the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

We will be entering the celebration of the Triduum liturgies... Holy Thursday... April 18, 7:00pm, Mass of the Lord’s Supper with Washing of Feet. The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in church, which will be open until midnight for private prayer and adoration. Good Friday... April 19 7:00pm, Celebration of the Lord’s Passion. Holy Saturday... April 20,7:00pm, Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday... April 21, Masses are at 8:00am, and 10:30am. Please note: There are no morning Masses on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, April 19 and 20 there is no 4:30pm Mass or confessions on Holy Saturday, April 21. There will be no communion service at 6:20am on Monday, April 22 and no 8:20am mass on Tuesday, April 23. Also there is no Eucharistic Adoration on Good Friday, March 30. Blessings as we enter the holiest of all weeks in our faith tradition.

Looking to get more involved in the parish community? Give of your time and talents by joining us today Sunday, April 14, 8:00am and 10:30am Masses for a Ministry Fair downstairs in the church hall: many groups will be set up to answer any questions you might have about being a lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Greeter and many more. Come down and take a peek, there might be something you are fitted for that will be rewarding and a great way to meet fellow parishioners. Another way to give back to the church without opening up your wallet. The gift of your time and talents to the Lord.

Troop 53 Boy Scout all you can eat pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday, April 14, from 7:30 to noon. The proceeds from the breakfast are used to provide tents and camping equipment as needed, we always appreciate your support.

RCIA meets on Wednesday evenings (7:00pm) at the parish house. All are invited the Wednesday sessions. Your word or deed can make a difference. The schedule includes: Fr. Clint. March 31, 10:30am Mass, Second Scrutiny. April 3, Sacrament of Vocations, Deacon Jim. April 7, 10:30am Mass Third Scrutiny.

The Scrutinies are scheduled to take place on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent for those preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. During the scrutiny, the presider and assembly pray over the Elect, asking God to strengthen and assist them to more clearly live out God’s love. At this time, these individuals are also invited, with God’s help, to turn away from sin and evil. The second RCIA Scrutiny will be celebrated today, March 31st, at the 10:30am Mass. We will be reading from the Cycle A Readings for this Mass. Please continue to keep our Elect and our candidates in your prayers.

Legion of Mary...How does it work? The work of active members may include parishioner visitation, visitation of the sick or aged, religious education and meeting the other spiritual needs of the parish community. Active members meet once a week for prayer, planning and discussion. Then they do two hours of definite work each week in pairs. Meetings are held each Wednesday at 8:15am at the parish house.

Eucharistic Adoration is held all day Friday in the chapel from after the 6:20am Mass until 5:00pm for Benediction. On the first Friday of the month Adoration is held for 24 hours.

St. Aloysius Prayer Chain: If you have a special intention or someone whom you would like prayers offered please call Mrs. Norma Capranica @ 217-629-8714 or Mrs. Vikki Warren @ 217-544-2299.

STEWARDSHIP...Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to use your gifts wisely and to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship be the hallmark of our discipleship, a visible sign of our commitment to Christ. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Mass Intentions

| April 1 | Lenten Weekday |
| April 2 | Lenten Weekday + |
| April 3 | Lenten Weekday |
| April 4 | Lenten Weekday |
| April 5 | Lenten Weekday |
| April 6 | Lenten Weekday |
| April 7 | Fifth Sunday of Lent |

Sat 4:30pm Edna Kennedy +
Sun 8:00am Amelia Titone +
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St. Aloysius Catholic Church: A Discipleship Parish
# April 2019

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Dear Friends,

Have you ever considered the unique calling you have to build up the Church on the north end of Springfield?

In the gospel of Matthew, Christ tells us “You are the light of the world.” (MT 5:14) On Sangamon Avenue, on the north end of Springfield, that light shines bright through St. Aloysius School. The students are filled with joy and love for one another. They are soaking in the faith that is taught to them by an amazing staff who are a light to our students. Through mass, prayer in chapel, the rosary, and service to others the students learn what it means to be a follower of Christ and part of His Church.

In a document called Lumen Gentium, which translated from latin means “Light of the Nations,” Pope Paul VI tells us that we are all part of the body of Christ, and are called to evangelize and sanctify the Church. He’s not talking about bishops, priests, deacons, and nuns, but rather the laity of the Church. We have a special opportunity to evangelize the Church by providing a Catholic Christian education to the young men and women of the north end of Springfield IL. We are called to be the light of the world and we are called to share that light with the youth of our community. As St. John tells us when speaking of the word entering the world, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (JN 1:5)

The teachers and staff work tirelessly to teach our youth about our Catholic faith so they can carry that light into the future. With your help we can continue our mission to teach the faith, support the Church, and serve those in need. As St. John Paul II recognized the youth of the Church are our future. Will you help us support them?

In this season of Lent, a season of almsgiving, will you partner with us to provide a Catholic education?

https://www.saintalloysius.org/donate

Thank you for your ongoing support of our mission. The teachers, staff, Church, and especially the children thank you for supporting our future.

Yours in Christ,
Matt Daniels
St. Aloysius Parishioner and Parent
Alumni, Class of 1997