

Saint Aloysius

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Sign up...
Show up...
Take Up Your Cross



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018



Men's Club Pancake Breakfast



Traditional Dress for Black History Month

MISSION OF THE PARISH

We are a welcoming Catholic Parish
Embracing its African American culture.
Empowering its members
And sharing its love of Christ
Through service to the community.

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CLEVELAND, OH 44108-1939

Parish House: 216-451-3262 • Fax: 216-268-3830

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Please call Parish House to include prayer intentions or announcements in Sunday Liturgy

St. Aloysius—St. Agatha School

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Monday thru Friday: 9:00am–3:00pm

Pastoral Staff

Rev. J. Mark Hobson, DMin..... Pastor
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Sr. Mary Jean Raymond OSU.....Pastoral Assoc.
Deacon James Paul, Jr.....Deacon
Mr. Dennis Kless.....St. Aloysius—St. Agatha School Principal
Ms. Pam Petty.....Catechetical Leader
Carol Bunn.....Hunger Center Director
Jerome Walcott..... Project H.O.P.E.

Parish Leadership

Karen Clifford..... Pastoral Council
E. Yvonne Harris..... Finance Council
Belinda Sims.....Liturgy-Spiritual Life Committee
Margaret Holmes..... St. Vincent dePaul Society
Debra PeckLadies Guild President
Marguerite Strickland.....Choir Representative
Pam Petty.....Youth Group Leader
Chris Sledge.....Mens Club President
Beverly BerryEvangelization

Eucharistic Celebration

Sunday Masses:.....10 :00am
Weekday Masses (Monday, Wednesday & Friday):
7:00am (during school year); 7:30am (June, July, Aug)

Reconciliation: Before Sunday Mass or by appt.

Marriages: Arrangements made at the Parish House at least 6 months prior to the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: Contact the Parish House.

First Communion, First Reconciliation: Contact the Parish House.

Anointing of the sick and Hospital Visits Contact the Parish House.

Funerals: All arrangements must be made at the Parish House before publication in Newspapers.

Registration: Everyone should be properly registered in the Parish. New parishioners should contact the Parish House. Those moving in or out of the Parish are asked to notify the Parish House.

Interested in Becoming Catholic? Contact Fr. Mark or Pam Petty to register for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

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MARKINGS: Questions, Quotations and Exclamations from Fr. Mark

Last month, our Spiritual and Liturgical Life Commission identified a theme for the Season of Lent. That theme is, "Sign up, Show up, Take up Your Cross." The purpose of that theme was to encourage further participation in the life of the parish, and in the life of the Church at large. When Jesus invited his disciples to take up the cross and follow him, it was an invitation to commit to the walk of love of God and neighbor. Taking up the cross involves putting your name on the line (signing up) and it also means showing up (the follow-through on commitments and promises made.)

It is never difficult for me to identify things I should do or stop doing for Lent. The hard part is actually following through on the intentions with which I begin Lent each year. Maybe you face a similar challenge. This year's Lenten theme at St. Aloysius is an invitation not only to sign up, but to show up and to follow through on whatever it is that God might be asking of us this Lent.

Last weekend's bulletin contained a schedule of Lenten activities being hosted here at St. Aloysius and in the broader community. Perhaps it is one of these activities for which you are being called to sign up. Maybe it is a promise you made to a loved one, or to your Church, or to your family, or to your employer that you are being invited to follow through on this Lent. Maybe it is simply the call of the Gospel to love God and love your neighbor that God is asking you to take up as your Lenten work this year. Whatever it is, I hope you and I can do it with energy in our bodies and joy in our hearts. This Lent, let's sign up, show up, and take up the cross of Jesus!

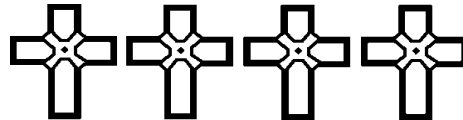
Lenten Reflection—A Study of the Passion of John will be conducted by Fr. Mark every Monday in the Guild Room for one hour, beginning at 6:30 PM this Monday. Please sign up at the literature table near the east entrance to the church.

MASS INTENTION FEB. 18—25, 2018

Sunday	7 am	People of the Parish
Monday	7 am	People of the Parish
Wednesday	7 pm	Ruth Bradesca
Sunday	10 am	People of the Parish

LITURGICAL MINISTERS WEEK OF FEB. 25, 2018

READERS	
9:30 AM Belinda Sims	9:30 AM Trewery Ford
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Annie Belser Cleo Nettles	Belinda Sims Marguerite Strickland
COUNTERS	TEAM 4
Letitia Jackson Marguerite Strickland	Greg Clifford



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please call the Parish House if you would like the Parish Community to pray for any special intentions

- + For **Ronald Redmond** (son of **Velma Smith**)
- + For **Deacon Carl Varga**
- + For **Henrietta Broadus** (sister-in-law **Marguerite Strickland**)
- + For **Barbara Williams**
- + For **Charles Richardson**
- + For **Jermaine Harland**
- + For **Marlene James**
- + For **Janice Beck**
- + For **Gloria Wood**
- For **Michelle Triska**
- For **Miles Frierson**
- For **John Berry**

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND AND THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

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| Margaret Atwell | Deanna Potts |
| Donna Beard | Jackie Reese |
| Colleen Holt | Kevin Strickland |
| Helen Crenshaw | Francis McKinnon |
| Evelyn Davis | Lechter Epps |

OTHERS

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| Barbara Adams | Ron Howard |
| Luther Anderson | Ruth Gage |
| Tara Boyd | Louise Williams |

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	Feb 18	10AM Mass Health Screening
Monday	Feb 19	11AM Book Study Parish House 6:30 PM Passion of John Study In the Guild Room
Tuesday	Feb 20	5-6 PM COMMUNITY MEAL
Wednes- day	Feb 21	
Thursday	Feb 22	6:30 PM Scripture Study in School Library
Friday	Feb 23	3-7 PM Fish Fry 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday	Feb 24	9-11 AM Food Distribution
Sunday	Feb 25	10AM Mass 2:30PM Black History Month Close In Church

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Almsgiving—You can still participate in this year’s appeal for Catholic Charities by making a pledge and returning it to Fr. Mark or the Parish Office today.

Some Collection Cans are still available this weekend for the donation of coins to assist the work of the St. Aloysius Hunger Center. Please consider taking one of these, filling it over Lent, and returning it after Easter to the parish.

Cleveland Police Hiring Events—Currently the City of Cleveland is accepting applications for Police Officers. It is anticipated that 250 Officers will be hired in 2018. Several Hiring Events have been scheduled for the month of February during which recruiters will discuss the application process. Visit city.cleveland.oh.us for more information.

Black History Month—Plan to participate in the closing event for Black History month on Sunday, February 25. A lecture on the origins of Black History Month and an exploration of some of the unsung heroes of our community will take place at 2:30, followed by a performance by the Duffy Dancers and a potluck meal. You don’t want to miss this wonderful event.

St. Vincent De Paul Breakfast—A Breakfast and Presentation on immigration with the St. Vincent DePaul members from St. John Vianney Parish which will take place immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, February 25 in the Guild Room. Members of the St. Aloysius St. Vincent de Paul Conference who are attending should let Fr. Mark know soon.

Women’s Retreat Please join us for a Women's Retreat Saturday, March 3, 9 AM - 1 PM in the Parish Hall. If you have not received your invitation, see China Brown

COLLECTION FOR 2/11/18 offertory, we need to average \$1,834 weekly.

Offertory.	\$1225.90
Renovations	\$61.30
Other	\$0.0
Year-to-date	\$53,799
Target	\$60,522
Difference	below by \$6,723

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading Genesis 9:8-15 God’s makes an unconditional covenant with Noah
2nd Reading 1 Peter 3: 18-22 All are saved by Christ through baptism
Gospel Mark 1:12-15 Jesus goes into the desert for forty days

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Mon Feb 19 Levit.19:1-2,11-18; Matt 25:31-46
 Tues Feb 20 Isaiah 55:1-7; Matt 6:7-15
 Wed Feb 21 Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
 Thur Feb 22 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matt 16:13-19
 Fri Feb 23 Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matt 5:20-26
 Sat Feb 24 Deuter.. 26:16-19; Matt 5:43-48
 Sun Feb 25 Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18;
 Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The gospel on this first Sunday of Lent tells us that Jesus returns from His forty days in the desert proclaiming: “The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the Gospel!” Prayer, fasting, almsgiving and the sacrament of Penance are the Church’s traditional practices that have proven effective in helping people repent and live the Gospel. Do not miss this live-changing opportunity! Schedule time and make the effort to focus your family on Jesus and His Gospel this Lent.

Fasting

In keeping with ancient tradition, Catholics are committed to fasting from food (eating only two small meals and one larger meal with nothing eaten between meals) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The fast is required of person from ages 18 to 59. Catholics, beginning at age 14, are also obliged to abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent.

It is our tradition that we choose a personal practice for lent which is intended to help us grow closer to Christ and become better followers of his Gospel. For some that may involve giving something up; for some it may mean doing something new.