



### Century Capital Repair Campaign Great Success



Mortar repair on Southwest Church Chimney

In the year since our last issue of CityScape, God has blessed our efforts at St. Aloysius to secure our infrastructure in preparation for the 125th anniversary of the parish. In donations and pledges, our Century Capital Repair Campaign has raised in excess of \$500,000. An interest free loan of \$150,000 from the Diocese of Cleveland enabled us to get started on some of the urgent repairs, such as leaking roofs and crumbling masonry steps. To date, 1st Choice Roofing has replaced the school roof and repaired the leaks in the slate roof of the church. Frost Architectural Preservation, Inc. has repaired the masonry steps into the main and side entrances to the Parish Center building, installing secure railing and replacing faulty bricks. Presently, the final tuck-pointing of the brick and stone work on the church is being completed.

Restoration of the plaster and paint on the interior of the church will be initiated when enough funding has been collected to complete that phase of the project. Donations to the Century Capital Repair Campaign are gratefully accepted. Our target goal for this campaign remains \$700,000.

### St. Aloysius School Welcomes New Principal

We are happy to announce that Mr. K. Frank Jones has been hired for the position of Principal of St. Aloysius – St. Agatha Elementary School. Mr. Jones comes to us from St. Adalbert School in Cleveland, where he has taught Junior High School students and served as Assistant Principal. He is a graduate of Kent State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, and most recently he graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership from Walsh University in Canton. Mr. Jones is energetic and eager to serve our school community as its leader.



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#### Former Parishioner- Student Reunion

will be held on  
**Sunday June 30, 2018.**

Mass starts at 10:00am  
followed by a breakfast  
with soft jazz music  
in the Parish Hall.

**Spread the word!**

#### Annual Reverse Raffle

**Friday, October 18**  
Patrician Party Center  
33150 Lakeland Blvd  
Eastlake, Ohio 44095

Cocktails 6:00 P.M. Dinner 7:15 P.M.

For tickets please contact  
Anita (216-288-3592)  
or the Parish House (216-451-3262)

## New Ecumenical Ministry to Seniors

On Friday, March 29, St. Aloysius hosted the kick-off of a new outreach effort for seniors in our area called *Connecting Seniors to Services*. St. Aloysius is participating with nine other churches in this faith-based outreach effort. Carol Bunn, the Director of our Food Pantry and Hunger Center, serves as one of the ten navigators in this program.

It all began in 2015, when the Cleveland Clergy Alliance in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services conducted a study to better understand the current needs and/or concerns of seniors and adults with disabilities within a broad range of faith-based organizations. The purpose was to assist the organizations to identify service gaps in order to plan, collaborate and advocate to address and meet the unmet needs of seniors and adults with disabilities in Cuyahoga County.

Through *Connecting Seniors to Services*, Navigators will assist seniors by connecting them to existing services that can help to remove barriers in areas of need such as medical health, insurance, transportation, dental health, mental health, financial literacy, housing, food deprivation, the cycle of social isolation, the ability to age safely in place with dignity and respect, and any yet unidentified unmet needs that can be addressed by accessing available programs and services. Navigators will also observe each individual for any signs of neglect, self-neglect, or abuse for referral to the Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services (DSAS) and Senior Adult Protective Services (APS).

This is a wonderful way for St. Aloysius to continue to be a part of the neighborhood that we serve, and to minister beyond the doors of our church and school. How blessed we are to be part of an ever more vibrant community of faith and outreach.



*Carol Bunn (far left) with Navigators from across the City*

## Hunger Center Continues to Meet Local Needs

In the past year, the Hunger Center has multiplied loaves and fishes through the generosity of many. The total pounds of food distributed came to 152,381. That includes 55,313 lbs. of fresh produce. In addition, 126,984 meals were provided through our weekly hot meal program. Statistics show that in a year's time, the Food Pantry has served a total of 122,355 men, women and children. This includes food delivery to 435 homebound and senior residents of our neighborhood.

Special thanks to Gilmour Academy, Church of Saint Clare, Church of the Resurrection, St Augustine Roman Catholic Church, and Hawken School who donated turkeys, baskets, and hams during the holiday. Thanks also to Temple Israel Ner Tamid volunteers who hosted and served Thanksgiving dinner to 172 community residents and served 268 guests for Christmas. Community service has been volunteered this year by our own 8th Graders, Hawken School, Gilmour Academy, Glenville High School and Shaker High School.

In the past year, individuals from Court Community Service (the sentencing alternative) have completed their assignments in our Hunger Center for a total of well over 600 hours.

## Exciting Restoration and Adaptation of Worship Space

One of the precious gifts that the parishioners of the past have left to the current worshipping community of St. Aloysius is our beautiful church building. Its beauty continues to inspire both parishioners and visitors. It has been cared for by every generation since it was built nearly 100 years ago. The success of our ongoing Century Capital Repair Campaign is ensuring that this great legacy will endure for generations to come.

Current design of the liturgical space at St. Aloysius



In addition to preserving this great treasure, it is important that our church be adapted to meet the needs of the congregation that is currently worshipping in it. In this way, the church does not become a museum, or a memorial to the past, but continues to function as a house of worship – the purpose for which it was constructed.

The worshipping community at St. Aloysius has decreased dramatically in size over the past decades. We are currently a congregation on Sunday of approximately 100, worshipping in a space that was built to accommodate 800 or more. This creates challenges to good worship in a number of ways:

Worshippers spread throughout a vast space are spatially isolated from each other which diminishes their sense of unity in worship. Such an arrangement fails to symbolize clearly that liturgy is a common (as opposed to an individual) experience.

Worshippers cannot effectively hear one another, which diminishes the support for singing and verbal response that is necessary for vibrant liturgical prayer.

Preaching, which seeks to be “homiletic” in the true sense of that word (conversational), is made more challenging when it is done in the context of a scattered group of worshippers.

A small group scattered throughout a large space dissipates the energy that contributes to the joy and hope of a good liturgical experience.

Motivated by these insights and challenges, we have engaged the architectural design consultants at Henninger’s, Inc., a Cleveland company, to assist us in imagining and designing a way to adapt our current worship space to accommodate a smaller congregation while at the same time retaining the integrity and beauty of the original design. Our plan will bring the congregation closer together and closer to the altar, enabling the congregation to see and hear each other more effectively.

This will be accomplished by:

- Removal of the carpeted platform that was constructed after Vatican II to bring the altar forward
- Restoration of the original wood and stone floor previously covered by the platform
- Placement of a new altar and ambo, fashioned from the present high pulpit, on the main floor
- Arrangement of 120-150 wooden chapel chairs with upholstered seats and seat backs, (some with arms) in the empty space around the altar and ambo
- Repositioning of speakers and spotlights

This new design will not destroy any of the original architecture of the room. In fact, it will restore the original floor with its artistic tiled aisles to its original condition. It will also refashion the original pulpit in such a way that it will again be used for its intended purpose. (For the past thirty years it has been used for storage.) The new design will not only create a more effective arrangement for worship, but will also address the access issue we have had with liturgical ministers having to climb steps to approach the altar and ambo. Everything will be on one level. The original benches will remain for use during liturgical gatherings that require more seating for the assembly.

This project is within our financial means. The seating will be acquired from the Ursuline Sisters who have recently relocated from their former Motherhouse Chapel. It is our hope to use our own custodians to deconstruct the platform. Some of the funding raised through our capital repair campaign will be used to restore the original floor. Some fund raising will be necessary for the refashioning of the pulpit into our new altar and ambo. *Perhaps someone reading this article will feel called to make a gift to help provide the altar around which the St. Aloysius Community will worship in the next one hundred years!*

Proposed Liturgical Design



It is our hope to accomplish this restoration and adaptation project during the summer of 2019. A gift has been given to furnish an electronic carillon to be placed in one of our exterior towers. We hope to combine a dedication and blessing of our new bells with our new altar and worship design in the fall of this year. This dedication and blessing will mark the beginning of a renewed effort to gather and nourish our current Eucharistic Assembly while at the same time ringing out to the neighborhood an invitation to join us for a second century of worship and ministry.

## School News

It has been an exciting year for St. Aloysius School! Our eighth graders performed their mime of the passion play at the diocesan revival in February. It was well-received by the audience who gave us a standing ovation when it was over. THE performance was repeated for the women at the Northeast Reintegration Center on Wednesday of Holy Week where it again was greatly received and appreciated.

Our CYO basketball and track teams have both done well. The track team, composed of mainly fifth and sixth graders, swept the seventh grade championship in Section A by winning both the boys and girls trophies. The sixth grade basketball team was runner-up in their division while the eighth grade team made it to the playoffs and was eliminated in the second last round of play.

Academically, we are proud to announce that all of the students in our third grade class passed the Ohio Reading Guarantee requirements and will advance to fourth grade.

The school year ended with an honors assembly at which every student was recognized for his/her achievement during the school year.

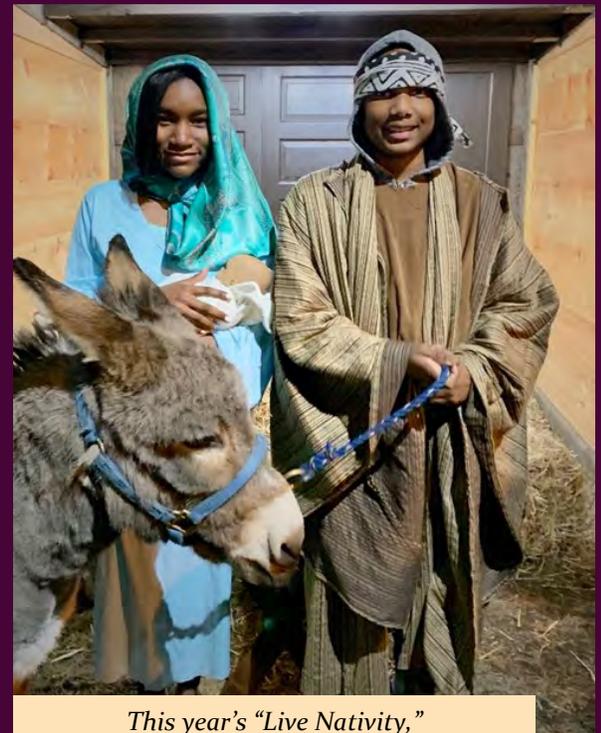
We are eagerly looking forward to beginning next year with our new principal, Mr. K. Frank Jones.



*Kindergarten Graduation, May, 2019*

## Wish List –

- 26 desks for a classroom @ \$95.00 each
- Altar linens – \$1,000.00
- Office Supplies for School Office - \$800.00
- Booster Seats for Pre-School Field Trips – \$480.00
- 10 Desk Chairs for Teachers - @ \$80.00 each
- Altar and Sanctuary Renovation – Altar - \$24,050 / Ambo - \$19,850
- Upgrade security cameras in school & connect them to rectory system - \$10,000
- Digital Sign on St. Clair Ave - \$5,000



*This year's "Live Nativity," attracted nearly 200 people in spite of rain.*

## Farewell to a Longtime Friend

Sister M. Eugene Gear, O.S.U., former principal of St. Agatha-St. Aloysius School, died on May 4 at Regina Health Center in Richfield after suffering a stroke. She was 95. Regardless of where she resided at any point in time, Sister M. Eugene's heart was always in the city. Though small of stature and soft of speech, she was an untiring advocate for the poor and underserved throughout her 75 years of ministry. She served the Church as a teacher, principal, congregational leader, librarian and program director. May she rest in peace.

