



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2024

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
MARCH 2024

March Is Women's History Month



St. Al's Mascot at School Skating Party

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

St. Aloysius—St Agatha School

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Pastoral Staff

Sr Mary Jean Raymond OSU..... Parish Life Coordinator
Fr. Anthony SimoneParish Priest
K Frank Jones.....St. Aloysius School Principal
Carol Bunn.....Hunger Center Director
Kim JamesPreschool Director

Parish Leadership

Sandra Morgan.....Pastoral Council
Kevin Ford..... Finance Council
Belinda SimsLiturgy-Spiritual Life Committee
Carol Bunn..... St. Vincent dePaul Society
Marguerite Strickland..... Choir Representative
Chris Sledge Men's Club President
Beverly Berry.....Evangelization Committee

Community Services

Project HopeAndrea Wasdovoich-Duffner
Connecting Seniors to Services.....Carol Bunn

Eucharistic Celebration

Sunday Mass:10 am

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.

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Fr Anthony's Word of the Week

I always begin my day with Mary. I begin each morning with Jesus in prayer and I begin my day with Our Mother Mary. When I sing in the morning, often it's to Mary. I listen to Marian songs as I get ready.

On my dresser I have arranged three statues I look at every morning. Jesus of course is right in the middle, with His eyes facing me. St. Joseph is off to the one side sort of looking off in loving, docile contemplation as he holds the child Jesus in his arms. Mary is off the other side. I always arrange that she is turned towards me.

The way in which Mary looks on us, helps us and loves us is from her Son's side. Mary never left Jesus' side. When she followed, she was always close behind. From the moment she received Jesus in her womb to the moment He gave His last breath, She was there with Him. It is a joyful fact that when she was assumed into heaven, she would remain at Jesus' side for all eternity. However Mary does not just enjoy this blissful reward for herself. With joyful content that we can barely imagine, side by side with Jesus, she looks on us - her children. Whenever she approaches to embrace us, she is nonetheless close to Him.

Our love and devotion to Mary as a Mother comes nowhere near Jesus' love and devotion to her. This sweet, overflowing, immaculate, motherly heart Mary has for Jesus flows out towards each of us -her precious sons and daughters. We cannot come anywhere near matching her love for us. She does treasure our love in return, which only gives her more freedom to love us. Why focus on Mary in the midst of this season that focuses entirely on Jesus? Isn't our goal to offer our life to Our Lord Jesus more entirely who gave His life entirely for us? There is no one who received Jesus more fully and offered their entire being to Him than Mary. Her heart is the floodgate that leads us into His. There is no closeness with Mary that doesn't bring us closer to Jesus.

In these precious remaining days of Lent, leading to Holy Week, let us draw closer to Our Mother. She will help us pray. She will protect us from the enemy. She will comfort us. She will help us cooperate with the graces and conversion Jesus desires for us. If she feels distant to you, as I once felt, I promise you she is not. May we strive to make every part of the rosary our daily prayer. May we say "Hail Mary" when we feel burdened, distressed or scared. May we seek refuge and childlike comfort as we gaze upon our favorite images of her, trusting she gazes upon us. After Jesus gave us the gift of Himself at Supper, He gave us this last gift in His words: "Behold your Mother."

Lenten Opportunities

Stations of the Cross will continue on Friday March 15 at 4 pm led by Rosemarie Egensperger. Stations will continue until Good Friday.

March Wednesday Holy Hours:
March 20 at 6:30 PM at St. Aloysius

MINISTERS FOR March 24,2024

LECTORS	
Greg Clifford	Arnetta Pryor
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Belinda Sims Noel Egensperger	Rosemarie Egensperger Deidre Whitted

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 17—24, 2024

Sunday	10 am	Faithful Departed
Wednesday	11:30 am	Faithful Departed
Sunday	10 am	Faithful Departed

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Ronald Redmon	Sterling Uitenham
Toni E Payne	Marlene Jones
Henrietta Broadus	Michelle Triska
Barbara Williams	Miles Frierson
Paulette Jones	
Keli Harland	Dorene Gantt
Jermaine Harland	James Harland
Jaxon Peck	Jordyn Peck
Clarice & Reginald Rucker	Mary McCombs
Madelyn Harland	Denise Brewster
Cezanne Whittington	Victoria Harden
Melissa Kennedy	Cleo Nettles
Angela Comedy	Deborah Howard
Vermonte Wright	Rosetta Mackey
Eugene Jones	

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES

Mary Ann Melton	Ruby Gibson
August & Jackie Reese	Margaret Atwell
Kevin Strickland	Alvin Payne
Evelyn Davis	
Rosemary McKeon	Letcher Epps
Colleen Holt	Vyrdye Hopes
Bernadette Boone	Andrew Johnson

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	Mar 17	10 AM Mass
Monday	Mar 18	
Tuesday	Mar 19	5-6 PM COMMUNITY MEAL
Wednesday	Mar 20	11:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Holy Hour @ St. Al's
Thursday	Mar 21	
Friday	Mar 22	4 PM Stations of Cross in Church
Saturday	Mar 23	9-11 AM Food Distribution
Sunday	Mar 24	10 AM Mass

Upcoming Events—Save the Date

African Presence in Scripture—April 11,12 6:30-8:00 PM
at St. Agnes -Our Lady of Fatima

Black Catholic Men's Retreat—April 13 9 AM-3:30 PM
at St. Agnes—Our Lady of Fatima

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday—March 24 10 AM Mass
Procession beginning in gym weather permitting

Holy Thursday—March 28 6 PM Mass
Mass of the Lord's Supper—Washing of Feet

Good Friday—March 29 3 PM
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Public Witness on front steps of church after the service

Holy Saturday—March 30 8 PM
Easter Vigil Service

Easter Sunday—March 31 10 AM
Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection

COLLECTION FOR

3/10/24

Offertory	\$1554.30
Renovations	\$21.00
Special Collections	\$117.00
Target Year to Date	\$68,520.00
Collection Year to Date	\$65,767.20

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading Jeremiah 31:32-34 God's new covenant is written in the hearts of the people
2nd Reading Hebrews 5:7-9 It is by Jesus' obedience to His Father's will that the new covenant is established.
Gospel Reading John 12:20-33 Jesus has inner struggles about His cross but accepts it as his hour approaches..

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Mon Mar 18 Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; John 8:1-11
Tues Mar 19 2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16;
Romans 4:13,16-18,22; Matt 1:16,18-21,24
Weds Mar 20 Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95; John 8:31-42
Thurs Mar 21 Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Fri Mar 22 Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
Sat Mar 23 Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-57
Sun Mar 24 Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11;
Mrk 15:1-39

SCHOOL NEWS

Our annual St Aloysius School Spelling Bee will be held on Wednesday March 20 at 9AM for Grades 3-8. All friends and supporters of the school are welcome to join us for this wonderful academic event to support our school and scholars. We hope to see you there. Go Tigers!

Lenten Almsgiving

Lent is the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. One way you can give alms for the poor this Lent is to donate your change throughout the season to our St. Aloysius Food Pantry. Contribution cans are available for all who would like to contribute. Return your change-filled cans to church during Holy Week.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

You are reminded that it is our tradition to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat during all the Fridays of Lent. **Fasting** means that a person eats only one full meal, and perhaps two lighter meals, per day. The obligation to fast begins at age eighteen and ends at age sixty. The obligation to abstain from meat begins at age fourteen.