

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



#### School Spelling Bee Champs



## Spring Comes to St. Aloysius

# **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.



#### MARCH 30, 2025

#### 10932 ST. CLAIR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44108-1939

Parish House: 216-451-3262 • Fax: 216-268-3830 Office Hours: 8:00am-1:00pm (weekdays) Project H.O.P.E.: 216-391-7557 Parish Hall: 216-451-5908 Please call Parish House to include prayer intentions or announcements in Sunday Liturgy

St. Aloysius—St Agatha School 640 Lakeview Road • Cleveland, Ohio 44108 Phone: 216-451-2050 • Fax: 216-541-1601 Monday thru Friday: 7:30am–3:00pm St. Aloysius Preschool Phone: 216-451-4144

#### **Pastoral Staff**

Sr Mary Jean Raymond OSU..... Parish Life Coordinator Fr. Andrew Morkunas.....Presbyteral Moderator K Frank Jones.....St. Aloysius School Principal Carol Bunn ......Hunger Center Director Kim James .....Preschool Director

#### Parish Leadership

Gregory Clifford	Pastoral Council
Joe Harbert	Finance Council
Belinda Sims	Liturgy-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 Hope .....Andrea Wasdovoich-Duffner Connecting Seniors to Services.....Carol Bunn

#### **Eucharistic Celebration**

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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## Sr. Mary Jean's Column

Have you noticed that spring is slowly making its presence known in our city?

Have you seen the crocus and daffodils pushing their way to the surface? Have you seen the lacy red buds that are beginning to appear on tree branches? Have you heard the birds singing early in the morning?

What a hopeful time the season of spring is for the earth, the animals, and for us! How much our world and our nation needs an infusion of hope during these chaotic and confusing days. Might the natural world offer us this respite from chaos? The inner peace that we seek in our daily lives? A unifying perspective for all of humankind amidst the divisions in our world today?

Who better to turn to than Pope Francis and his namesake, Francis of Assisi for inspiration and guidance as to how to discover an inner peace through nature.

In his encyclical <u>Laudato Si, mi Signore</u> "Praise be to you, my Lord" Pope Francis uses the writings of his namesake, Francis of Assisi to remind us of our obligation to care for the earth, our common home.

Pope Francis reminds that "St. Francis was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved for his joy, his generous self-giving, and his openheartedness. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, and with nature and with himself. <u>He show us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace.</u>"

How can we apply this to our daily lives? How can we access that inner peace that nature can bring to us?

Beginning in our own yards we can uncover flower beds and marvel at the green plants that are already peeking their heads through the cold soil as we reflect on how life returns after the snowy winter months. We can prune the shrubs and bushes around our property and think about how Jesus talks about the need to prune away from our lives the dead branches or clutter in our souls. We can pick up litter on our street and reflect on how care of the earth is everyone's job instead of shaking our heads and lamenting the folks who threw it there.

God has surrounded us with the hope and promise of new life. How will I, like Francis, tap into its lifegiving power to grow peace in my soul?

## Ministers for March 30, 2025

#### LECTORS

Deidre Whitted

Annie Easterling

#### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Belinda Sims Greg Clifford Walter Morris David Woody

TEAM 5

**COUNTERS** 5th Sunday

## MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 30-APRIL 6, 2025

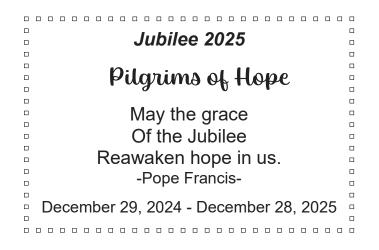
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Sunday	10:00 am	Ida Elizabeth Ashton
Wednesday	11:30 am	Ida Elizabeth Ashton
Sunday	10:00 am	People of the Parish

## **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Trudy Payne, Sterling Uitenham, Toni E Payne, Ann White, Marlene Jones, Henrietta Broadus, Michelle Triska, Lois Bunker, Barbara Williams, Miles Frierson, Paulette Jones, Jaxon Peck, Keli Harland, Dorene Gantt, Jermaine Harland, Jerri Evans, Jordyn Peck, Clarice & Reginald Rucker, Mary McCombs, Madelyn Harland, Denise Brewster, Cezzanne Whittington, Victoria Harden, Melissa Kennedy, Eugene Jones, Cleo Nettles, Angela Comedy, Deborah Howard, Vermonte Wright, Rosetta Mackey, Eben Anderson Jr,

## **HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES**

Mary Ann Melton, Jackie Reese, Margaret Atwell, Alvin Payne, Evelyn Davis, Marilyn Anthony, Vivian Watkins, Delores Brown, Vyrdy Hopes, Lavonia Williams, Rosemary McKeon, Hollis & Barbara Bridges, Etta Reynolds, Paulette Jones, Everett Matlock, Sr, Colleen Holt, Willie Houston



# MARCH 30, 2025

#### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sunday	Mar 30	10:00 a.m. Mass OCIA Meets
Monday	Mar 31	
Tuesday	Apr 1	5:00-6:00 p.m. Community Meal and food distribution
Wednes- day	Apr 2	11:30 a.m. Mass
Thursday	Apr 3	
Friday	Apr 4	3:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday	Apr 5	
Sunday	Apr 6	10:00 a.m. Mass OCIA Meets

#### Experience Lectio Divina - Divine Reading

Join Paul Martin, 3rd Order Franciscan, acclaimed spiritual and literary writer. CBS Radio Person of Distinction, and Spotlight TV featured writer, for a fascinating journey into one of the world's oldest and most profound forms of prayer.

Mr. Martin is the author of Blessed Memorial, Imaginings from Lectio Divina.

> Saturday, April 5, 2025 <u>1:00—3:00 p.m.</u> St Aloysius Church 10932 St. Clair Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44108

Discover the beauty of reflection and meditation in one of Cleveland's most historic and breathtaking Catholic churches.

## JAZZ BRUNCH LIVE JAZZ MUSIC FEATURING HORNS AND THINGS

Tickets \$30.00//person email fatherdanshelpinghands@gmail.com

> Legacy Hall 6800 Lexington Avenue 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Join us at the Celebration of Life remembering Father Dan Begin's love for bringing people together through food and music. Enjoy a homemade buffet brunch, live jazz and auction items in his memory

#### **COLLECTION SUMMARY**

	3/23/25
Offertory	\$1,965.00
Renovations	\$75.00
Special Collections	\$40.00
Collection Target	\$68,450.00
Collections Year to Date	\$60,772.00
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#### SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading - 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13 New week, new beginnings. Make it a great one! 2nd Reading - Eph 5:8-14 Take it easy this Sunday, you deserve it. Gospel - Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 Tomorrow is a new day, let's make it count.

#### WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Mon Mar 31 - Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54 Tue Apr 1 - Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16 Wed Apr 2 - Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30 Thu Apr 3 - Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47 Fri Apr 4 - Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 Sat Apr 5 - Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

## SCHOOL NEWS

Last week our seventh grade scholars participated in a Lenten Retreat with St. Dominic School. This was a great opportunity for both schools and our junior high scholars. A special thank you to Fr. Tom and the St. Dominic staff for planning such a thoughtful retreat. Welldone, everyone! **Go Tigers!** 

## St. Aloysius Hunger Center Food Distribution Schedule -

Every Tuesday after community meal between 5:30-6:00 p.m. -

# Every 4th Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

# STATIONS

OF THE CROSS

3:30 EVERY FRIDAY

**DURING LENT**