February 27, 2015

DATES:

Tuesday, February 24 Saturday, March 7 Tuesday, March 10 Thursday, March 12 Friday, March 13 Thursday, March 19 Thursday, March 26





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On behalf of the 7th and 8th graders a big THANK YOU to everyone who made their reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation such a memorable time. It took many people to achieve the total picture. We pray that all of us are open to the Spirit who motivates all good deeds. To Him be the Glory !

- 1. Our students have received the small boxes that are to be used for our annual, "Rice-Bowl", Lenten collection. When these are collected and counted, all funds go directly to the Catholic Relief Services. It's particularly important that we encourage the children to make their own small donations. Perhaps they can "earn" your assistance by vacuuming the carpets, sweeping the garage, etc. As Catholic Christians we know that it's the practice of "giving" that matters. The amount is only relative to our means and is therefore, less important.
- 2. If you do NOT plan to register your current student at St. Al's for the 15-16 school year, it will be a great service to us to let us know as soon as possible. As you know, Registration is critical to our planning for the coming year.
- 3. The URL for our MSP login has changed. It is now: <u>www.msp.mystudentsprogress.com</u>. Please make note of this in your bookmarks or favorites on all devices. Once you've logged in, the site is otherwise the same.
- 4. A helpful reminder... no student is permitted to leave the school/school property without the expressed permission of a parent/guardian which is then coordinated through the school office. Parents are asked to come to the office when picking up a student any time during the school day, after detention, or when arrangements have been made for the student to wait in the office after school. Reason dictates this safety measure.

"Miracles are not contrary to nature but only contrary to what we know about nature." *St. Augustine of Hippo*





January, 2015

Dear Parents,

With nearly 150 years of experience, we continue our plans for the future! As you know, this year was a "first" as we began our participation in Ohio's EdChoice Scholarship program. Fourteen students took advantage of the program and nearly one-third of these are parishioners. We hope to see this program continue to benefit our people.

Recent years have been very difficult because our upper classes were our largest and, as they graduated, our smaller Kindergarten classes did not replace the numbers. Also, it seemed that some families were concerned about our future to the point of pulling out. Well, our tradition continues and our reputation spreads because of your involvement and the excellent efforts of our Marketing Committee. The current reality is much more positive. Our Kindergarten class is our biggest grade level! Though hard to predict, we have a confident hope that we can take in more students than will graduate (or leave). If this proves to be the case, it will result in an increase in enrollment – a very positive step into our future!

<u>EdChoice Eligibility</u>: If you register a Kindergarten, 1^{st} , or 2^{nd} grade student, AND your total family income is less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, that student is eligible – and you should apply for – the EdChoice "Expansion" scholarship. The EdChoice scholarship program remains available to children attending certain poor-performing public schools (For specific information, please visit <u>http://education.ohio.gov/edchoice</u> or call our office – 574-4035.)

After prudent consideration on the part of the Finance Commission, our tuition rates for the 2015-2016 school year are as follows:

Number of Children	One	Two	Three	Four
In Parish Tuition				
Grades 1-8	\$3,250	\$6,280	\$9,300	\$12,400
Kindergarten - Full Day	\$3,250			
Kindergarten - Half Day	\$2,675			
Out of Parish Tuition	\$4,250	\$8,500	\$12,750	\$17,000

We will continue using FACTS Tuition Management for the processing of tuition payments. Also, FACTS is where you go to apply for tuition assistance from St. Al's. Any family seeking tuition assistance from St. Al's (only parishioners are eligible) must follow the procedures set forth by FACTS (the deadline for application is April 17, 2015). After reviewing the applications and supporting documentation, FACTS will make a recommendation to the pastor and he, and/or his committee, determines the distribution of available assistance. If the tuition payments present a hardship, please apply and speak to me or Fr. Mike as well.

We begin registering new students on Sunday, January 25 at our Open House and we want to do our best to provide a seat for our current students before accepting new students. Your quick response will be most helpful in order for us to make appropriately positive decisions for the future.

May God bless you, your family, and our parish family as we continue toward 150 years of tradition!

Jim Leisring Principal St. Aloysius Gonzaga – Family Registration Form 2015 – 2016

(Registration begins January 20, 2015 and ends February 6, 2015) *Please Provide Birth Certificate (& Baptism cert. if applicable)

*Please list all children who will attend St. Aloysius Gonzaga School from Oldest to Youngest

How did you hear about us?

	-	-		-	-				
Last Name	First Name	M/F	Coming Grade If "K", ½ or Full?	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Public School child be assigned to if not at St. Aloysius	Baptized Y – N	Baptized Where? (parish/city) Need Certificate		
Children's Address:			City:	•	Zip Code:	Pho	ne #:		
Children live with (check of	ne): Both	parer	nts Mother	Father	Guardian	_Other (exp	lain)		
FATHER's Name:(Bio	?)		Re	ligion:	Ε	Employed by:			
Father's phone (home)	(v	vork) _	(ce	II)	Email:				
Address if different than St	udent:								
MOTHER's Name:(Bio	?)		Re	ligion:	Emp	loyed by:			
Mother's phone (home)	(work)		ell)	Email:				
Address if different than st	udent:								
Custodial Guardian's Nar	ne (if applicable	e):		Relations	ship: E	Employed by			
Guardian's phone (home)		(w	ork)	(cell)	Email	:			
In case of emergency or	illness, please	provi	de additional cont	acts (<i>when par</i>	ents cannot be reache	ed):	Office Use Only		
1. Name:			_ (best) Phone #:		Relation:				
2. Name:							\$50.00 fee		
Please indicate the name	and address o	of the	person responsib	le for tuition pa	lyment:		Date paid:		
Name:							Check #:		
Street Address					Zip		Registered with Parish?		
Signature of person resp	onsible for tui	tion:					Yes No		
(Your signature is permission for	St. Aloysius Gonzag	a to giv	e only the name and add	ress to FACTS Tuitio	on Management.)				

Are you Members of St. Al's Parish?___

2015-2016 EMERGENCY TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION

**Parents must Complete and Sign Either Part I OR Part II

<u>Part I</u>

In the event reasonable attempts to contact me have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for (1) the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by above named doctors, or, in event the designated preferred practitioner is not available, by another licensed physician or dentist; and (2) the transfer of my child to any hospital reasonably accessible. This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists, concurring in the necessity for such surgery, are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery.

Facts concerning my child's medical history, including allergies, medications being taken, and any physical impairment to which a physician should be alerted:

Physician:	Phone	Medical Specialist:	Phone
Dentist:	Phone	Preferred Hospital:	
Signature of Parent/Guard	dian:	D	ate:
Phone Number	er:		
Phone Numbo Part II	er:		
Part II I DO NOT give my consen [.]		atment of my child. In the event of i	llness or injury requiring

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____



January, 2015

Dear Parents,

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment will be conducting the financial need analysis for St. Al's for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. Only registered parishioner families are eligible. Families applying for the parish financial aid will need to complete an application with FACTS and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by April 17. Applicants must apply online at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid. Once the online application has been completed, the following information must be sent to FACTS to complete the application process:

- Copies of your most recent Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules.
- Copies of your 2014 W-2 forms for both you and your spouse.
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF (as apply).

All supporting documentation can be:

- uploaded in pdf format online
- faxed to 866-315-9264 (must include applicant ID)
- mailed to the following address (must include applicant ID):

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment P.O. Box 82524 Lincoln, NE 68501-2524

If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866-441-4637.

Sincerely,

Jim Leisring, Principal Debbie Baker, Business Manager



FACTS - Financial Aid - FAQ

What is the Grant and Aid phone number:

What hours are Grant and Aid reps available:

What is the fax number?

What is the mailing address?

Where do I apply?

When is the Deadline?

What is the application fee?

866-315-9262

7:30am – 7:00pm (M-Th) 7:30am – 5:00pm (F)

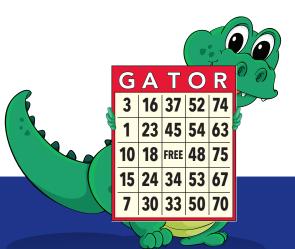
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FACTS Grant & Aid PO Box 82524 Lincoln, NE 68501-2524

https://online.factsmgt.com/aid

Friday, April 17, 2015

\$30.00



Can you spell G-A-T-O-R?

Then you can play Gator Call – it's bingo gone wild the Gator way!

Friday, March 13 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Al's Gym

Come for the west-side's best Fish Fry in the school cafeteria and stay for Gator Call.

Admission is \$3 at the door or \$2 in advance and includes one bingo card, one popcorn and penny markers. Children under three are free – it's fun for the whole family!

There will also be an awesome Gift Basket Raffle and Split-the-Pot.

For Advance Reservations - cut along this line and send with payment by Wednesday, March 11.

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Make checks payable to St. Al's PTO.

HOW TO PRACTICE LENT

PRAY, FAST AND GIVE TO DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST AND LIVE IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORLD'S POOR



About CRS Rice Bowl

40 years ago, Catholics in the United States wanted to respond to famine in Africa. Could we feed the hungry through Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving? The answer was *yes*—and it came in the form of a small cardboard box.

40 years later, CRS Rice Bowl is *your* way to help our brothers and sisters in need each Lent.

CRS Rice Bowl is **Catholic Relief Services**' Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities.

Through CRS Rice Bowl, we hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide, and devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to change the lives of the poor.

Learn more about Lent and CRS Rice Bowl.

Each St. Al's student has received a cardboard "Rice Bowl" to use during the Season of Lent. It is intended to be a visual reminder to the student and family to help those in need through Catholic Relief Services. Perhaps extra chores can be undertaken to earn the money for the Rice Bowl. Perhaps money that could be spent on a treat will be added to the Rice Bowl for others.

Please return the Rice Bowl to Room 22 on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Thank You!

May this Lent be one of living for others in Jesus' example.



For those of you new to the parish, the Athletic Association sponsors a Fish/Pizza dinner every Friday during Lent. This is held in the cafeteria and begins at 4:30 and ends at 7:00. You may dine in, place a to-go-order, or drive through the driveway in back of school.

The students help support this fundraiser by supplying the desserts needed each week. Your dessert can be homemade or bought at the bakery or grocery store. The favorites seem to be cakes, pies, and brownies, which will be sliced by workers. Please send in enough to make 24 servings. Please drop them off or have your child drop them off in the cafeteria kitchen anytime between 7:30 and 2:30. Class lists will be available to mark your name off. You will receive a reminder phone call/email from your Room Mother, but please mark your calendar as follows...



February 20 February 27 March 6 March 13(Gator Call) March 20 March 27 April 3 (Good Friday)

Date

Grades 7 & 8 Grades 7 & 8 Grades 3, 4, & 5 Kindergarten & Grade 1 & 2 Grades 6 & 7 Grades 3, 4, & 5 (No School – Teacher In Service) Kindergarten & Grades 1 & 2 Grades 6 & 8 (Good Friday – No School) *With smaller classes we are asking each class to bring desserts two

Athletics has kindly donated to the Adopt-a-Student Program. Please try to help!

different weeks.



MARCH MENU

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◄ Feb 2015			~ March 2015 ~			Apr 2015 ►
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 3oz. Chicken Nuggets ¾ c. Corn ½ c. Applesauce ½ c. Pears	3 Hamburger on WG bun ¾ c.Baked Beans ½ c.Straight Cut Fries ½ c. Mixed Fruit	4 Taco salad 1 ½ c.Lettuce 1oz.Cheese 1 tsp. Salsa ½ c. Peaches	5 Toasted ham & cheese on WG bun Broccoli with 1oz cheese sauce Triangle potatoes ½ c. Pineapple Tidbits	6 French Toast Sticks Spiced Apples Berry Crisp Bar Pepper Strips with FF Ranch	7
8	9 Old fashioned Chili PB&J Grahams ½ c. Mandarin oranges	10 2oz. Ham ¾ c. Green Beans ½ c. Mashed Potatoes Butter WG Bread ½ c. Peaches	11 Cheese Conies 1 rib of Celery with 1tsp.Peanut Butter 2.2oz Berry Apple Crisp Bars	12 Chicken Patties on a Bun Corn Applesauce Pears	13 Grilled Cheese ³ / ₄ c. Carrots with 1oz FF Ranch ¹ / ₂ c. Blue Raspberry Applesauce ¹ / ₂ c. Veggie Chips	14
15	16 3oz Popcorn Chicken ³ / ₄ c Corn ¹ / ₂ c. Applesauce 2.2oz Cocoa Berry Bars	17 3oz Pulled Pork BBQ on WG Bun ¾ c. Coleslaw ½ c.Veggie Chips Cinnamon Crisp Bars	18 Taco Burrito 1 ½ c. Lettuce 1oz Cheese 1tsp. Salsa ½ c Pineapple Tidbits	19 ¹ / ₂ c. Spaghetti 2.2oz Meatballs ³ / ₄ c. Green Beans 1 ¹ / ₂ c Salad with 2oz FF Dressing ¹ / ₂ c. Pears	20 No School	21
	Hot Dog on WG Bun 3/4c. Baked Beans ½ c. Tater Tots Cinnamon Crisp Bars 1/2c. Mixed Fruit	1 2 c. Spaghetti 2oz Chili 1oz Cheese 1rib of Celery with Peanut Butter 1 2 c. Pears	2.2oz. Pizza Buns ¹ / ₂ c. Jell-o 1 1/2c Salad with 1oz.FF Ranch ¹ / ₂ c.Pineapples	26 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Biscuit Spiced Apples Pepper Strips with FF Ranch Peaches	27 2oz Cheesy Breadsticks 2oz Marinara sauce ³ / ₄ c.Carrots with 1oz.Hummus ¹ / ₂ c.Blueberry Applesauce	28
29	30 Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peas Butter Bread Pears	31 Chicken Nuggets Broccoli with Cheese Sauce Applesauce Peaches	Notes:			

March 2015 <u>Cafeteria Volunteers</u>

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Feb 2015		~	[•] March 2015 ~	,		Apr 2015 ►
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 JoAnne Harrell	5 Athena	6	7
8	9	10	11 JoAnne Harrell	12 Pat Seng	13 Amy Weightman	14
15	16	17 Sherry Froehle	18 JoAnne Harrell Jackie & Bill	19 Sue Lamb	20 No School	21
22	23 Patty Henderer	24	25 JoAnne Harrell	26	27	28
29	30	31 Joan Wichman & Dee Boehmer	Notes:	1		



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

March 2015

"ST. AL'S IS HAPPY TO PARTNER WITH YOU IN FAITH!"



St. Agnes

Agnes was born a princess of Bohemia, expected to marry another royal. She was offered marriage to kings and even an emperor, but her

heart belonged to the King of Heaven. With the help of Pope Gregory IX, she was released from royal life to enter religious life.

In 1236, Agnes joined seven other noblewomen in entering a Poor Clare monastery in Prague. She became known for her dedication to prayer, obedience and humility. Her religious sisters valued her kindness.

Who is my neighbor?

"We are called to be neighbors to everyone, and to show special favor to those who are poorest, most alone, and most in need. In helping the hungry, the thirsty, the foreigner ... we have the opportunity to serve Jesus" (*Faithful for Life, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*).

"...at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10).

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Live your new Easter life all year

Easter is one feast that doesn't end when the day is done. We celebrate "little Easter" every Sunday but we also live the new life won that first Easter

by working to grow in holiness each day. As a family, try these ideas to celebrate your new Easter life all year:

Fast from the old ways until the new ways become firm. Consider "fasting" from bad habits such as saying unkind words about

others, overeating, using inappropriate language, being late for school or appointments.

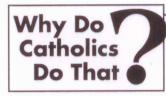
Continue penitential Fridays. To remain mindful of Christ's sacrifice for us on Good Friday, the bishops still ask that we abstain from eating meat on Fridays even after Lent. Or, we can substitute another form of penance such as giving up snacks and desserts, computers and favorite games for the day.

Break into

spontaneous prayer. Make an effort to raise family prayer to new levels. This can include adding formal prayers, such as a family Rosary or Stations of the Cross on Fridays, but try adding free expressions of praise or

thanksgiving to God. Teach children to talk to God from their hearts – just the way he speaks to them.

Add silence. After dinner or before bedtime, take ten minutes to sit in silence and listen. In silence is when we can best experience God's peace.



One reason we pray this prayer is because Jesus taught it when he gave a lesson on how to pray (Matthew 6:5-14). The prayer drives home a lesson on forgiveness that is the heart of Christianity.

Why do we pray the "Our Father"?

In truth, the Our Father is "the most perfect prayer" (St. Thomas Aquinas). It contains all the elements of the Gospel – worship, obedience, faith, forgiveness, avoidance of sin, etc. It is the original prayer of the Church and is recited by most Christian faiths.

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Take your family temperature

What is the atmosphere in your home? Atmosphere can be a reflection of family health in areas such as communication. Lent is a good time to take your family temperature and see if adjustments are needed. Try using indicators like these:

Coming home. How do you feel when you walk in the door? Are you happy to be home? Is your family glad to see you? Positive answers are a good indicator. "No" answers are good information to have and a



start you can use to make improvements.

Compliments. Count the number of sincere compliments per person doled out in a day. Do they outnumber criticisms? If so, well done. If not, that's a potential area to fix.

Do you voluntarily spend play time with your children? Do you enjoy each other? If the answer is "yes," well done. If the answer is "no," that's an opportunity for a quick fix. Grab a board game or a pack of cards and call out, "who wants to play?!"



This Gospel reading tells of Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross. Remembering Jesus' suffering is not something we do just once a

year. The more often we remember, the more it will help us recall that Jesus was human, too, and experienced what we feel and so much more. If we offer him our suffering and

remember his, it makes our pain easier to bear.

Every day our frustrations, our fears, our loneliness, our temptations, can become ways in which we share in the



March is the month in which we honor St. Joseph, Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother. As head of the Holy Family, he has become a model of fatherhood and protector of families.

March 4 - St. Casimir (1483). Born a prince of Poland, St. Casimir was endowed with a very strong conscience by a great teacher, John Dlugosz. When his father sent him to take over Hungary, fifteen-year-old Casimir assessed the odds against winning the war and turned back out of concern for his troops. He resolved

suffering and death of Christ. Likewise, our joys, our good health, our family, our friends, are all important ways to share in the joy of his

Mark 14:1-15:47, Join

Resurrection. The point is to offer everything to Christ.

What can a parent do? Suffering is part of life. Yet, disciples of Jesus can have the same attitude toward suffering as he did and we can also share in his joy of the Resurrection. When children are hurt, sad, or scared, help them remember to turn to Jesus because he wants to comfort them with his great love.

never to be involved in war again.

March 17 - St. Patrick (493).

kidnapped and brought to Ireland as

later returned to become the bishop

of Ireland and is credited for having

March 19 - St. Joseph (?). Jesus'

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Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was

a slave. Although he escaped, he

established the Church there.

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When our girls were young, I imagined family prayer to be something lovely, peaceful and enriching. I thought we would sit on the couch after dinner (dishes miraculously cleaned



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and put away), hold hands and meditate on the saints or pray a family Rosary. We would grow in holiness together.

> The reality is so different. Dinner is hasty. Homework

rules. If I'm not quizzing one child preparing for a test the next day, I'm drilling another in math facts, spelling words or science concepts. Nighttime prayer means squeezing in a decade of the Rosary or we pray on our own.

Instead, family prayer time is right when the children get home from school. We take a few moments to talk over the day, have a snack and that's when we offer our intentions, learn new saints, and pray our Rosary. Then we take a breath and the craziness starts again.

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St Al's 2015 Softball Sign-ups Grades: K-8



Softball sign-ups are currently taking place. The sign-up form can be found on the schools website: **www.saintals.org** – under the athletics menu.

Complete and return the form to the school office in an envelope marked: "Softball – Mckenzie Schoenfelder 2nd Grade".

Please confirm that you have enclosed the registration fee of \$50. Checks should be made out to St. Al's Athletic Association.

Sign-up forms will need to be turned in no later than February 6, 2015 to guarantee a roster spot. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself. If interested in coaching please be sure to mark it on the form and you must be VIRTUS Trained.

Thanks

Bob Schoenfelder 513-509-0621 schoenfelder17@hotmail.com

Prin	table Sign	nup	Form						S	t. Aloy	sius At	hletic As	sociation	
	Boys		Baseball		Basketl	ball		Foot	tball		Soc	cer	G	olf
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