

St. Al's Monday News

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School | December 4, 2023

Gracious Savior, this week, we begin the journey of Advent.

This is a season of expectation and anticipation, a time of preparation and confession.

And so it is that we bring to the Lord a broken and contrite spirit which we know our God will honor.

We take this time to prepare for the coming Savior truly.

Rejoice greatly; shout for joy! See, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7,17-19



Message From the Co-Principals

Dear Families,

On Saturday, I had the opportunity to take part in the SEEL retreat offered by the Jesuit Works of Spokane. The focus of the retreat was to prepare one's heart for the season of Advent. As you begin your own personal journey in Advent, I would like to share the reflection questions that were shared with us:

- What is God calling you to carry with you in these weeks of Advent?
- Who are you being called to walk with in these weeks of Advent?
- What new way might God be seeking to enter your life at this time?

May this Advent bring each of you peace, joy, and hope.

Blessings,

Dawn Manfred and Angie Krauss
Co-Principals

Mark Your Calendars

- 12/4: 8th Grade Bullpup Preview at Prep
 - 12/5: Reconciliation grades 7-8 at 9:30 AM at the Church
 - 12/6: Reconciliation grades 3-6 at 9:30 AM at the Church
 - 12/7: ELC Christmas Program in Garco Gym at 5:15 PM
 - 12/8: Immaculate Conception Mass at 12:15 PM at the church
 - 12/9: 7:30 PM-St. Al's Choir performs with GU Concert Choir in *A Light Through the Darkness*, a Candlelight Christmas concert, at Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center-Tickets must be purchased through GU ([link above](#))
 - 12/10: 2:00 PM-St. Al's Choir performs with GU Concert Choir in *A Light Through the Darkness*, a Candlelight Christmas concert, at Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center-Tickets must be purchased through GU ([link above](#))
 - 12/13: K-8 Christmas Program REHEARSAL at 1:00 PM at the Church
 - 12/14: K-8 Christmas Program at 6:00 PM at the church
 - 12/20: ELC is closed for Christmas Break
 - 1/2: All school and ELC programs resume
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Important Reminders from the Co-Principals

- Children's Mass at St. Aloysius Parish: Next weekend, the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses are child-focused! We hope to see you there!
- With winter weather, please remember that we will communicate any school closures through our IRIS alert system, social media, and local news channels.
- 5-8 grade families, please join us on the second floor of the Garco building tonight for our discussion on how your family may financially consider a Jesuit education through high school.
- Parents, please do not send your child to school sick. We ask that children be fever-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

Purchase GU Choir Tickets

ELC Reminders from the Co-Directors

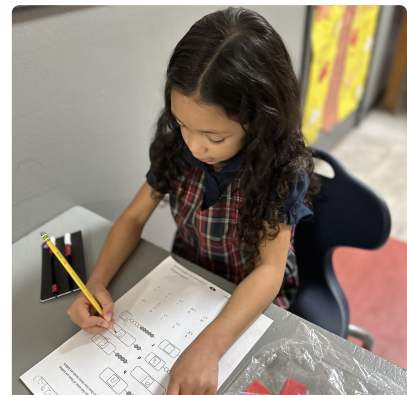
- The children have been practicing their Christmas songs for so long, and they are very excited to share their performance with you this Thursday night, at 5:15! Please join us for the show in the Garco gym.
 - Please dress them in their Sunday best or Christmas colors.
 - Please drop your children off in their classrooms by 4:50 so they can prepare for the program.
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STAG Pride/Kudos/Prayers

- A prayer of thanksgiving for our AMAZING community support on Giving Tuesday. We are so blessed!!
- May God abundantly bless your Advent journey this year.
 - Check out this great Advent resource from Ignatian Spirituality!

[Advent Calendar for Adults](#): Mark the days of Advent with a highlighted reflection each day of the season.

Shine Christ's Light



Mission Advancement - Friendraising & Fundraising

#GIVINGTUESDAY: Thanks to YOU, #GIVINGTUESDAY, the kick-off to our Annual Fund giving campaign, was a huge success!!! You helped us turn \$50,000 into \$100,000 for our school! Thank

you so much for your generosity and support!

ANNUAL REPORT & ANNUAL FUND: We will be mailing our Annual Report with the coming of the new calendar year. This publication provides a great snapshot of our school and ELC programs and financials, and promotes the continuation of our Annual Fund giving campaign.

- **Don't worry! Even if you missed #GivingTuesday, it's not too late to give!**
- **Are y'all ready for our Annual Fund Class Competition???** 🤔🤔🤔 Well, it's coming (officially) in January! Every #GivingTuesday and Annual Fund gift received through February 2, 2024, (even gifts that came in before #Giving Tuesday) will count toward our Annual Fund Class Competition! Details and fun incentives coming soon!

ANNUAL AUCTION: NEW THIS YEAR!!! When it comes to finding awesome auction items, **WE DID THE THINKING FOR YOU!!!** 🤖 Below are suggested procurement themes and examples for each K-8 class and our ELC. Use this list as a guide when purchasing or asking for auction item donations, but feel free to be creative and do your own thing as well! Thank you in advance for helping us make this year's auction the best ever!

SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE:

- Follow us on social media: Facebook: St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School-Spokane, Instagram: st.alsgonzaga

AUCTION PROCUREMENT CLASS THEMES		
CLASS	THEME	EXAMPLES
ELC	Little kid fun	Stuffedies, blocks, books, coloring supplies, toys
Kinder-Kraut	Summer fun	Beach toys, beach towels, splash pads, water park/pool passes
Kinder-Williams	Winter fun	Sleds, ski tickets, beanies, snow toys, winter clothing
1st-Croft	Family indoor activities	Board games, lego sets, movies, coloring & crafting supplies
1/2 MAC-Mills	Family outdoor activities	Hiking gear, bike, biking gear, Silverwood passes, hunting, fishing
2nd-Beall	Kitchen/Cooking	BBQ supplies, baking supplies, spices, dishes, cookbooks
3rd-Schmidt	Self care/Spa	Spa services, hair services, nail services, lotion, candles
3/4 MAC-Manfred	Catholic	Bibles, rosaries, journals, crosses, books, Kauffer's gift card
4th-Tweedy	Arts & crafts	Craft kits, paint sets, colored paper, arts & crafts books
5th-Chavez	Home improvement	Home Depot/Lowes gift cards, services, home decor, tools
5/6 MAC-Sofio	Spokane/PNW	Downtown Spokane gift cards, Riverfront Park, breweries, wineries
6th-Padon	Seahawks (football)	Tickets, apparel, fan fare
7th-Sells & Devita	STEM	Mobius GC, science kits, robotics kits, academic workbooks
8th-Holland & Conroy	Gonzaga	Tickets, apparel, fan fare

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Gift Wrapping Volunteers Needed:

Do you love wrapping presents? Then we have the best volunteer opportunity for you! We are looking for volunteers to help us wrap about 300 items in wrapping paper. This can be done anytime during the school day from 8:30 AM-3:00 PM, for any amount of time you have to give between **Monday, 12/4 and Friday, 12/8**. If this is something you are able to help with, please make sure when signing up to indicate who will be coming in and for how much time you are available. Follow the Track it Forward link below to sign up! If you have any questions, please email Aleisha Webb at awebb@stalsschool.org.

Christmas Program-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The annual K-8 Christmas Program is coming up on **Thursday, December 14**, at our beautiful St. Al's Church, and there are still 38 of the 46 volunteers needed to help with the Christmas Program starting Friday, December 8 - Friday, December 15. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please follow the Track it Forward link below to sign up for any of these opportunities, or you can email Aleisha Webb with any questions you may have at awebb@stalsschool.org. Thank you!

Riser Pick-up & Set-up: This volunteer opportunity requires a fair bit of physical strength.

Friday, December 8:

9:00 AM Pick up risers from GU and help move them to St. Al's Church

Monday, December 11:

8:45-9:15 AM Meet at the Church to help to help set up risers

12:00-12:30 PM Meet at the Church to help to help take down the risers at the Church

Tuesday, December 12:

8:45-9:15 AM Meet at the Church to help to set up risers

12:00-12:30 PM Meet at the Church to help to take down risers

Wednesday, December 13:

8:45-9:15 AM Meet at the Church to help set up risers

12:00-12:30 PM Meet at the Church to help to take down risers

Thursday, December 14:

8:45-9:15 AM Meet at the Church to help set up risers

7:30-8:30 PM, after the program has concluded, to help take down the risers and straighten up the Church

Friday, December 15:

Meet at the Church to help load up the risers and return them to GU (time TBD)

Please follow the Track it Forward link below to sign up for any of these opportunities, or you can email Aleisha Webb with any questions you may have at awebb@stalsschool.org. Thank you!

Annual Auction:

Auction planning has officially started! Our next Auction Committee meeting is this Thursday, December 5, at 6:00 PM, in the Randall Conference Room (upstairs Garco building). All auction meetings are now available for you to sign up for in Track it Forward! RSVP to any/all auction committee meetings and Track it Forward will send you an automated reminder 2 days before each meeting!

Volunteer Opportunities

Community Contributions

Minted:

As we come into the Christmas season, please keep in mind that we partner with Minted! Minted is a company that provides beautiful holiday cards and custom gifts and also offers a donation program! Our Minted promo code is good all year round and can be applied to gifts including graduation & birth announcements, party & event invitations, personalized stationery, custom gifts, and more! When shopping on [Minted.com](https://www.minted.com), please use our promo code FUNDRAISESAGONZAGA to save 20% off your order. Minted will donate 15% of the net proceeds back to our school! Last year, our school earned \$184.94 from this program!

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