

St. Al's Monday News

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School | February 12, 2024

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

- Isaiah 40:31



Message From the Co-Principals

Dear Families,

Congratulations to all our students and staff who received sacraments of initiation this weekend! The Holy Spirit is definitely alive at St. Al's! We had many 2nd graders receive First Communion and Confirmation. In addition, we had a couple of staff members who also received sacraments. We are blessed that St. Al's is a place where the Spirit is working in all of us as a community of believers.

We have decided that Lent is the time to bring the Blood of Christ back to our school Masses. Since the pandemic, the school has not had this as part of communion, even though the parish has for some time. The administration and teachers reflected that, due to the pandemic, there are many students who have never received the cup during communion. Throughout the month of

February, Fr. Dan will be working with classes in grades 3-8th to review the sacrament of communion. Our goal is to have the Blood Christ at our March all-school Lenten Mass.

In conclusion, I recently read an article titled, *"Let this Lent be God's."* The article has me reflecting about the approach I typically take as I enter the Lenten season. Instead of creating a "to do" list, what if I listened to the voice of God and enjoyed the surprises of what my lenten call might be? Where can I allow God to lead, and where can I follow? There are a multitude of ideas on the following website: <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/>.

May your Lenten journey be blessed by God's healing grace.

Blessings,

Dawn Manfred & Angie Krauss
Co-Principals

Mark Your Calendars

- 2/13: Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras celebrations with RED & PINK free dress
 - 2/14: Ash Wednesday Mass at 12:15
 - 2/16: NO SCHOOL K-8: In-service Day; ELC & Montessori OPEN
 - 2/19: NO SCHOOL ELC, K-8 & Montessori: President's Day Holiday
 - 2/22: 7th & 8th Chapel Mass
 - 2/23: 8th grade retreat at Immaculate Heart
 - 2/29: 5th & 6th Chapel Mass
 - 3/7: All-school Lenten Mass @ 12:15 PM, at the church
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Important Reminders from the Co-Principals

- Please join us for our Ash Wednesday all-parish Mass at 12:15.
- **All of our Valentine's Day parties and RED & PINK free dress will take place on February 13, due to Ash Wednesday Mass on February 14.**
- Dawn and Angie will be out of the building on February 13-16, chairing an accreditation team. This is an opportunity to experience the new protocol for the WCEA. This is the same new protocol that our school is using to create our Self Study and will use when a team comes to visit St. Al's in the spring of 2025.

Enrollment:

- Thank you to everyone who has turned in their "intent to return" letter! This helps us determine how many openings we will have for the following school year.
- Please make sure your tuition is current to be able to register on time.
- FACTS tuition grant is open, this is a great time to set up your FACTS account.
- We will be setting tuition for the 2024-25 school year at our Parent Advisory meeting on

ELC Reminders from the Co-Directors

- This week we will be celebrating Mardi Gras, Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday.
 - The children will have a taste of a "King's Cake" with our special guest, Joanne Duffy, on Tuesday morning, and also the classrooms will be celebrating Valentine's Day. Please check in with your child's teacher for more information.
 - On Wednesday, Joanne Duffy will be back to place ashes on the foreheads of every child. If you wish your child not to receive ashes, please let your child's teacher know.
 - This week, we will conclude our hearing screenings. Please let your child's teacher know if you did not receive your child's results. Speech screenings should start in the next week or so.
 - Thank you to John Hart for bringing back our music classes on Wednesdays and Fridays! We love that the children have a chance to enjoy music.
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STAG Prayers

- A prayer of thanksgiving for all of those who received sacraments this weekend!
 - As we enter the Lenten season, may we slow down and listen to the voice of God.
 - We are grateful for the love of family and friends this Valentine's week!
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Shine Christ's Light



Mission Advancement - Friendraising & Fundraising

ANNUAL AUCTION: SAVE THE DATE for our annual auction on Saturday, April 29!!! Tickets will be available for purchase by the end of February! Watch for your invitation to arrive in your mailbox! We can't wait to celebrate with our St. Al's community again in our beautiful Garco Gymnasium!

Our annual auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and donations and help from our St. Al's families are the foundation for our success! Thank you in advance for your help making this the

best auction yet!!

What is procurement? Procurement is helping us secure awesome items for our auction!

Donations from our families are of the utmost importance. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity! We are asking that family donations be turned in by March 1, 2024.

And, drum roll, please...WE HAVE TWO FUN PROCUREMENT INCENTIVES FOR YOU!

Families who turn in their auction donations on or before March 1, will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a \$200 tuition credit! We will draw one family for ELC and one for K-8! The drawing will take place on March 4, so turn in your auction items ASAP!

AND

Families who turn in their auction donations (items, cash, sponsorships, etc.) on or before Friday, March 1, at 3:00 PM, will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win 2 tickets to the auction!

This includes donations already received!

- *The drawing will take place on Monday, March 4.*
- *Item donations with a \$100+ FMV (fair market value), \$50+ cash donations, and Auction Sponsorships & Ads will qualify for the drawing.*

HERE ARE SOME GREAT WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR AUCTION!

- Purchase merchandise worth \$100 retail value and donate it to the school.
- Donate items according to your class theme. Use the Amazon Wish Lists buttons below for easy shopping and fun ideas! Anyone can purchase items from any list! These are simply suggestions to help guide your auction procurement efforts!
- Ask for donations from local businesses you frequent.
- Build a Basket: Donate a complete theme basket, filled, wrapped, and ready for display.
- Cash Donations: If you are unable to do any of the above, simply give a cash donation of \$50 to the school specifically for the auction. Cash donations can be given online by following the link below or dropped off at school.
- Be an Auction Sponsor! You can do this by following the link below or filling out a procurement form and returning it to school. Sponsor details are attached.

AUCTION DONATIONS:

1. Please drop off all auction donations at the upstairs front desk in the main building.
2. Please complete a procurement form for each donation. Donations must be accompanied by a completed procurement form in order for families to receive credit for the tuition credit drawing.

-Completed procurement forms are critical for record keeping and catalog purposes.

-Procurement forms are available at all check-in desks and in the Advancement office.

-You can also print and complete the attached forms.

3. The final deadline for submitting auction donations is Friday, March 29. All items must be turned in by this date due to data entry and packaging deadlines for the event.

SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE:

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

Cash Donations & Auction Sponsors

8th Grade

7th Grade

6th Grade

5/6 MAC

5th Grade

4th Grade

3/4 MAC

3rd Grade

2nd Grade

1/2 MAC

1st Grade

Kinder-Kraut

Kinder-Williams

ELC

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

AUCTION VOLUNTEERS:

- Auction Volunteers Needed! We are only 75 days away from the auction! Our annual auction will take place on Saturday, April 27, and we need LOTS of volunteers leading up to the auction to help us get ready! Below is a list of volunteer opportunities with dates and descriptions. Please watch this section for more auction volunteer opportunities and follow the Track it Forward link below to sign up.

Auction Volunteer Opportunities:

- Saturday, 3/23: Basket Making 9:00-12:00 in the Activity Center. Come help us get all of the silent auction baskets ready and make them look pretty!
- Wednesday, 4/24: Volunteers needed for various tasks throughout the day 8:30-3:00
- Thursday, 4/25: Set-up of tables, chairs, etc. starting @ 5:15 PM (approximately 2-3 hours)
- Friday, 4/26: Silent Auction and table decor Set-up from 8:45-3:00 in the Garco Gym
- Saturday, 4/27: Auction night! This is a general sign-up to help at the auction. Volunteers will be placed in different sections as we get closer and information sent.
- Sunday, 4/28: The auction may be over but we will still have LOTS of work left to do! Coffee and donuts will be provided, and you will receive **DOUBLE VOLUNTEER HOURS!** We will be starting at 9:00 AM and will go until everything is all cleaned up.

The auction may be over but we will still have work to do!

- Wednesday, 5/1 - Friday, 5/3: Have a free hour or two to volunteer? We will still have many things to organize after the auction and would love some help!

Auction Committee Meetings:

Next Auction Committee meeting is **Tuesday, March 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!

- Tuesday, 3/26: Auction Committee meeting @ 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, 4/9: Auction Committee meeting @ 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, 4/16: Auction Committee meeting @ 6:00 PM

Volunteers Needed:

I am looking for a volunteer or 2 that is available for 15-20 minutes a couple times a week at drop off or pick up to help move auction donation items from the Advancement Office down to our Auction Storage. If this is something you are interested in helping with, please email Aleisha Webb at awebb@stalsschool.org.

Volunteer Opportunities



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