



St. Aloysius Gonzaga

A Roman Catholic Jesuit Parish

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

November 26, 2023

I was hungry,
thirsty,
a stranger,
naked,
ill,
and in prison...



You gave me food,
gave me drink,
welcomed me,
clothed me,
cared for me,
and visited me.

Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm and

Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am, and 7:00 pm

Sunday (all) and Daily Masses (8:00 am) -

Live Stream: www.stalschurch.org

Adoration - Tuesdays 2-4pm and Fridays 7-7:45am

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Thurs. 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

Parish Center Hours -

Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Grade School -

611 E. Mission Ave. 489-7825

Kindergarten through 8th grade and Early Learning Center

Co-Principals: Angie Krauss - akrauss@stalsschool.org

Dawn Manfred - dmanfred@stalsschool.org

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Grand Knight: Devin Franke 805-668-5280

S.E.E.L. - Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life -

Director: Cindy Reopelle at seelspokane@gmail.com

8:00 a.m. Weekday Mass Intentions

- Nov. 27 Anabelle
† For all those in purgatory
- Nov. 28 † Jim Curran
Joan Pettibone
- Nov. 29 Norm and Judy
Bomkamp - 65th Anniversary
- Nov. 30 † Theresa Phan
† Jacob Nguyen
- Dec. 1 † Joe Schoentrup
† Jo, Gordon, and Tim Merwin

We pray to You, Lord,
in the great expectation
of receiving from You,
O Divine King,
mercy, peace, justice
and all good things.
Amen.

Advent Ministry: Esperanza - December 2 - 10

Esperanza is a social service and wellness program that helps the community by establishing primary care, offering mental health services, and providing additional resources to our Hispanic/Latinx community. Please place all items by the Advent Tree in the front of the church.

Adoration: Tuesdays, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Thursdays, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the church
(12/14 moved to Fri, 12/15)

Immaculate Conception: Friday, Dec. 8th,
Masses at 8:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

St. Aloysius Grade School Christmas Program:

Wed., Dec. 13th, Dress Rehearsal - *(at St. Aloysius Church)*

The rehearsal is open to parishioners - 1:00pm

Thurs. Dec. 14th - This is only for school families 6:00 p.m.
(at St. Aloysius Church)

Advent Evening of Prayer with music in the style of Taizé:

Tues., Dec. 19th, 7:00p.m. -

Please join us for an evening of Advent reflection.

SUNDAY, December 24th:

4th Sunday of Advent - 8:30 am Mass ONLY

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve - 5:00, 7:30, and 10:00 pm.

Christmas Day - 10:00 am

Meet Vincent Truong, SJ



- From LOS ANGELES, CA
- Graduate of WASHINGTON UNIV. in Saint Louis, MO
- Interned at the Catholic Student Center at Washington Univ. as a retreat leader before entering the Jesuits
- Currently a JESUIT SCHOLASTIC in Regency teaching mathematics at St. Andrew Nativity School in Portland, OR



Know someone who would make a great Jesuit like Vincent?



Pray for Vincent and Jesuit Vocations

BeAJesuit.org

or reach out to Fr. Dan, Associate Pastor @ St. Al's

"Keep Christ in Christmas" cards

St. Aloysius' Knights of Columbus are reminding everyone that **Jesus is the reason for the season.**

Celebrating Christmas is about celebrating the birth of the Son of God. Christmas cards with Christ and the Holy Family as the central theme will go on sale at all weekend Masses. Funds from the cards help support our council's many charities and provide you an opportunity to share rich and faithful messages of joy with your family and friends at Christmas.



Justice Works: Social Ministry

Prayer/Reflection

Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth.
With her we yearn for justice to be done,
for creation to be free from threat,
for the hungry to be fed,
for captives to be released,
for your kingdom of peace to come on earth.

(Iona Abbey Worship Book)



Embracing a Sustainable and Spirit-filled Lifestyle for Advent/Christmas

The first Christmas took place in a very simple setting—a stable. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are challenged to remember its humility and simplicity.

The Caring for Creation Committee invites us to live simply and sustainably this season, to focus on what truly brings peace and joy on this feast of God-becoming-human.

Reflection:

“Tis a gift to be simple, ‘tis a gift to be free.”

These words express my Advent/Christmas desire for simplicity and joy. This Advent, I want to slow down, make more time for prayer and reflection, walk in the snow, observe the starry skies. I want to spend more sacred time with family and friends – over tea or a meal – rather than shopping and spending. My hope: to live more simply during this season of national busyness, freeing myself to prepare for the greatest of gifts—Emmanuel, God-with-us.

As Advent people, let us consider giving Christmas gifts that are more personal and sustainable. Coupons for shared experiences/activities (movie, theater, art gallery, basketball game) rather than a trip to the mall or an order from Amazon. Meaningful gifts that are handmade, locally grown, fairtrade or second-hand. The gift of time to help a neighbor or a low-income senior through Volunteer Chore (Dec. 9th, see info in this bulletin.) Maybe a gift to a local charity (Catholic Charities) or an international charity (Heifer or Catholic Relief Services). Yes, living a more sustainable Advent/Christmas is counter-cultural, but more gentle on our common home and, hopefully, more joy-filled.

~ Rita Amberg Waldref



Thank you
to all who
donated
to the
2023
Gonzaga
Prep/

St. Aloysius Parish Food Drive

*Blessed are you
who provide food*



*for the hungry
of Spokane...*



Parish Advent Ministry December 2-10.

Esperanza,

the social service program
under the umbrella of the
Hispanic and Professional Association.

Wish List details in today's bulletin insert.

Please place donated items by the Advent Tree.



Breakfast and Volunteer Service: Assisting Low-Income Seniors and Adults with Disabilities

**Saturday morning,
December 9. Antonian Room.**

**Simple Breakfast at 9:00 am, followed by service
with Catholic Charities Volunteer Chore.**

Info/RSVP: Rita,

rwaldref@dioceseofspokane.org

Time commitment with breakfast is
usually under 3 hours.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths...

ESPERANZA - the social service program of Nuestra Raices Centro Comunitario, under the umbrella of Hispanic Business and Professional Association. Isaiah 40:3



Esperanza is a social service and wellness program that helps the community by establishing primary care, offering mental health services, and providing additional resources to our Hispanic/ Latinx community.

WISH LIST for children ages 0-18,
the largest age group is 8-13.

- Books
- Puzzles
- Games
- Stuffed Animals
- Soccer Balls
- Dolls
- Action Figures
- Coloring Books
- Blankets
- Fuzzy Socks
- Other toys also accepted

*Gift Cards to
Toy Stores/Outlets
are appreciated.*

Please place all items
on the Advent Tree in
the front of the church
from Dec. 2 - 10.
THANK YOU!

**The December
"Collection for the Poor"
(Dec. 16/17) is designated
for Esperanza's Annual
Holiday Food Drive.**

For info. Or to volunteer at Esperanza, please contact Lucia Aguirre, Lead Case Manager.
Lucia.a@hbpaofspokane.org

Advent Ministry at St. Aloysius Parish 2023

Hispanic Business and Professional Association: Esperanza, Social Service Program
1214 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane, WA 99202. Phone: 509-557-0566, hbpaofspokane.org

Questions: Rita Amberg Waldref at rwaldref@dioceseofspokane.org.



The Annual Catholic Appeal funds the presence of the Catholic Church in Eastern Washington. Our mission is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, to make Him known, and to serve others in His name.

Mission and Outreach Clergy Vocations Catholic Education Youth and Young Adult Ministry Diocesan Leadership

November 20th report: We have received pledges for **\$106,515**
61% of our goal! **On our way!** St Aloysius **Assessment: \$174,582**

We are grateful for your support of our relationship between the parish and the Diocese of Spokane.



SHINE CHRIST'S LIGHT

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Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

We continue to
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and WELCOME THE STRANGER.

We work to stabilize the life and dignity of the poor and vulnerable and reduce the number of people trapped in inter-generational poverty.

Our best hope for the future is to help prevent the causes of poverty so that families never need to come through our doors for help.

Our best hope to do this is to continue to stay away from government funding as much as possible and take on these causes through our own social enterprises and through the volunteers and support we get from the parishes!

Thank you for supporting our local Catholic Charities. Envelopes are at the doors for this year's collection.

ABOUT TOWN

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center
 (509) 448-1224 or www.ihrc.net
Please register in advance for:

SILENT DAY OF PRAYER
**Our Lady of Loreto: The Astounding
 Miracle of the Holy House of Loreto**
 Sr. Mary Eucharista, SMMC
 Tuesday, Dec. 5th, 9:00am to 3:00 pm
 \$45 per person

FROM SAINT TO SANTA
 Free Family Event with St. Nicholas!
 Saturday, Dec. 16th, 10:00 am to Noon

TAIZÉ EVENING HOUR OF PRAYER
 Please join us for an hour of
 contemplative prayer and song.
 Sunday, Dec. 17th, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Nativity Scenes—2023

Behold the Christmas Story as told through over 1,200 Nativity Scenes from all over the world.
(FYI - nothing is for sale)
 Nov. 25, Dec. 2 and 9 - 10am to 7:30pm
 Nov. 26, Dec. 3 and 10 - 9am to 4pm
 Mon– Fri Nov. 27 thru Dec. 1st and Dec. 4 thru Dec. 8 - 9am to 4pm
 At St. Mary Presentation in Deer Park, WA
 602 E. 6th St.

Christmas Concert for Vocations in the Diocese of Spokane

December 9th, 1:00 pm
 Gonzaga Prep High School - 1224 E Euclid Ave.

Tickets: \$15—Adults, \$5—Children, \$45 max for a Family

**Tickets available online at sjp2society.org/tickets
 or at Kaufer Catholic Supply
 call for information 509-385-4742**

Prayerfully Preparing for the Season of Advent

Saturday morning - December 2nd

10:00 am to Noon

at the Chapel of the Three Companions, Gonzaga Prep

1224 E. Euclid Ave.

No Cost



*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior...
holy is His name.*

Luke 1: 46,49

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A Retreat Day for Advent



- ◇ Advent reflections & pondering
- ◇ Scripture
- ◇ Sharing with others
- ◇ Individual quiet time

*Please RSVP by
November 29, 2023*

to

Sr. Patricia Novak, OSF

Phone: 509-241-3180

Email:

pnovak.sjfc@gmail.com



When:

Saturday, December 2, 2023
10:00 am — 3pm

Where:

Cardinal Bea House at GU
1107 N Astor St.
Spokane, WA 99202

Cost:

\$25 suggested donation
Bring a sack lunch. Coffee, tea,
snacks, and dessert provided

Facilitated by:

Sr. Patricia Novak, OSF
Franciscan Sister, spiritual
director and retreat facilitator
ministering at
The Little Portion in Spokane

Preparing for the Advent Journey

**Need a little quiet time as you
begin this Advent season?**

*You are invited to join others
for this opportunity of retreat.
Come and enjoy a day of quiet
refreshment to seek God at the
beginning Advent and the busy
holiday season. Find solace in
the wisdom of scripture and in
quieting your heart and mind.
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for prayerful reflection,
meditation and sharing in a
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