



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lion's Roar: December 4, 2017

Dear Parents,

In continuation of our Studying the Saints Theme for this school year, we will apply the theme to the Advent Season as well. A weekly email will be sent with daily prayers to the Saints, which includes suggestions for discussion and/or an activity related to the saint. A small symbolic tree for the saint's ornaments would provide a tangible reminder of the "*reason for the season*". We pray that these activities enrich your Advent Season in preparation for the joy of Christmas!

"What would it take for you to have the best Christmas of your life?" This is the question from Matthew Kelly at Dynamic Catholic. We invite you to join us in signing up for a brief yet profound Advent message that arrives in your email each morning during Advent. You can sign up by visiting dynamiccatholic.com and clicking on the "Sign Up" button at the top of the page. It will be a "game-changer"!

Listening to Christmas Music is a beautiful way to pray and celebrate the season. We invite you to join us tomorrow night for the SAS Band & Choir Concert, led by Mr. Mark Messina (Band Director) and Ms. Beth Bordelon (Choir Teacher). The concert will be held in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm.

–Erin Candilora

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Amen.

IMPORTANT DATES –

December 4 – Book Fair Finale with Food Trucks – 5:00pm-7:00pm

December 5 – Band and Choir Concert at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

December 6 – Advent at Aloysius 5:30pm – 8:00 pm

December 6 – No Homework Night – PK-6th

December 8– All School Mass

December 15 – 2nd Grade Class Mass

December 18 – 20 – 7th & 8th Grade Exams & Early Dismissal

December 19 & 20 – NO Bus Service

December 20 – Full Day of School for PK-6

December 21 – January 3 – Christmas Holidays

January 4 – Students Return to School

Last chance to shop at our Western Winter Wonderland Book Fair! – So many new titles, popular series, and even old family classics. Books signed by local authors and illustrators make great gifts. New this year are Teacher Wish List Book Bins. You can pick a book from your teacher's Book Bin, purchase it and then give it to your teacher as a gift. Open from 8:00am - 2:30pm on Monday, Dec.4. Book Fair reopens when the EBRPL Book Mobile and Food Trucks roll in for a Rootin' Tootin' Roundup from 5-7 pm. Mario of City Gelato returns with a new flavor created especially for this Family Event - "Cowboy's Milk & Honey!" Pullin' Pork, Breck's Bistro, and Allie's Cupcakes are also back. New this year are Taco de Paco, Rouge a Roux, & Ninja Snowballs! Hope to see y'all before this year's Country Christmas Book Fair comes to a close.

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH REGISTERED IDENTIFIABLE OFFERTORY

GIVERS- All registered parishioners of St. Aloysius Parish must contribute to St. Aloysius Church through identifiable offertory collections during the 2017 calendar year in order to receive the in-parish tuition rate for the 2018-2019 school year.

CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE MADE IN A REGULAR CONSISTENT MANNER THROUGH USE OF STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES, AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT, OR BANK BY MAIL, ACCORDING TO FINANCIAL ABILITY. Please call Principal, Erin Candilora if you have any questions regarding this parish policy.

Advent at Aloysius – St. Nicholas is ready for his close ups! Blessing and lighting of Crepe Myrtle Alley will begin promptly at 5:30. Please arrive early to ensure you do not miss the magical moment. Note that the parking lots immediately surrounding Crepe Myrtle Alley will be closed for the event.

2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIP/FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION – Every year, St. Aloysius School awards over fifty need-based scholarships. Need is always the prime determinant for selection. Other criteria considered in selection are good character, satisfactory achievement, and activities. Four scholarships are designated for minority students. Scholarships awards range in value from \$500 to full tuition. All submitted information remains confidential. A scholarship selection committee meets to determine recipients. *To be considered, a student must be an enrolled kindergartner through eighth grader for the year applying for assistance.*

The 2018-2019 scholarship/financial aid application is now available. Applications can be found under Important Links on the main page of school website and in the school office. Deadline for submission is Thursday, February 1st at 3:00 p.m. Notifications will be sent out to applicants in early March.

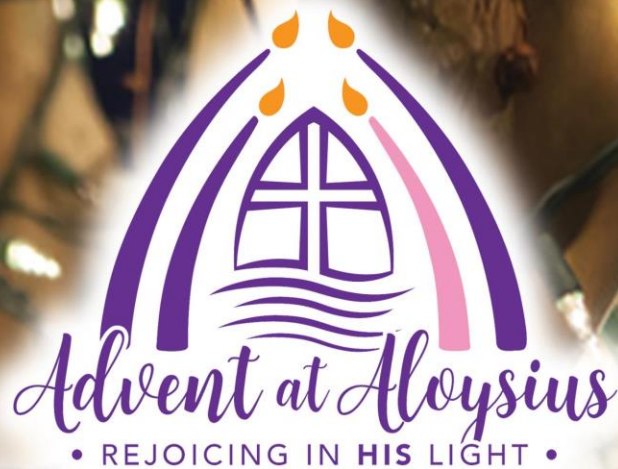
ADVENT AT ALOYSIUS/ USED SHOE COLLECTION- The Parish is celebrating the **Feast of St. Nicholas on Dec. 6.** The celebration will begin at 5:30 pm. All families are invited to attend. Since St. Nicholas leaves gifts in shoes, the parish is collecting used shoes at the celebration. **As a school, we will collect shoes in the gym beginning Monday, November 13.** Shoes in any condition will be accepted. To learn more about the Soles4Souls organization, you can visit this site. <https://soles4souls.org/our-impact/>

2017 TAX INFORMATION – When preparing to file your 2017 tax return, please refer to “2017 Letter for Tax Deductions” (for all tuition and fees) under “Important Links” on the school website. For Extension Services, please refer to “Tax Receipt/Dependent Care Receipt” which can be found on the school website under “Student Services” by selecting “Extension”.

PARENTS WITH GULF COAST BANK TUITION LOANS FRIENDLY

REMINDER – Once your Gulf Coast Tuition Loan becomes sixty days or more past due, access to the Parent Plus Portal will be suspended until your account is brought current.

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CHILD IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION FOR A LIFE OF MEANING AND
PURPOSE***



Advent at Aloysius
• REJOICING IN HIS LIGHT •

Celebrating the Feast of St. Nicholas
Wednesday, December 6th • 5:30 to 8:00

Blessing of the Lights

lighting of the Advent Wreath and Crepe Myrtle Alley promptly at 5:30pm

Dinner by the Knights of Columbus

chili bar and hotdogs -- free of charge!

Music by the ACTS Brothers Band

Photos & Prayers with St. Nicholas • Family Photos Under the Lights

take your own or professional photos available for purchase online after the event

Advent Wreaths (\$10)

take a ring and candle set home to DIY or greenery provided to wire onto brass ring

Tree Raffle (\$5)

fresh 8-9ft Noble Fir, wired with lights, on a stand, delivered to your home

T-shirt Sales (\$15 youth, \$20 adult)

gray, long-sleeve dry fit Advent at Aloyius T-shirts

Shoe Drive benefitting Soles for Souls

shoes in any condition accepted

Children's Book Drive benefitting St. Vincent de Paul

new or gently used books for children ages 1-10 years old

Advent Vesper Service with Music by Renewal Singers/Chorale

inside church beginning at 7:30pm