



## Prayer Intentions:

Mrs. Leestma's brother in law who is in the hospital.  
A friend of Mrs. Puhl's who is recovering from surgery.  
A cousin of the Binkowski family who is having medical testing.

## We Pray:

Lord, thank You for the people You have divinely placed in my life who speak holy truth, love and words of wisdom. Give me a heart of discernment to know when You are using someone to speak instruction into my heart and my circumstances, and give me the strength and courage to follow through with that advice, even when it's hard. Fill me with peace in knowing that even if I take a wrong turn, Your purpose will prevail. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## Calendar:

10/24

- 2:10 p.m. Mass (Gr. 7)

10/25

- **BG Alternate Bus Route**
- Dress Down: St. Al's Spirit Wear, blue & gold, or lions theme
- KR & Gr. 2 Sylvania Historical Village

10/28

- **BG Alternate Bus Route**
- 2:55 p.m. K-2 Virtue Assembly
- Red Ribbon Week Kickoff
- Quiz Bowl @ All Saints

10/30

- Gr. 6-8 Valentine Theatre
- PS Halloween party

10/31

- Happy Halloween
- 2:45 p.m. Halloween parade
- NO MASS

11/1

- **BG Alternate Bus Route**
- 9:00 a.m. Mass (Gr. 6)

## From the Principal:

It's hard to believe that the first quarter has come to an end already. I am so proud of how hard the students have worked and I love the opportunity I have to congratulate them on their positive choices when I open up the ROAR Reward cart each Wednesday and they spend their pride points. Grade cards will be sent home with junior high students on Wednesday, October 30th and parents of students in grades KR-5 will receive them at conferences. Our teachers look forward to the opportunity to discuss how we can continue to partner in the education of your children.

*God's Blessings,*

*Andrea Puhl*

## From the Office:

- Tomorrow is the last Friday of the month so it's a spirit day here at St. Al's. Students may dress down in jeans or athletic pants if they are wearing a St. Aloysius Spirit Shirt, blue and gold, or something Lion themed. Students not following the St. Al's theme should be in uniform.
- We are celebrating Red Ribbon Week next week- please refer to the flyer coming home today for daily themes and dress down opportunities.
- A week from today is Halloween! (Please note that preschool will be celebrating the day before on Wednesday, October 30th.) On Thursday, students may wear Halloween themed shirts or Halloween colors with jeans. Each classroom schedules their own celebrations, but students may bring costumes to change into before our 2:45 all school parade. Please make sure the costumes do not include weapons, blood, guts or gore. If weather permits we will walk around the block, but if it's too cold or wet we will parade around the gym. All are welcome to join us for the parade. If you are planning to volunteer in a classroom for a party, you must have completed the Virtus requirements. Please contact the school office TODAY for details on how to complete the online class and background check in time.
- As the weather turns colder, please be mindful of the forecast, and send in coats, hats, and gloves as needed.

## Info for New Families (& good reminders for the rest of us)

- **TOMORROW** is the 1st alternate bus route for BG bus riders. **An email was sent to those who turned in forms and are on the alternate route.** There are days when Bowling Green City Schools are not in session, but St. Aloysius is. They still provide busing for our students but they do an alternate bus route. It's organized by address north and south of Wooster St. If you have any issues, call Toby Snow ASAP at the BG bus garage at 419.354.8509.

**\*\*\*If you did not turn in the form, you will not be on the list.\*\*\***



### Spaghetti Dinner

Save the Date: Friday, 11/15/19  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

More information to come next week!



### Trivia Night

Are you looking for a fun night out with friends? Then the Parent Association has you covered!

Join us right here at St. Aloysius on November 16th for Trivia Night at 7pm

This will be a BYOB event so 21 yrs and older only please.

See flyer for more info!

### Reverse Raffle

The Reverse Raffle Committee is at it again! We have nailed down the date and location and are currently looking to fill some positions! The 2020 Reverse Raffle will be held on Friday, April 17 at the BGSU Olscamp Hall.

We have a dynamic team but are looking for some help in the following sub-committees:

- Volunteers
- Silent Auction
- Games
- Bank (IE - money handling during the event)

If you're interested in playing a fun part in this rewarding event, contact Nicole Buccalo, Chair of the Reverse Raffle committee, at [nicolebuccalo31@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolebuccalo31@yahoo.com).

## a letter from the pastor

'No greater burden than necessary' is one of the principles of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, especially when applied to those who are already baptized and probably catechized in another Christian denomination. There are many principles which underlie this one: God desires all be saved. Those validly baptized are already truly Christian and are our brothers and sisters in the faith. Unity among Christians is something for which to strive. And, as all that is required for Baptism is the beginnings of faith, so too for the other sacraments – they are not earned by study or any other method, but they are moments of grace, of an encounter with God, which helps the Christian grow in the faith and in Christian living.

Recognizing that each and every person is unique and that our faith journeys are also unique, I want to be clear that as a parish community we are dedicated to helping each and everyone who wants to join our Church grow in the faith and receive the Sacraments. The so-called RCIA program, by which I am referring to the Rites and classes celebrated Sunday mornings from September to Easter, remains the normative way for those joining the Church, BUT it is NOT the ONLY way.

To be sure, this RCIA program has benefited many. Not only do those joining the Church gain much in the way of knowledge about God, Christ, and the Catholic faith; but even the life-long Catholics who serve as sponsors or team members often express how much better they understand the teachings of the Catholic Church and grow in their own faith. This program also provides a great venue to help bring people not just into the teachings of the Church but into the community which is the Body of Christ as they share their stories with others seeking to join the Church and those who are already members.

But, for various reasons, there may be some for whom the RCIA program is not opportune. There may be conflicts related to the day and time. There may be a discomfort with regard to being in front of others in Church. There may be learning difficulties which make the course structure onerous. And for many, there may simply not be the need for such an extensive course of study.

I am happy to announce that we will offer a Short Course, beginning in February and finishing with Easter. There will be 6 lessons which will highlight what Catholics believe in those areas which set us apart from most Protestants – Mary and Saints, Pope, Purgatory, Morality and the Sacraments. This course will be geared mainly to those who are already well catechized in their own Christian faith (Lutherans, Methodist, etc.) but are also open to the Catholic faith maybe through a marriage to a Catholic, or sending their children to our school, yet for whatever reason, have not opted to join the RCIA program.

If you think this course may be helpful, or if you know someone whom we should invite, please contact myself, Janilyn Dennis or Michael Ginnetti. Also, if you are in one of the other categories (not comfortable with the Rites, learning difficulties, scheduling difficulties) we remain available to assist. Even private instructions are an option. Contact myself or Jean Bargiel to discuss further. -Fr. Tom