



Prayer Intentions:

God of the Harvest, who has filled heaven and earth with your glory, help make our hands into your hands, so that your will may be done by us this day. Form our words into your words to affirm the faint-hearted, to support the faltering and to encourage the poor of spirit. Fill up all that is lacking in us, so that we may be your servants. Amen.

Prayer:

For all who teach the faith in Catholic schools and parish faith formation programs as we celebrate Catechist Sunday this weekend.

Calendar:

- 9/15
 - October lunch order due
- 9/20
 - Midterm
- 9/21
 - School Mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 4)
- 9/28
 - School Mass 2:10 pm (Gr.3)
- 9/29
 - Dress down: TBD

From the Principal:

Our school council is an advisory group made up of parents or relatives of St. Al's students or alumni. The primary purpose of the school council is to offer advice to the pastor and principal regarding school policies. We meet on a monthly basis during the school year to discuss topics including (but not limited to) school operations, viability, staffing, budget, and supplies. We have met twice this year so I thought it was a good time to introduce you to our current council. Council members are appointed by Fr. Tom and there is an effort made to find representation of as many grades as possible. If you have a question or concern that you are not comfortable sharing with Fr. Tom or myself you can ask one of these representatives to bring it to council.

- President: Jason Zera (parent of 6th and 4th grader)
- Jana Bechstein (parent of 8th grader, second grader, kindergartener and preschooler)
- Cindy Ducar (parent of 4th grader and graduate)
- John Eckel (parent of 8th grader)
- April Gladieux (parent of 5th and 4th grader)
- Monica Jatho (parent of 2nd grader and kindergartener)
- Carol Korte (parent of graduates)
- Matthew Onyekelu (parent of 8th grader, 4th grader and graduates)
- Danielle Willson (parent of 3rd grader and preschooler)

One item that was brought to council and deliberated on was our birthday party invitation policy. Due to some issues that have been reported recently our new policy will be that party invitations may not be distributed at school. We encourage you to use the directory that is attached to today's email to send invitations through mail or email. If you can't reach a family because they are unlisted, please let me know and I will connect you so the invitation can be given. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Our handbook will be updated to reflect this new policy.

I truly appreciate the insights of our school council and their willingness to serve! I'd also like to thank Ben Waddington who recently completed his second three year term on council. Council members cannot serve more than six years so he is no longer on council- we will miss his contributions, but know he will continue to support our school in many other ways.

*God's Blessings,
Andrea Puhl*

From the Office:

- **BGCS North South Bus Route:** When BGCS is not in session, they run the North/South bus routes. BG requires you to sign up for busing on those days. **THIS IS ONLY AVAILABLE FOR CURRENT BG BUS RIDERS.** If you don't sign up for the bus, it will not be available to you. <https://forms.gle/C8R2AeXkP1mFfx3SA>
- **Student Directory:** The school directory is attached. It will not be posted on the website, and should not be shared publicly. Thank you.
- **Library Volunteers:** complete the attached form if you are interested in being a library volunteer. **We could use more volunteers.**
- **Room parents:** See the attachment if you are interested in being a room parent. Remember that in order to volunteer in the school, you must complete Virtus and a background check.
- **October lunches** are due by midnight tomorrow.
- **School Mass** can be viewed online. Click the link for Mass at **2:10 pm, Thursday, 9/21/23:** <https://venue.streamspot.com/event/NDA1Mji1NQ>

From Parent Association:

Parent Association meetings are beginning for the year! Please reach out to Monica Jatho, Danielle Geroski, Allison Ahrns, Angela Bechstein, Jami Deering or April Gladieux Campbell if you have any questions or interest.

We welcome any parents interested to join the first meeting October 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the basement of the Annex.

From the Parish:

54 Day Rosary Novena

The parish is looking for people to lead the Rosary Sept 15-Nov 5 at the 10:15a/12:00p Masses as part of our 54 day rosary novena for life.

No experience necessary- sign up as a family. We would love to see kids leading decades, too! Contact konecny1@yahoo.com to volunteer. Easy instructions for leading the rosary will be provided if needed.

Becoming Catholic Sessions Starting Soon!

Have you been considering joining the Catholic Faith? Or is there someone in your life who you know the Holy Spirit has opened up to conversations on faith, religion, or the meaning of life?

St. Aloysius will soon begin its Becoming Catholic (formerly RCIA) classes for adults to start the process of learning about and embracing for themselves the truth, beauty, and goodness of Catholicism.

Please contact Fr. Tom (frtom@stalbg.org) or Mike Ginnetti (ginnetti.m@stalbg.org) to start a conversation about what becoming Catholic might mean for you or someone in your life.



Want To Be An Altar Server?

Open to boys and girls, grades 4-12. Must have celebrated First Communion and commit to attend Mass regularly.
Training Held Sept. 30 or Oct. 5

- Assist the priest and congregation in celebration of the Mass.
- Learn how to prepare the altar, carry the Cross, handle the Roman Missal and other ways to actively participate in the Eucharist and understand its meaning.
- Earn the privilege of serving weddings, funerals and special liturgies throughout the year.
- Develop lifelong friendships with other servers in the parish.
- Gain life skills, such as responsibility, punctuality, attentiveness, poise and maturity.
- Get more involved in your parish community.
- Help to discern your vocation in life and gain a greater appreciation of religious life.
- Have fun and grow in your faith!

Questions? Tom Konecny, 419-823-1978, konecny1@yahoo.com
Register by **Mon., Sept. 25** Registration forms will be sent home through school and Family Faith Formation, and are also in the narthex.

From the Community:

Be Transformed Basketball lessons: <https://betransformedbasketball.com/>