



Prayer Intentions:

For peace in the Holy Land.

For Mr. Rich Zera (grandpa) who is recovering from surgery

Prayer:

Heavenly God, we pray that You bless the land that has yielded its fruits, vegetables, and grains. Bless the hands that have sown the seeds, tended the crops, and harvested the produce. We offer all of these to You, and we ask that You keep on bestowing upon us an abundant harvest. Amen.

Calendar:

Red Ribbon Week:

- 10/27: Teamwork day
- 10/30: Competition day
- 10/31: Boo-tiful day

10/27

- BGCS Alternate (N/S) Bus Route
UPDATE PIKMYKID
- Gr. KR & 2 to Sylvania Historical Village

10/29

- Trunk or Treat 3:00 pm

10/30

- Grade cards sent home

10/31

- Halloween parade 2:45 pm
- Boo grams delivered

11/1

- All Saints Day
- School Mass 9:00 am (Gr. 4)
- December lunch order begins

11/3

- BGCS Alternate (N/S) Bus Route
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From the Principal:

Please mark your calendar for a wonderful family faith event on Sunday, November 12 from 4:00-6:00 PM. The parish will be hosting numerous religious who have graciously agreed to spend time sharing about their various vocations and discernment into consecrated life. If you have ever wondered about the difference between diocesan priests and religious order priests or why some consecrated religious wear habits while others don't, this will be a great chance to find out. The first hour will be a time to be informed and ask questions, while the second hour will provide social time with light refreshments. It's open to all ages and I would love to see many of our school families there! There is a flyer attached to today's email.

*God's Blessings,
Andrea Puhl*

From the Office:

- **Mrs. Rath** will be out of the office and unavailable 11/8/23-11/22/23. Please email Mrs. Rogers, receptionist@stalschoolbg.org or Mrs. Puhl, principal@stalschoolbg.org if you need anything time sensitive. Please plan ahead for anything you may need.
- **School Pictures are Ready!** View and order at <https://shop.jostenspix.com/login>
 - ST ALOYSIUS SCHOOL (don't type the "." after "ST")
 - Event Code: FE60823
- **School Mass** can be viewed online. Click the link for Mass at **9:00 am, WEDNESDAY, 11/1/23**: <https://venue.streamspot.com/event/NDIwMzgZnw>

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

We will celebrate Halloween on Tuesday, October 31st. During the day 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 school parade. **Please make sure the costumes do not include weapons, blood, guts or gore and that your child will be able to put on their costume with minimal assistance.** If weather permits we will walk around the block at approximately 2:45pm, 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.

From Parent Association:

- **Reverse Raffle projects:** Parent Association is looking for crafty and artsy volunteers to help with our Reverse Raffle in April! If you are interested and want to learn more, check out the attachment.
- **Holiday Parade:** We are looking for parents and students to assist with the Holiday Parade on November 18th. If you would like to participate by walking or riding on our float please reach out to April Gladieux, yourperfectdayllc@gmail.com. More details to follow.
- Our next **PA meeting** is November 8th, 7:00 pm in the Annex. Students of parents that attend the meeting will receive a dress down pass! Hope to see you there!



From the Parish:

Trunk or Treat 2023 is this weekend!

NOTE: Due to the anticipated inhospitable weather on Sunday afternoon, we are moving Trunk or Treat into St. Aloysius School. "Trunkers" will receive instructions for setting up in the school hallways. "Treaters" and their families will assemble in Hartmann Hall (gym) when they arrive and then follow a "trick or treat!" route through the school.

Please sign up to volunteer as a trunk and also to register as an attendee so that we have an idea of how many children to expect.

Sunday, October 29th at St. Al's.

Trunks arrive at 2pm. Parade and Trick or Treat at 3pm.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/StAlTrunk2023>

Facebook Event

https://www.facebook.com/events/1974282212954133?active_tab=about

Men's ACTS Retreat

The Bowling Green ACTS Community is extending an invitation to all dads of St. Aloysius Catholic School to attend this November 16-19 Men's ACTS Retreat in Fremont. This is a chance to step away from the world for a weekend, to spend some time with God and for fellowship. Whether you are new to the parish or have been a parishioner for many years, come and see how the parish community is a community of faith. Registration forms are available at both entrances to the St.

Aloysius church and also can be found on the parish website at

<https://stalbg.org/adult-formation> Please contact Mike Ginnetti, Pastoral Associate at ginnetti.m@stalbg.org for any questions. Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit if this retreat is meant for you to attend.

A letter from Bishop Daniel Thomas

What is the Issue?

In these weeks and on Nov. 7, we will have the opportunity and responsibility as good citizens to cast a vote on Issue 1, a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the state of Ohio.

At first glance, some believe that the issue is only about keeping abortion legal, when in fact abortion is already legal in the state of Ohio, up to fetal viability. This amendment, however, seeks to make abortion, in its most radical form, a right enshrined in our Constitution, in direct contradiction to the Declaration of Independence, which holds as a self-evident truth that all are endowed with the first unalienable right: the right to life. So abortion in the end, is not the issue.

Then what is?

Some will say it is a political issue. But this is not an issue of partisan politics, and we are not being asked to elect one candidate as opposed to another. This is not a Democratic or Republican issue; it is not an independent or green issue.

Then what is it?

Some will say it is a religious issue.

But this is not an issue of religious affiliation, and not the sole concern of one religion as opposed to another. This is not a Catholic or Evangelical issue; it is not a Muslim or Jewish issue.

Then what is it?

Some will say it is an individual issue. But this is not an issue affecting only one person or concerning only certain members of our society. This is not a “my” issue or a “your” issue; it is not a liberal or conservative issue.

Then what is it?

So what is the issue? Simply put, it is a human issue. The proposed amendment should compel all persons of goodwill who are committed to human rights, to human development, to human flourishing, to human protections, and to human goodness, to vote no for one reason: the amendment is inhuman.

Inhuman because it rejects and disrespects the rights of women and girls of Ohio, inhuman because it rejects and disrespects the rights of parents, inhuman because it rejects and disrespects the rights of the baby about to be born.

When one reads the language of the amendment, one understands that the issue, in the end, is not the legality of abortion, but human rights.

There is a reason that the language of the amendment never mentions familiar human language: woman, girl, mother, father, parent, child, baby.

There is a reason the crafters of the amendment language were enraged when more human language was included in the final version of the ballot.

I invite you to read the language of the amendment itself, and seriously to consider what the language really means here: toledodiocese.org/voteno.

Read the language and read between the lines. Make no mistake, the proposed amendment would not only enshrine abortion into the Ohio Constitution, but take it to its furthest extreme by placing women and girls at risk in an unregulated abortion environment, by undermining the rights of parents to know if their young children are being counseled, encouraged, and assisted in having abortions or receiving life changing hormonal treatments against their will, and by permitting late-term abortions through nine months of pregnancy, even up until birth.

How telling to note that as humans, we delight in the announcement of the zoo that an animal mother is pregnant, we anxiously await the birth of her babies, even name them before they are born, and mourn them if they are lost.

How telling to note that in a great many schools in the state of Ohio, parents or guardians must give permission for their minor children to receive even an aspirin; and according to Ohio law, they must sign a minor child’s application for a driver’s license or permit, they must give consent for their minor child to have their ears pierced, or to get a tattoo.

According to the proposed amendment, however, a minor could have a life altering surgical procedure without the consent of parents.

So what is the issue?

Issue 1 is not a political issue, it is not a religious issue, it is not an individual issue. In the end, Issue 1 is a human issue that affects all persons and our entire community, regardless of political or religious affiliations.

As human persons, we are created good, we are made for good and made to do good.

I encourage all people of goodwill to exercise their right to vote, to defend human rights, and to vote no on Issue 1 in accord with our human nature.

The Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas was named by Pope Francis as the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo on Oct. 22, 2014.