



### Prayer Intentions:

Continued prayers for an infant relative of a faculty member with medical issues.

### Prayer:

Father in heaven, during this second week of Advent, help us see clearly the times when we have sinned. Accept our sorrow for having pulled away from you, and give us firm resolve to stay close to you. God above, help us conduct ourselves in holiness. We long to be the people you expect us to be. Amen.

### Calendar:

- 12/14**
  - Gr. 4-8 Christmas Program 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
- 12/15**
  - Teacher Luncheon (K & Gr. 8)
  - January lunch orders due
  - Jr. High Dance
- 12/18**
  - AAF #5: Comfy Day
- 12/21**
  - Otsego alternate bus route
  - Dress down: Christmas theme
  - Christmas parties
  - Candy Cane grams delivered
- 12/22**
  - Christmas break begins
- 1/4**
  - Classes resume
  - School Mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 4)



### From the Principal:

As we continue this Advent season, I'm looking forward to more beautiful music at tonight's Christmas program. Thank you to Mrs. Wilt and Ms. Diehl for all the work they have done preparing our students for these programs so they can share their gifts with all of us!

There are so many opportunities to celebrate this time of year and I hope you will celebrate this Sunday with the St. Aloysius parish family. The Knights of Columbus are providing a free pancake breakfast after all masses on Sunday. There will be pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus too! Please attend Mass to celebrate Gaudete Sunday as we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath and then enjoy food and fellowship in Hartmann Hall with other school and parish families!

*God's Blessings,  
Andrea Puhl*

### From the Office:

- **Teacher & staff wish lists** are available on our website under the Parent tab ~ [Parent Association](#). As always, gifts are not expected, but parents have asked for the list.
- **KR Mitten Tree:** Please support our Mitten Tree outside the school office. Families may donate new or gently used hats, gloves, mittens or scarves to decorate our tree. Our KR students will be placing items on the tree as a service project. Please send donated items to the school office, and we will give them to KR to hang on the tree. The donations will be sent to the Helping Hands of St. Louis to distribute to those in need. Thank you for your generosity.
- **January lunches** are due by midnight tomorrow night.
- **School Mass** can be viewed online. Click the link for Mass at **2:10 pm, Thursday, 1/4/24:** <https://venue.streamspot.com/event/NDI5MzYxNg>

### From Parent Association:

The St. Aloysius Family Fun Bowling Night is January 19th! See the [flyer](#) attached to the Schoolgram for details and a button to register. Please note that pre registration is required and the deadline to register is January 11th. We hope to see you there!



## From the Parish:

### Pictures and Pancakes with Santa Claus

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**PICTURES & PANCAKES with**  
**SANTA CLAUS!**

**Sunday, December 17**  
**After all the Sunday Masses, Hartmann Hall**

Enjoy a free pancake & sausage breakfast courtesy of the Knights of Columbus and a photo-station with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Everyone is warmly invited to this parish-wide celebration of Gaudete (*Rejoice*) Sunday!



With the last Sunday of Advent on December 24 and Christmas on Monday Dec 25, the obligation to attend a Sunday Mass and Christmas Mass becomes complicated.

To clear it up, just choose one Mass from each of the boxes below to cover your obligation.

Notice: there will not be a Noon Mass on Sunday, December 24

*4th Sunday of Advent and*  
*Christmas* --**MASS PLANNER**

Choose one Mass from each colored box.

<b>4th Advent</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Add your choice here	<b>Saturday, December 23, 2023</b> 5:30 PM
	<b>Sunday, December 24, 2023</b> 8:00 AM    10:15 AM

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<b>Christmas</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Add your choice here	<b>Sunday, December 24, 2023</b> 4:00PM    6:30 PM    11:00 PM
	<b>Monday, December 25, 2023</b> 10:15 AM

*It's not home without you at St. Aloysius Parish*