



Prayer Intentions:

Continued prayers for Noah

For Pope Francis

Please contact the school office if you have a prayer you would like included.

A prayer for Pope Francis:

We humbly come before You, the Divine Physician, seeking Your healing touch upon our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Grant him strength and courage as he endures this time of illness. Surround him with Your comforting presence, and guide the medical professionals entrusted with his care. Amen.

Calendar:

2/27

- School Mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 5)

2/28

- **Dress down:** bright colors
- Otsego alternate bus route

3/1

- April lunch orders begin

3/3

- KR & Gr. 2 Valentine Theatre
- Mardi Gras presale ticket deadline

3/4

- Mardi Gras (green, purple, yellow **dress down**)

3/5

- Ash Wednesday Mass 9:00 am followed by ash service for PS, KR, K & 1

3/7

- KR-8 PRIORITY application period closes for NEW families

3/9

- Daylight Savings Time begins: Turn clocks ahead 1 hour

3/10

- **Dress down:** PJ day

From the Principal:

Thank you to everyone who helped with Open House! We had a great turnout and we anticipate having a waiting list in several grades once the priority waiting period ends and we start accepting new families. We know we will have space in Kindergarten Readiness and Junior High and possibly some of the middle grades so please continue to spread the word about the great things happening here at St. Al's!

Next week is a busy week with Mardi Gras on Tuesday followed by our Ash Wednesday observance. If you are volunteering to help with our Mardi Gras carnival please make sure you are up to date on the Virtus requirements (contact me if you need to check your status or Stephanie if you need to start the process).

God's Blessings,

Andrea Puhl

From the Office:

- **EdChoice income verification reminder:** ONLY **new families** need to submit their income. If even one of your children are RENEWING their EdChoice application, you don't have to submit your income unless it benefits you to do so.
- **Remember to apply for the SGO at dotsgo.org** if you need additional scholarship money above and beyond EdChoice. You can also apply for Parish Financial Assistance if you need help with a balance after EdChoice and the SGO.
- **Yearbooks** are on sale through **3/31/25**. Order online at <https://shop.memorybook.com>. School Code: 229949M
- **School Mass** can be viewed online. Click the link at **9:00 am, Wednesday, 3/5/25:** <https://venue.streamspot.com/event/NTQ4MjAwNQ>

From the Nurse

Cold and flu season has hit hard this year. Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well. Influenza A and B, strep throat and an intestinal virus are going around the school. The policy on returning to school is fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. 24 hours after last vomiting or diarrhea without medication. Symptoms should have improved as well.

If your child is going to be absent or late, remember to notify the school with the reason. Symptoms are helpful to monitor what all is going around the school. In Ohio, schools are required to contact a student's parent or guardian if a student is absent and has not heard from the parent or guardian.

From Parent Association:



Mardi Gras Carnival

Tuesday, March 4th

Check out the flyer for more information.

Sign up [HERE!](#)



Ash Wednesday



7:30am Mass
9:00am School Mass
12:00pm Ash Service
5:30pm Ash Service
7:00pm Mass

Confessions heard at the top of the hour from 10:00am until 6:00pm



SGO FAQ (Answers to Common Questions about the Scholarship Granting Organization)

How do I know how much I owe (or paid) in state taxes so I know how much tax credit I can receive (up to the maximum allowed of \$750 per individual)?

On Form 1040 IT of your Individual Income Tax Return for the state of Ohio, reference line thirteen (13) or the Total Ohio tax Liability Line. For other tax-related questions, you are encouraged to consult a tax professional.

I read that the donation is non-refundable, what does that mean?

It means that once a gift is made, the SGO is unable to issue a refund to a donor. This term does not refer to the process of receiving a tax refund from the state [More info.](#)

From the Parish

Sign up electronically [here.](#)



TRAVELING CHALICE PROGRAM FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

As you may have noticed, every weekend a different family is receiving the Traveling Chalice to take home as they pray for an increase in priestly vocations for the Diocese of Toledo.

As this Traveling Chalice makes its way around our parish, **every St. Al's family and individual parishioner** is warmly invited and encouraged to receive the chalice into their home and to pray for priestly vocations for a week.

When the first son of St. Al's is eventually ordained a priest, he will receive this chalice as an ordination gift on behalf of the entire parish.

BGSU MEN'S BASKETBALL TICKETS—SPECIAL \$5 PROMOTION FOR ST. AL'S FAMILIES

We are excited to offer a special discount for the Friday, March 7th BGSU Men's Basketball game against Western Michigan! The game follows up the first St. Al's Fish Fry of the season which starts at 4:30pm! Make sure to stop by the Fish Fry and get a bite to eat before heading to the game! The game starts at 7:00pm. It's a perfect opportunity for a great fish dinner and entertainment for a fantastic price!

Enjoy a family-friendly time where you can gather with your fellow parishioners. It is a great way to connect with each other! When you are here, feel free to move around in our general admission section and sit by your friends or say hello to a new friend. If you had joined us for the Akron game in early January, we greatly appreciated your cheering, hope you had an excellent time, and that we will see you again in March!

The tickets for the basketball game are \$5 and once they are purchased they will be sent over to your email. The \$5 tickets can be purchased via this link:

<https://bgsufalcons.venue.net/promotions/STALS>

If you have any challenges with downloading the tickets, we've got you covered! Contact Devin MacRitchie. He is the BGSU Ticket Sales Coordinator and can assist you with getting the tickets. His office number is 419-372-0000 or you can email him at dmacrit@bgsu.edu