



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lion's Roar: November 28, 2022

In the fall of 2011, an anonymous donation in memory of Mr. James Clifton deBrueys was received by St. Aloysius School. Son of Jim and Mary T deBrueys, current St. Aloysius parishioners, James lived most of his life in Kenner, Louisiana. His family moved to Baton Rouge after Hurricane Katrina. After graduating from Brother Martin High School, he attended LSU where he completed a B.A. in anthropology and a minor in Spanish. At twenty-two years old, he was serving as a volunteer teacher through the World Teach Program in the Marshall Islands. While traveling between Arno Atoll and Majuro, his boat was lost at sea. He is greatly missed by all those who knew him. Because James was a young, inspirational teacher who “thought outside of the box,” the donor requested that the gift be awarded to an SAS teacher who incorporated innovative teaching methods in daily lessons. The recipient receives \$250.00 to apply to a school project of choice as well as \$250.00 for personal use.

Our 2022-2023 deBrueys Teacher Award goes to **Debbie Michael**. Some quotes from recommending colleagues include: “Debbie is a creative teacher who is constantly challenging herself by updating and changing her teaching methods and classroom activities to make her class both challenging and fun. She has implemented STEM days where students created weekly STEM challenges, LEGO build days where students use higher order thinking to build increasingly difficult lego designs, and most recently an indoor tower garden. She has high expectations for her students but gives them the resources and support needed to be successful. Debbie is always willing to learn something new or try out a new activity or resource. She is a team player who is always willing to share her ideas or offer help to a colleague. She really gets to know her students and is always willing to help students who need extra attention or support.”

“Debbie uses so many different methods for teaching science with innovative labs, stem projects, interactive notebooks, and class activities. She goes over and beyond what is covered in the textbook to make sure her students truly grasp the material.”

“Debbie goes above and beyond for EVERYONE. She is so helpful and generous with her time and effort, always the “go-to” when there is an issue to be sorted out. Debbie is always searching for ways to improve her teaching methods and make learning fun for her students. One of her latest projects, the indoor garden, is a huge hit with both students and teachers. I truly don't know what we would do without her!”

Congratulations, Ms. Michael!

“ Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.”

Important Dates:

Tuesday, November 29	Vision Screening (Grades 1, 3, 5, 7)
Wednesday, November 30	2nd/3rd Class Mass
Thursday, December 1	5th and 8th Grade Field Trips
Thursday, December 1	No Homework Night
Monday, December 19	<u>No Aftercare</u>
December 19-20	<u>No Buses</u>
December 15, 16, 19, 20	7th/8th Grade Exams
December 15, 16, 19, 20	7th/8th Grade Early Dismissal
Tuesday, December 20	<u>PreK-6th Grade- No School</u>
Wednesday, January 4	Students return to school

GRADE LEVEL MASS: On Wednesday, November 30, 2nd and 3rd grades will be attending mass at 8:15 am. Mrs. Harmon's 3rd grade class is facilitating. Parents and other guests are invited to join us. Please arrive by 8:10 so that the ushers can assist you in finding your seat.

THANK YOU: The Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank would like to express how grateful we are of your generous donation of **1,750 pounds** of food which is equivalent to **1,459 meals!** **This brings your yearly total to 4,630 pounds of food which is equivalent to 3,858 meals!** We are so blessed and humbled by the continued support of the gracious community that we call home. It is donors like you that make a tremendous impact in the fight against hunger. Thank you for joining us in that fight!

Advent Resources: Advent Resources for each week of Advent can be found on our school website. (Parents/Important Links/ Advent Resources) or [by clicking on this link.](#)

Celebrating Advent with Children: During the season of Advent, teachers and students prepare our hearts by lighting the Advent wreath, praying the “O, Antiphons”, and creating ornaments for the Jesse Tree. We invite our families to do the same. Attached to this newsletter is a document to help your family celebrate Week 1 of Advent.

Advent at Aloysius: On Thursday, December 1, 2022 from 5:30 pm-8:00 pm we will meet at the Crepe Myrtle Alley. There will be a Blessing and lighting of Crepe Myrtle Alley, Music by ACTS Brothers Band Chili, Hot Dogs and Sweet Treats, Festive Family Fun.

Want to get involved? adventataloysius@gmail.com Sign up Here:

www.Aloysius.org/ministry-signup

Celebrating Advent for Adults: For your personal reflection this Advent season, there are many online resources available. Some of these include “Best Lent Ever” from Dynamic Catholic, “3-Minute Retreat” from Loyola Press.

On the main page of the Church website (www.aloysius.org), there is a button for all parish families to subscribe to the “Formed” program. “Formed” provides access to many videos and

prayer opportunities.

There are also booklets, *The Word Became Flesh- Reflections for Advent and Christmas*, which can be found in baskets near the doors of the Church.

The mission of St. Aloysius School is to educate the whole child in the Catholic tradition for a life of meaning and purpose.

Monday, November 28, 2022



Dear Parents,

Attached to this letter, you will find pages that can be cut and made into ornaments for an Advent Jesse Tree. To make ornaments, print out pages and cut out the pictures. The picture can be colored and glued to the front of a piece of pink or purple paper. The scripture summary can be cut out and glued to the back of the paper. Each day, your family can pray the prayer of the day and hang the ornament on the tree. The final ornament is for December 24, Christmas Eve.

Wishing you a blessed Advent season,
St. Aloysius Faculty and Staff

Prayer for Monday, November 28- Dear God, help me to bring peace into the world by sharing with others and not losing my temper. Amen. *Encourage your children to make a card for a grandparent or elderly neighbor. Put it in the mail for a special holiday surprise.*

Prayer for Tuesday, November 29- Dear God, help me to listen to your teachings for me, so that I will not sin. Amen.

Discuss vocations with your children. What talents do they have that can be used to make the world a better place?

Prayer for Wednesday, November 30- Dear God, you created the World for us. Help me to take care of the beautiful plants and animals you have given us. Amen.

Discuss a contribution your family can make to those in need. You can bring food for the All School Mass collection on Friday.

Prayer for Thursday, December 1- Dear God, You gave the 10 commandments so that Moses could teach your people how you want them to act. Help me to make good choices that will please you. Amen.

Have each member of the family discuss something new that they learned this week.


Prayer for Friday, December 2- Dear God, Miriam was so excited to be free from Egypt that she sang and danced. Let me show my joy today. Amen.


Play some upbeat Christian music and have a dance party.

Prayer for Saturday, December 3- Dear God, As you did with Jacob, you also spoke to Joseph in dreams. Help us to listen for your voice and share your message with others. Amen.

***As a family treat, rent and watch a video of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"*

Prayer for Sunday, December 4- Dear God, Moses' mother saved him because she loved him. Help us to be kind and loving to our brothers, sisters and friends. Amen. *Have your children draw a picture or write a note to someone your family knows who may be mentally or physically challenged. Put it in the mail to provide the recipient with a nice holiday surprise.*

 <p data-bbox="467 982 706 1003">Isaiah, a lion and lamb (Isaiah 11:1-9)</p>	<p data-bbox="878 604 1105 632">The Lion and the Lamb</p> <p data-bbox="792 659 1192 800">The prophet Isaiah told the Jewish people that one day the Messiah, a Savior would come. The world will be peaceful. The Lion and the Lamb will play together. Jesus is the Messiah.</p>
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	<p data-bbox="922 1150 1062 1178">Adam and Eve</p> <p data-bbox="816 1205 1170 1289">In the teaching story, Adam and Eve were the first people to disobey God. They brought sin into the world.</p>
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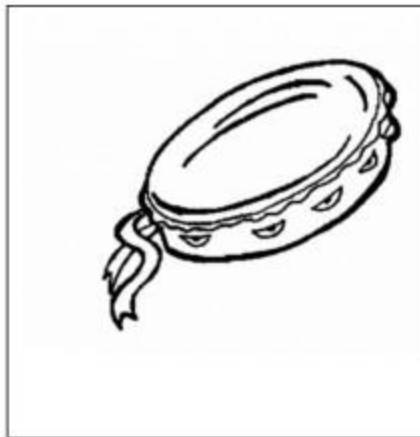
God Created the World

In the teaching story of Genesis, God creates the world in six days. On the seventh day God rested.



The 10 Commandments

Moses led the people of Israel across the desert. God gave the 10 Commandments to Moses so that he could teach the people how to act.



Miriam's Tambourine

Moses led the people across the Red Sea. The Egyptian army who was chasing them got caught in the rushing water that crashed down after the Israelites passed. Miriam was so happy to be free that she played the tambourine and sang and danced with joy.



Joseph and his Coat of Many Colors

Israel (Jacob) loved all 12 of his sons, but he loved Joseph the best of all. He gave Joseph a beautiful coat. Joseph's brothers were very jealous. They sold Joseph to some Egyptians as a slave, but told their father that Joseph had died. Years later, Joseph became an assistant to the Pharaoh of Egypt. He was able to save his family from starvation



Baby Moses

The Israelites stayed in Egypt. The Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. They were afraid that the Israelites might become a powerful army, so they ordered that all the baby boys be killed. Moses's mother put him in a basket that floated and placed him in the water where the princess would bathe. The princess found the baby and decided to adopt him. Moses was saved because his mother loved him so much.