



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lion's Roar: December 13, 2021

Parents,

Several years ago, 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. Because James was a young, inspirational teacher who “thought outside of the box,” the donor requested that every year the gift be awarded to an SAS teacher who incorporated innovative teaching methods into daily lessons. The recipient receives \$250.00 to apply to a school project of choice as well as \$250.00 for personal use. This year’s deBrueys Teacher Award recipient is **Debra Bennett**.

“Mrs. Bennett’s hard work and dedication is shown in many ways: reading with a child before school, spending time working with groups in order to know exactly where each child is in their learning path, the fast yet attainable pace that her class moves, the layers of preparation shown in the lessons she teaches, and her high expectations for each child. She pushes each child to meet or exceed what they thought they could learn. She demands excellence in their work, and they produce it. The confidence she instills in them because she does not allow for excuses serves them well.”

-As submitted by nominating faculty member

“Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.” Amen

Important Dates-

December 13-17

December 14-17

Tuesday, December 14

Wednesday, December 15

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Thursday, December 16

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Friday, December 17

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Christmas Accessories/ Socks may be worn

7th/ 8th Grade Exams

7th/ 8th Grade Early Dismissal; 9:35am

7th/8th Grade Early Dismissal; 10:50am

1st Grade Class Mass

7th/ 8th Grade Early Dismissal; 11:15am

Pajama Day

No School for PreK-6

Buses only run in morning for dropoff

Friday, December 17

**7th/ 8th Grade Early Dismissal; 9:15am
(NO BUS at dismissal time)**

Friday, December 17

End 2nd nine weeks

Monday, January 3

Teacher Inservice/ No school for students

Tuesday, January 4

Students return to school

Tuesday, January 4

3rd nine weeks begins

Monday, January 17

No School- MLK Holiday

CHRISTMAS ACCESSORIES - Beginning Monday, December 13 students may wear Christmas socks and accessories to school. On Thursday, December 16, students may wear appropriate Christmas pajamas. Spirit shirts with sweatpants or school bottoms are also acceptable. Pajamas should be pants and a shirt (no tank tops). If students choose shorts they must be uniform shorts.

EXAMS – Please keep our 7th & 8th Graders in your prayers this week as they take mid-term exams.

MIDTERM EXAM SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 2021

7th Grade: Students should be picked up in the School Administration Building parking lot off Mimosa Street.

Tuesday, December 14: Math- 9:35 Dismissal (Don't forget to bring a calculator.)

Wednesday, December 15: Science and English- 10:50 Dismissal

Thursday, December 16: Social Studies and Religion- 11:15 Dismissal (Pajama Day and caroling)

Friday, December 17: Reading- 9:15 Dismissal

8th Grade: Students should be picked up in Carpool D on Stuart near the Church Office.

Tuesday, December 14: Math- 9:35 Dismissal (Don't forget to bring a calculator.)

Wednesday, December 15: Reading and English- 10:50 Dismissal

Thursday, December 16: Social Studies and Religion- 11:15 Dismissal (Pajama Day and caroling)

Friday, December 17: Science- 9:15 Dismissal

BUSES: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17- Buses will only run the morning route to school. There will be no bus service for dismissal time at 9:15.

COMMUNITY COFFEE LABELS- Reminder: The deadline to submit Community Coffee labels is this WEDNESDAY, December 15.

CELEBRATING ADVENT- This is the third week of the Season of Advent. We hope that this season has brought joy to your household as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior. In the third week, we light the pink candle to remind us of the joyful anticipation of the season. Attached to this newsletter is a document with prayers and Jesse Tree symbols to celebrate the

third and fourth weeks of Advent.

BISHOP OTT SHELTER- The St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting a drive for items at the Bishop Ott Shelter. Items may be dropped off at the Baton Rouge Clinic or at any Albertsons Food store. (**Please do not send to school.**) Toiletry items, paper products, disposable eating items, underwear and cold weather clothing are needed. Please click on the following link for a complete list of needed items. [Other Ways to Contribute — Society of St. Vincent de Paul Baton Rouge \(svdpbr.org\)](#)

TECH TIPS: WHAT IS CYBERBULLYING?

Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place over digital devices like cell phones, computers, and tablets. Cyberbullying can occur through SMS, Text, and apps, or online in social media, forums, or gaming where people can view, participate in, or share content. Cyberbullying includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else causing embarrassment or humiliation. Some cyberbullying crosses the line into unlawful or criminal behavior.

The most common places where cyberbullying occurs are:

- Social Media, such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and Tik Tok
- Text messaging and messaging apps on mobile or tablet devices
- Instant messaging, direct messaging, and online chatting over the internet
- Online forums, chat rooms, and message boards, such as Reddit
- Email
- Online gaming communities

More information can be found here:

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/cyberbullying/what-is-it>

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST- The Knights of Columbus have invited our students to participate in the annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest. Entry posters should measure 11 x 17 inches and be original artwork. An official entry form signed by a parent should be taped to the back of the entry. If your child is interested, he or she may get an entry form from the Religion teacher. Entries are due on Wednesday, December 15.

THANK YOU: We would like to thank our vision screening committee volunteers for their time and skills at our recent vision screening of the 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th graders. Thank you to the St. Aloysius staff and volunteers that allowed for a successful screening: Erin Allen, Lindsey Aucoin, Jill Boullion, Kristen Bourgue, Leslie Edwards, Heather Foote, Marguerite Istre, Taylor Matherne, Aimee Palombo, Jennifer Plaisance, Chrissy Roussel, Kate Sandahl, Rebecca Sonnier, Annie Strogner, Carly Thames, Krista Valluzzo and Stacey Zeringue. We could not have done it without your help!

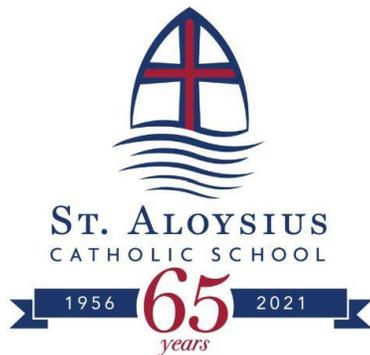
Thank you!

37th Annual Appeal Update:

We are blessed and happy to acknowledge the following gifts we received for our Annual Appeal during the past two months of November and December. We will continue to accept gifts to the Appeal through the end of the school year. We strive for 100% participation because every donation, no matter the size, makes a difference in the lives of our teachers and students.

For more information, visit the Development page on our website: <https://www.aloysius.school/annualappealbrochure>

To make a tax deductible gift using a credit card or ACH, visit our Give Now page: <https://www.aloysius.school/give>



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Monday, December 13, 2021



Dear Parents,

This week, light two purple candles and one pink candle on the Advent wreath. This is the week of joyful waiting. Continue to make Jesse Tree ornaments

On Sunday, December 19, light all four candles on the Advent wreath. There are six days of the fourth week of Advent. Continue to make ornaments to decorate your Jesse tree. The final ornament on the top of the Jesse Tree is the Chi Rho, the symbol of Jesus.

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

Prayer for Monday, December 13- Dear God, The prophet Elijah was a great messenger who delivered God's word to the people. Help me to listen to your words and share them with others. Amen.

Elijah did not die. Elijah went to Heaven in a chariot of fire. Have everyone draw a picture of what that might look like.

Prayer for Tuesday, December 14- Dear God, The prophet Elisha was a great healer. Help us to open our hearts to people who are in need of healing. Amen.

Send a get well card to a family member or friend or visit someone in the nursing home.

Prayer for Wednesday, December 15- Dear God, The prophet Isaiah told the people that you would send the Messiah. Thank you for sending Jesus to us. Amen.

Read the story of the Birth of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke. Act it out using figures from a Nativity scene. When finished, remove Baby Jesus from the scene so he can reappear on Christmas Eve.

Prayer for Thursday, December 16- Dear God, Ruth stayed with the Israelites and learned how to follow you. Help us to be good followers, too. Amen. [The life of Pope Francis in cartoon - Bing video](#)

Help your children learn more about our current pope, Pope Francis

Prayer for Friday, December 17- Dear God, You sent the prophet Ezekiel to bring your message to the people. Thank you for our priests who bring your message to us. Amen. *Draw*

a picture or write a note to your parish priests thanking them for serving us. Put them in the mail for an extra special holiday surprise.

Prayer for Saturday, December 18- Dear God, You protected Daniel from the lions in the den. Protect us as we enjoy our Christmas holiday. Amen.

Donate to a charity. Find a Salvation Army Santa and put money in the bucket. Or decide, as a family, to whom you can send a donation.

Prayer for Sunday, December 19- Dear God, Thank you for giving us Mary as our mother in Heaven. Together we pray the "Hail Mary."

Use the gift of humor today. Watch a funny holiday movie as a family.

Prayer for Monday, December 20- Dear God, Thank you for sending St. Joseph to be our role model. Joseph worked hard to provide for Mary and Jesus. Help me to do my chores in a cheerful way. Amen.

Encourage everyone to do their part to clean up and prepare for the family Christmas celebration. When the chores are done, enjoy a nice cup of hot chocolate.

Prayer for Tuesday, December 21- Dear God, the shepherds were keeping watch in the fields to protect their sheep. Thank you for our parents who watch over and protect us. Amen.

Make a sheep ornament by gluing cotton balls to an index card cut in the outline of a sheep.

Prayer for Wednesday, December 22- Dear God, the wise men travelled miles to see the baby Jesus. Help us to remember the special gift that you gave us by giving us your Son. Amen.

Listen to the song "We three Kings." Put the magi at a distance from the manger so that every day they can get closer.

Prayer for Thursday, December 23- Dear God, Be with us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of your son. Amen.

Have some fun. Sing "Joy to the World". Enjoy all of your wonderfully exhausting family Christmas activities.

Prayer for Friday, December 24- Dear God, Thank you for sending us your Son to save us. Amen. *Put Baby Jesus in the manger and sing "Silent Night."*

Your St. Aloysius family is praying for you to have an inspirational and meaningful celebration of the Christmas Season.



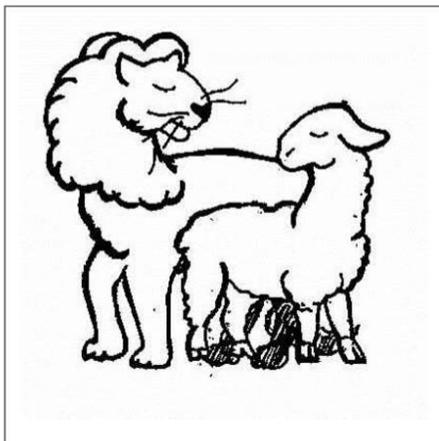
The Prophet Elijah
1 Kings, Chapter 18

Elijah was a mighty prophet. When the king's wife Jezebel tried to make people believe in the false god, Baal, Elijah had a competition. The prophets of Baal could not call down fire to consume their sacrifice. Elijah prayed to God and immediately fire consumed the sacrifice, the wood and even the stones of the altar.



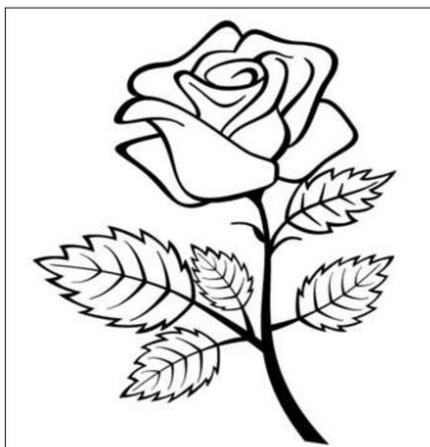
The Prophet Elisha
2 Kings 5, 1-27

Elisha the Prophet was a great healer. One time the king of Aram sent his army commander to Israel. The army commander, Naaman, had the disease of leprosy. Elisha prayed to God and then told Naaman to go wash seven times in the River Jordan. Naaman did as Elisha said and was cured of his leprosy.



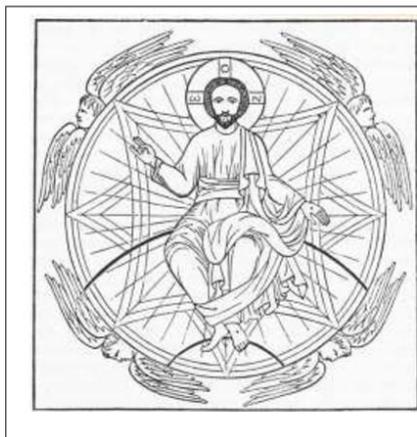
The Prophet Isaiah
Isaiah 11, 1-9

Isaiah was a prophet. He brought God's message to the Israelites when they were prisoners in the land of Babylon. Isaiah said for the people to remain faithful and God would send the Messiah. The Messiah would lead them into a life of peace. He said that even the lion and the lamb would play together peacefully.



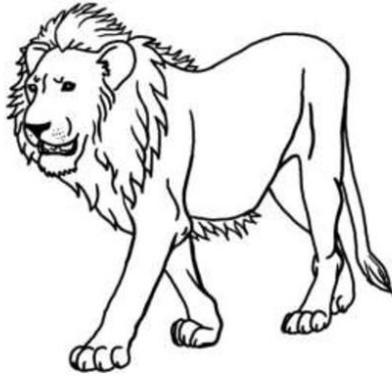
Ruth
Ruth 1, 15-18

Ruth was married to the son of an Israelite woman named Naomi. After Ruth's husband died, Naomi said that Ruth could go back and live with her own people. But Ruth said that she would remain with Naomi and take care of her. Ruth was very good and her actions were pleasing to God, even though she was not born into the tribe of Israel.



The Prophet Ezekiel
Ezekiel 1, 15-21

Ezekiel was a great prophet. God would give visions to Ezekiel. It is by reading about these visions that we get an idea of what Heaven is like.



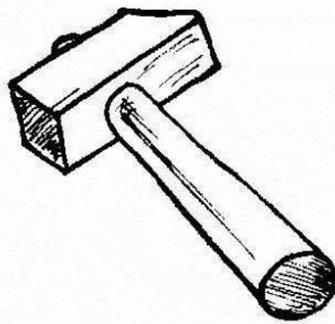
The Prophet Daniel
Daniel 6, 1-24

The Babylonians had taken all of the Israelites to be prisoners in the land of Babylon. Daniel was faithful to God's law. He refused to break the law by eating the wrong foods. Daniel was put into a den of lions overnight. The next morning, the king expected to find that Daniel had been killed by the lions. Instead, Daniel was calmly resting and the lions were all sitting at his feet.



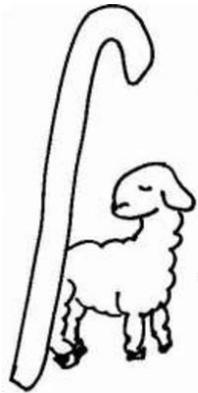
Mary, the Mother of Jesus
Luke 1, 26-38

Mary was a teenager when an angel of God appeared to her. The angel asked if Mary would be the mother of God's son. Mary said, "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say."



Joseph the Carpenter
Matthew 1, 19-25

Joseph was betrothed to Mary when he found out she was going to have a baby. At first, Joseph did not want to marry her, but God appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him that the baby was the Son of God. Joseph obeyed and took care of Mary and Jesus for the rest of his life.



The Shepherds
Luke 2, 8-20

The Shepherds were keeping watch over the flocks at night. Suddenly the angels appeared and told them about the birth of Jesus. The angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to people of good will."



The Magi
Matthew 2, 1-12

After Jesus was born, Magi from the east followed the star to Jerusalem. They asked Herod where they could find the newborn King of the Jews. They were told to go to Bethlehem. They found the baby Jesus.

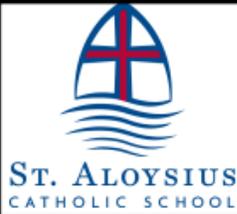
They did not go back and tell Herod where the baby lived, because Herod was jealous and did not want to have another king around.



The Chi Rho (Jesus)
John 1, 1-5

In the beginning was the Word.
And the Word was with God.
And the Word was God.

Merry Christmas!



New Student Application Period
December 1, 2021 - January 13, 2022

Apply Online at
www.aloysius.school/admissions



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2022-2023 Application Process

Tuesday, December 1, 2021
Application Period Opens

Thursday, January 13, 2022
Application Period Closes

Saturday, January 22, 2022
New Applicant Screening

Thursday, February 10, 2022
Acceptance Letters Emailed and Mailed

Tuesday, February 15, 2022
New Student Registration Due

You will need the following items to apply:

- ◆ Birth Certificate
- ◆ Social Security Card
- ◆ Baptismal Certificate
- ◆ Official Immunization Record
- ◆ Education/Psychological Evaluations
(if applicable)
- ◆ Prior Report Cards and Standardized Test Scores
(Grades 1- 8, if applicable)
- ◆ St. Aloysius Parish Church ID Number
- ◆ \$150.00 Application Fee *(non-refundable)*

Questions:

Contact us at 225-383-3871 or email us at admissions@aloysius.org

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