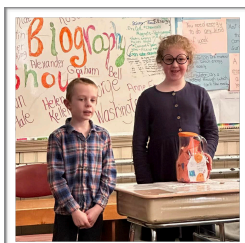


# St. Aloysius Catholic School

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In May, students in grades 4-8 will be heading to Boston to visit the USS Constitution Museum to spend the day in the life of a youth sailor. Students will also be taking a guided tour along the Freedom Trail from Boston Common to Faneuil Hall. We received a generous grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that covers the \$300 program at the USS Constitution Museum, and courtesy of the generosity of the USS Constitution Museum, we also received a grant for \$800 that covers the cost of transportation. Thank you to Mrs. Casiello for applying for these grants.



Students grades 2-3 put on a Biography Show for their parents, complete with costumes, commercials and a cafe!! What a great way to practice public speaking.



What a wonderful and full Catholic School's Week we had! From the various N.U.T. Days to special guests, community outreach, and even Bingo, students had many opportunities to celebrate and appreciate our Catholic faith and our school family.

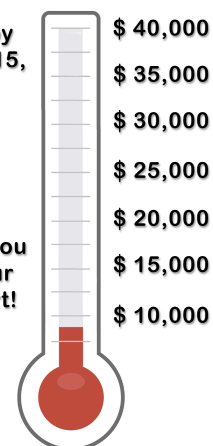


Our Scholarship Drive is in its final days. As of this writing, we have raised \$7,500 towards our \$40,000 goal! All donations raised up to that amount through March 15, 2024, will be matched dollar for dollar. To donate, simply send a check to the school at the address at the top of this page, scan QR code above or use this link: <https://www.staloyuscs.com/support/scholarship-fund/>

Financial Aid to attend St. Aloysius Catholic School for the 2024-2025 school year is available to qualifying students entering Kindergarten through Grade 8 through the Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester. The cost to apply is \$40. The deadline for submission is Friday, March 8, 2024. Here is the link: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid> You do not need to attend Mass in Worcester County to apply.

Goal by  
March 15,  
2024

Thank you  
for your  
support!



If you have younger children who will be attending St. A's next year, please fill out the necessary paperwork so that we can reserve a spot for them. Likewise, please encourage friends or family members to reach out to Roberta for a tour. Space is filling up fast in some of our classrooms.

## Faith Formation *with Ms. DiPietro*

During Lent, we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:** On this day the church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal mystery. The Mass of the Holy Chrism is celebrated on the Tuesday of Holy Week. The Chrism Mass gathers the diocesan family to celebrate the unity of all persons who have been anointed with Holy Chrism at Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. The bishop will bless the Holy Oils to be used in our parishes and diocesan liturgies in the coming year. During this Mass, the priests of the Diocese will renew their commitment to service in the Church.

**SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM - Holy Thursday:** Lent concludes with the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, which is the principal liturgy of the day. On Holy Thursday, the only Masses permitted are the Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Chrism Mass. It is appropriate that the oils for the sick, catechumens and Sacred Chrism, which are blessed by the bishop during the Chrism Mass, be presented to and received in local parish communities. **Good Friday:** According to the Church's ancient tradition, Mass is not celebrated on this day. Liturgy of the Word ( consists of all the readings) First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading, The Passion of the Lord, Veneration of the Cross, Priest - "This is the wood of the Cross" People respond - Come let us worship, Holy Communion. **Holy Saturday:** Night (Vigil) The church is in darkness, the lighting of the new fire takes place outside. The new paschal candle is lit from the new fire. The Priest carries the lit Paschal candle into the dark church and proclaims "it is light of Christ" people in the pews light their candles, when Father reaches the sanctuary the whole church is lit with candlelight. There are reading from the Old & New Testament. When the Epistle is read all the lights in the church are turned on. The Gospel acclamation "Alleluia" is sung for the first time since Lent began. This a wonderful celebration. **Easter Sunday - The Mass of Resurrections is celebrated.**

CHRIST IS RISEN - ALLELUIA !!!

## Happy March Birthdays!

Hannah - Gr 2      Gabriel - Gr 5      Dominic -Gr 2  
Christopher - Gr 8      Kaia - Gr 1      Maren - Pre K  
Scarlet - Pre-K

*May God Bless You on your birthday and always!*

## From the Desk of Nurse Maxine

**Good sleep, good nutrition and regular physical exercise are essential** to kids' ability to rise to the challenges of everyday life. Kids need a lot of sleep — 8 to 10 hours a night for teens, 9 to 11 for school-aged children, and 10 to 14 for preschoolers and toddlers. Kids should get two fruit and three vegetable servings every day — half of your child's plate at each meal. Spending time together as a family doing relaxing activities is a great way to bond and have fun, while building a foundation of healthy habits in the process.



## Art

We will be finishing up our self portrait assignments early in March, followed by projects to celebrate Spring and Easter.

## Music

In music, we'll be revisiting old composer friends and listening to music about Spring from Vivaldi to Stravinsky. Rhythm, pitch and history facts will come in handy for classroom games.

## French

**Pre-K** - A song about tying shoes and how to say what we like and dislike. **K** -The book :Tatou le Matou. **1** - We will continue describing oneself and others using the verb ÊTRE and Négation. **2-3** - We will continue to practice physical descriptions and introduce the family. **4&5** - Unit 2 - La Famille with a focus on speaking. **6** - Unit 3 - La Ville - writing and listening activities.**7&8** - Unit 4 - Les Maisons et les Appartements- writing and listening activities.

## Science Exploration

Young explorers will continue with in-class experiments and weather permitting, they will start documenting spring growth and activity along the trail.

## Gym

Gym continues outside weather permitting. Please remember your hats and gloves! We will be playing basketball and racing games. The fun moves inside when weather does not cooperate.