

# St. Aloysius Catholic School

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PTO's Spring Fling Family Dance was held, appropriately, on the very first day of spring! Students and their families, along with a

number of our faculty, had a great time dancing, taking pictures in the photo booth and enjoying each other's company! Thanks to our PTO for supplying the DJ and the snacks.

Students in Grades 6, 7 & 8 attended the Mass for Life on March 25, at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Worcester, MA, in the company of other schools from the Worcester Diocese. This annual event is held on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, the day when Mary said "yes" to Angel Gabriel and agreed to give life to Jesus. We are thankful to Mrs. Rudnansky, Mrs. Strogoff, Mrs. Casiello and Nurse Deb for accompanying the students. They enjoyed a pizza lunch on the return trip.



## ANNUAL FUND DRIVE update

Thanks to your generosity, we've raised \$18,900 so far! We're getting closer to our \$40,000 goal and would love your help to finish strong. Every donation is matched dollar for dollar—please consider making a last-minute gift. <https://www.staloyuscs.com/support/annual-drive-fund/>

Save the Date - June 6, 2026

10 Year Anniversary Celebration Chicken Barbecue



The Knights of Columbus Council #183 will be hosting a Chicken Barbecue fundraiser on June 6, 2026, at St. Mary's Church Hall to celebrate our 10 amazing years. This family-friendly event will feature something for everyone, including a yummy lunch, a bounce house, DJ, raffles, and more! Be sure to secure your tickets during our pre-sale, now through April 27, using the form sent home. Your support means everything and your attendance will ensure our success. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

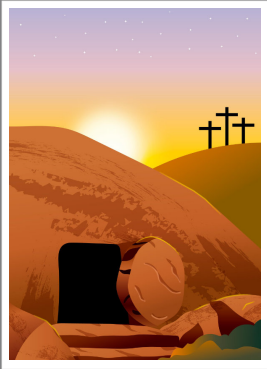
## \*\* Enrollment News \*\*

We're excited to welcome several new students to our school community for the 2026–2027 school year! If you know a family who may be interested in learning more about our school, please encourage them to join us for our Open House on Monday, April 6, from 3:00–5:00 PM. It's a great opportunity to explore what makes our community special. We also offer daytime tours for those who would like to see our classrooms in action.

Call the school at 413-477-1268 or email Roberta McQuaid [rmcquaid@staloyuscatholicsschool.com](mailto:rmcquaid@staloyuscatholicsschool.com)

## Faith Formation *with Ms. DiPietro*

### The Promise of Spring and Resurrection



After the long winter, we are all eagerly anticipating the arrival of warmer weather. This season reminds us of God's creation and the renewal that comes with it. As we look around, it becomes clear that what seemed dead and lifeless is now coming back to life. The signs of Renewal: Small buds emerge on tree branches, indicating new growth. These bumps will soon become buds, and eventually, vibrant new leaves will emerge. Deep within the trunk, sap starts to flow, soon to be collected, marking another phase in the tree's cycle of renewal. The hills nearby are growing brighter, and before long, they will display several shades of fresh green. This wonderful transformation is a fitting time to celebrate Jesus's resurrection. The empty tomb stands as a testament that Jesus's words are true. He fulfilled His promise by conquering sin and death for all time. This is God's greatest act of love: to redeem mankind and bring salvation to everyone. ALLELUIA!

### Happy April Birthday!

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

**Thea - Gr 1   Lachlan - Gr 4   Finnegan - Pre-K   Loretta - Gr 1**  
**Victoria - Gr 3   Nicholas - Gr 6   Gabriel - Gr 3   Sebastian - Pre-K**

### From the Desk of Nurse Deb

Playgrounds provide important opportunities for children learning to explore their environments, develop skills for play and gain confidence. They are also exciting places for children to be outdoors and active, and to make friends.

Despite these great benefits, playgrounds are also common places where kids get hurt. Safety measures should always be in place to ensure a fun, safe environment for children.

There are several things that parents and caregivers can do to help make the playground safer for children. This includes constant adult oversight, ensuring that equipment is free of potential hazards, and steering kids to age-appropriate play areas.



### Art

We're starting April off by celebrating poetry month with some word-based Art.

Following that, we're celebrating all things Spring. Older classes will be starting a paper sculpture mask project.

### Music

Recorder students in grades 4-8 have really improved their skills.

(They are welcome to take instruments home provided they store them in their school backpacks to bring back!).

Younger classes are doing lots of facts activities and fun songs.

### French

Bonjour! Preschool- Gr. 8 will be learning age appropriate vocab and grammar. We will continue to practice spontaneous speaking and learning new dialogs! Gr. 6/7/8 are conjugating regular and irregular verbs. Grades K-5 will continue practicing numbers 1-100 in French!

### Science Exploration

As the weather continues to improve we will be excited to resume classes outdoors! Get ready to explore salamanders, rock formations and the life cycles of plants that grow near the school.

### Gym

Great effort and fun in our gym classes last month. We will be heading outside for gym soon. Please remember appropriate footwear for the season.