

St. Aloysius Catholic School

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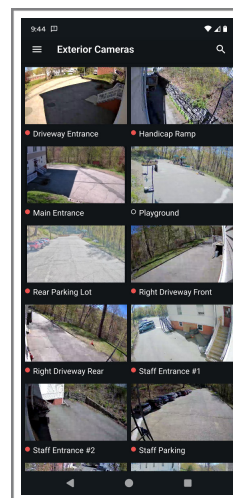
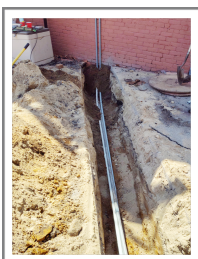
On April 10th, Grades 4-8 had the opportunity to visit the American Heritage Museum in Hudson, MA. The museum contains a wealth of museum history and artifacts ranging from World War I to the War in Iraq. Students were also given the opportunity to experience a new VR experience about a woman who survived the Holocaust. It was an enjoyable visit; students hope to return in the future!



Help us spread the Word! We are in the final days of ticket sales!! The Knights of Columbus Council #183 will be holding a Chicken Barbecue at St. Mary's Church Hall on May 10, 2025 from 1-4 pm to benefit our school. A flyer and ticket order form went home the beginning of April. In addition to a yummy lunch provided by the K of C, there will be music by DJ Brian, wine tastings by Hardwick Vineyard and Winery, a grand prize offering, raffles and face painting for the kids! Please consider attending this event to support our school. If you know of anyone interested in donating to our raffle baskets or becoming an event sponsor, please have them reach out to rmcquaid@staloyiuscatholicsschool.com Our final deadline for ticket purchases is May 4.

Sincere thanks go to our sponsors (as of this printing) for the event: Gold Level: HZ Electrical Supply; Robert Shamey DMD, Pioneer Valley Environmental, AXIS CNC Inc. & the Glen Larzazs family, Bell and Hudson Insurance Agency. Silver Level: Quirk Wire, Dr Thomas A. Schultz, Joshua Lynch Journeyman Electrician, Berthiaume and Berthiaume Attorneys, J.C. Pools, Inc., Ann Eurkus

Our Annual Fund Drive, including the match raised an amazing \$95,368.40! Speaking of success, the PTO Butterbraid fundraiser earned over \$1440 in profit. As well, our N.U.T Day to benefit Halfway Home Cat Rescue was also very well received, with \$309 going to support their efforts to foster and adopt homeless cats. We are grateful for each and every donation, big or small.



Many thanks go to Dan McQuaid for his work seeing our first security grant come to fruition over April break. This grant, from the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, was just shy of \$75,000. Its proceeds have enabled the school to finish its perimeter fencing, install parking lot lighting, a new door intercom system and many more cameras on the property. We also received a second grant to continue our efforts, and Dan will be orchestrating that work as well.

The Mission Statement of St. Aloysius Catholic School

St. Aloysius Catholic School is traditional in its teaching and understanding of Catholic doctrine. With a foundation built on faith, rooted in the incarnate love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are dedicated to challenging each student through the following: innovative academics, developing good character, cultivating a spirit of charity for the community, supporting the family, and fostering a deep love for Jesus. Our ultimate goal is for each child to be set on a path to be the very best person that our Lord created them to be.

Faith Formation *with Ms. DiPietro*

Resurrection; We have just observed Lent and Holy Week. We have walked with Jesus during his Passion, stood with him as he was crucified and died, and now we stand as witnesses of his resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Apostles truly were witnesses. They saw the empty tomb. They saw Jesus in the upper room. They walked, talked and ate with him. Jesus prepared them for this moment, yet it was difficult to understand even after it happened. On the road to Emmaus Jesus asked the two men what are you talking about? They didn't recognize Jesus until the breaking of the bread.

As Christian believers, we know what has happened. We have read it for years. We have heard it proclaimed. We learned about it in Religious Education classes. We know that Jesus rose from the dead and we recite it in the Creed. But there is knowing something happened, and then there is professing and believing it. Knowing is not good enough. We must believe, and the resurrection must change our lives. Do you just know about the resurrection, or do you truly believe? Do we recognize him in the breaking of the bread?

Lord, help me to believe that you died and rose for me.

Fr. Edward Looney

Happy May/June Birthdays!

Lilliana - Gr 5 Maverick - PS Dahlia - PK Dominic. - K

Emersyn - PK Jakob - Gr 3 Oliver - Gr 1

May the Lord bless you on your birthday and always!

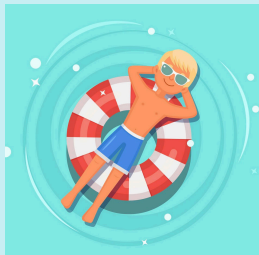
From the Desk of Nurse Debbie

A Safe Summer

Every pool, every lake, every beach near water and every warm summer day holds the possibility of new, fun summer experiences. All you need to add is your undivided attention. **Pool Safety:** ·

Designate a water watcher every single time children are in your care and in or near the water. **Sun Safety:** · Apply sunscreen, put on a hat, wear sunglasses and protective clothing, hydrate, and seek shade. **Bug**

Safety: · Prevent mosquito and tick bites by using insect repellent, wear long sleeve shirts and pants when out in the woods and check yourself often for any bites or ticks. **Bike Safety:** · Inspect your bike prior to riding, wear bright clothing to be seen, wear a helmet and follow the rules of the road.



Art

The expectation of nice weather will lure classes outdoors in May! Upper grade Art classes will be working on perspective drawings, while younger classes will be having fun with plant and animal inspired drawings.

Music

Outdoors here we come! Music classes will be learning about American composers and the styles that influenced them. Upper grades will be working on new recorder music as an ensemble.

French

Pre-K - Colors, Hair and Eyes.

Kindergarten - The Sense of Hearing and Numbers 1-10. **Grades 1-3** - Unit 2 - Describing family. **Grades 4-5** - Unit 3 - The City- Working on vocabulary **Grades 6-7** - Unit 4 - Houses and Apartments - Working on vocabulary. **Grade 8** - Unit 7 - Education - Working on vocabulary.

Science Exploration

We will be celebrating Arbor Day by planting white pine saplings, and Earth Day by cleaning school grounds and the fitness trail. Water chemistry and microscope adventures continue when indoors.

Gym

This month in gym we will be playing kickball and hockey, weather permitting. Games continue inside when weather is not so great.