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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 23, 2024

Storms...

Morning Church!

From my recent conversations, we're still struggling in a post-pandemic malaise. Our personal uneasiness is compounded by ongoing gun violence; wars; cultural contentions around hospitality for drifting refugees; climate change; gender, wealth and healthcare inequality; and barefaced racism. We are "trying to find our sea legs" during these concurrent **storms**, all of which create a spiritual seasickness in an unending squall of emotions and trauma.

Becoming resilient in these spiritual storms teaches us to trust when faith is challenged and we're about to "go under a third time." As you reflect on the past year, has your trust deepened? Did you turn to The Calmer of the Storm for stronger faith or just plow through, discounting your true feelings of helplessness, anxiety, loneliness, and vulnerability?

It's well-documented: it's unhealthy to suppress negative feelings. Suppressing these feelings leads to unnecessary physical stress, a negative change in your blood pressure, memory fog, and low self-esteem.

When storms try to shake your inmost calm,
do you cling to Jesus, the Rock of Faith?
In the tumult and strife of our concurrent pandemics
does your soul still hear The Divine's Music?

These shared, concurrent storms will begin to calm when we turn to Jesus in honest prayer around feelings. If you can't feel anything, pray your numbness, pray for a soul so transparent that you can see yourself as Jesus does, with all your fears, anxieties, angers, resentments, loneliness, and possibilities.

Pray with bold honesty. Dare to stand up in the storm
that rages in and around you and your Dear Neighbors.

Name your faithjourney storms.

Ask Jesus to help you to own and navigate them.

When you've done this, how can you keep from singing?

In CommUNITY,




Blessing in the Storm

I cannot claim
to still the storm
that has seized you,
cannot calm
the waves that wash
through your soul,
that break against
your fierce and
aching heart.

But I will wade
into these waters,
will stand with you
in this storm,
will say peace to you
in the waves,
peace to you
in the winds,
peace to you
in every moment
that finds you still
within the storm.

~ Jan Richardson

 HEARTwork

Reflecting & Acting on The Word

Take a moment to reflect on on your "storms".

Ask Jesus for his grace to calm your storms.

Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>



J U N E	
30	13 th Sun OT
J U L Y	
07	14 th Sun OT
09	Communion Service, 12:15p
10	Choir, 7p
14	15 th Sun OT
	15 Give blood Elkin Rescue Sq. 1:30-6:00p
16	Communion Service, 12:15p
	17 RCIA Inquiry, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
18	Wise Ones, TBA 1p 
	20 Men's Breakfast Group, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
21	16 th Sun OT
23	Communion Service, 12:15p
24	Choir, 7p 
28	17 th Sun OT
30	Communion Service, 12:15p

☪ Mass Intentions	
30	St. Stephen Parishioners
07	Melisa Bustos +Carol & Chick McQuade

Birthdays & Anniversaries



30 Aileen Cahill, Susana Martinez, Daniel Reikowsky

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| 02 Jorge Lopez | 20 Joyce Kelly |
| 04 Matthew Kelly | 21 Rose Ameila Kelly |
| S. Janis McQuade | Joseph Martinez |
| David Serafin | 22 Barbara DeJohn |
| 06 Bryan Wagoner | 24 Kevin Robinson |
| 08 Isidro Rodriguez | 26 Lorraine Benfanti |
| 11 Julia Mantero | Candace Fuentes |
| 18 Eileen Ouellette | Frank Simon |
| 20 Joyce Kelly | 31 Orlando Trinidad |
| 21 Rose Ameila Kelly | |
| 14 Dianne & Andy Crawford | 16 Pauline & Fred Sener |
| 22 Ashley & Aymes Davis | 27 Jaquie & John Darcey |
| 31 Cindy Whitley & Ozzie Martinez | |



You're invited to **RECYCLE** your **ink cartirdges** at church. The recycled cartridges points are used to buy church office supplies. Thank you!

Going on vacation?

See this website for Mass times.

www.Masstimes.org



Clip here & place in basket

Your Help Is Needed, Please!!

Altar Linen Ministry: (ALM)

Needed: Any parishioner who is willing to launder & iron four pieces of altar linens per week. It's an uncomplicated, important ministry. Preparation on how to iron altar linens provided.

Pastoral Care Ministers: (PCM)

Needed: EMs willing to bring Eucharist to those who are hospitalized/homebound.

Meals to the Elderly (MTE)

Needed: Adults willing to join our MTE team and deliver meals to the area homebound.

For more information or any questions, please contact S. Janis, (336) 835-3007 or complete form and place in basket. Thank you!



Yes, I'm willing to train & serve in the following ministries ALM PCM MTE

Name _____

Area Code & Best phone _____



Annual Yard Sale
Saturday, July 27

Donations *do not* include:

Clothing
Unframed glass
Opened paint cans
Large appliances
Cribs or baby equipment

Books without covers
Large or CRT televisions
Building supplies
Broken items
Dirty items

Please do your part:
donate items, come to the Yard Sale
and buy something!

Yard sales proceeds will be directed towards
a parish need or charity.

Last year the proceeds went towards our new church roof.

Trust in God



In today's Gospel reading the apostles became very afraid when a storm came up and the boat they were in started to sink.

Jesus was asleep in the boat, but when they woke Him up He told the storm to stop and it did!



Have you ever been very afraid? There are lots of things that can really scare us. Jesus wants us to turn to Him with faith when we are afraid. Sometimes God lets us be scared so that we will remember to ask for help.

If ever you feel scared, pray to Jesus right away. He can help to calm your fear, and He can help you to make good decisions. God is always there for us, even when things seem hopeless!



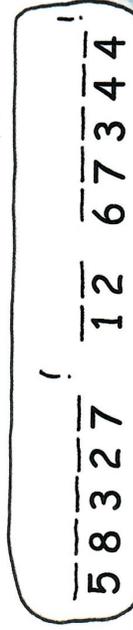
Here's an easy prayer you can say:
Jesus, I trust in You!

Answer to Psalm 107 Puzzle: ships, waters, waves, rescued, breeze, stilled, give, children. TRUSTING

Answer to front page: Quiet! Be Still!

The Kids' Bulletin

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel reading Jesus fell asleep in the boat with the apostles when a big storm came up. The apostles were frightened and woke Him. Jesus stood up and said something and the storm and the sea obeyed Him.

What did he say? Use the code to find out!

B E I L Q S T U
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

June 21

ALOYSIUS WAS BORN IN ITALY IN 1568. HIS FAMILY WAS RICH AND VERY POWERFUL. AT AGE 9 ALOYSIUS DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO GOD.



ALOYSIUS LIVED AMONG WEALTHY PEOPLE BUT HE GAVE UP HIS INHERITANCE.



HE RECEIVED HIS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FROM ST. CHARLES BORROMEO.



AFTER A LONG TIME HIS FATHER FINALLY ALLOWED HIM TO ENTER THE SEMINARY.



WHEN HE WAS SICK IN BED, ALOYSIUS READ THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS.



ALOYSIUS KEPT HIS HEART AND MIND PURE EVEN WHEN HE WAS SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT SIN.



I'm not feeling very good...



WHEN HE WAS 23, ALOYSIUS WAS HELPING LOOK AFTER PEOPLE WHO HAD CAUGHT A PLAGUE. HE ALSO GOT SICK AND DIED FROM THE PLAGUE ON JUNE 21, 1591.



SANT ALOYSIUS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE TO YOUNG PEOPLE. HE CHOSE TO BECOME HOLY EVEN THOUGH HE WAS SURROUNDED BY SIN AND LUXURY. HE SAID THAT WITHOUT PENANCE WE DRIFT AWAY FROM GOD. WE CAN IMITATE ST. ALOYSIUS BY PRAYING AND DOING PENANCE WHEN WE FEEL TEMPTED TO SIN.

Psalm 107 Word Puzzle

Unscramble the missing words and use the letters in boxes to fill the blanks at the end.

They who sailed the sea in (HSPIS)
trading on the deep (SRTAWE)
These saw the works of the Lord
and his wonders in the abyss.

His command raised up a storm wind
which tossed its (VWESA) on high.
They mounted up to heaven; they sank to the depths;
their hearts melted away in their plight.

They cried to the Lord in their distress;
from their straits
he (UCESRED) them.
He hushed the storm
to a gentle (EBERZE)
and the billows of the sea
were (LSTILDE)

They rejoiced that they were calmed,
and he brought them to their desired haven.
Let them (VGIE) thanks to the Lord
for his kindness

and his wondrous deeds to the
 (RNECLDIH) of men.

This is a story of sailors 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 in God.