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Nov. 1, 2011

Parent Reminders:

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME- Just a reminder that Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 6. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour this Saturday.

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING- This Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, there will be a meeting in the library. Mr. Nunes will be going over how to interpret the students test scores that were sent home.

MASS CHANGE- The liturgy this week, Friday, November 4, will be prepared by grade 6. The Liturgy for Friday, November 18, will be prepared by Grade 1.

FASHION SHOW- Ticket money is now PAST DUE! If you have not turned your ticket money in, please do so ASAP. You will not be assigned a table until your money has been received. Please make sure your guests write their names on the back of their ticket.

We still have tickets available. If you would still like to attend, please call DeAnna at 686-4945 to get your tickets.

Sign up sheets are available in school office for kitchen help on Tuesday, November 8 and Wednesday, November 9. We need help both days and also need help with lunch serving on Wednesday from 11:45- approx 12:30. If you are able to help, please sign up in office.

We also need help decorating on Tuesday, November 8. If you aren't a cook but would like to help, please come out to Heritage Complex any time after 9:00 am and we can put you to work! This is a great way to earn extra hours and have fun at the same time!

8TH GRADE BREAKFAST BAKE SALE- On Sunday, November 20th, the St. Aloysius 8th grade class will have their annual 8th Grade Breakfast & Country Bake Sale. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards their 8th grade trip at the end of the year. You may still purchase breakfast tickets through the office. Tickets are \$7.00 each. It will be a great breakfast for all to enjoy! If you would like to help the eighth grade raise money for their eighth grade trip and earn hours, please consider baking items for the Country Bake Sale. The bake sale has proven to be very profitable and popular. Many people buy for Thanksgiving, etc. so we would love to be well stocked. Please see attached flier for more information.
Eighth Grade Breakfast Ticket Money is due by Monday, November 14.

SCRIP- We now have Taco Bell!!!! \$10 gift cards with a 5% discount. They will be available starting this Thursday. The holidays are approaching, if you have large orders for Thanksgiving or Christmas, please allow 2 weeks for those orders. Due to the high volume during the holidays, we incur longer shipping times. Please plan ahead and get your orders in early!

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL: Thank you to all of the parents that brought the yummy cookies for the carnival, as well as to the room moms that helped set up, clean up, and serve drinks and treats to all of the students. Your help is greatly appreciated. Also, all platters have been washed and are on the stage in the cafeteria to be picked up. Thanks again!!

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HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA - Ticket money and stubs are now DUE! Please get your stubs/money into the school office ASAP. Remember: all outstanding tickets will be billed on November 15th. Questions? Please contact Kathleen Johnson #804-6866 or Liz Pires #799-1133. Also, there are still tickets available for the December 3rd Holiday Extravaganza. Have you checked with your friends/family to see if they have their tickets yet? This event sells out every year, so please be sure to pick up tickets NOW if you know of people interested in attending the event. The Holiday Extravaganza is great fun and is rapidly approaching! Please contact Liz Pires for tickets at #799-1133.

The sports theme table is looking for donations for this year's silent auction. If you or any family members/friends are able to donate any sports related items such as sport event tickets, memorabilia or gear, please make contact with Danny Santana at 967-5674. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Please see attached flier for more information regarding the Live Auction.

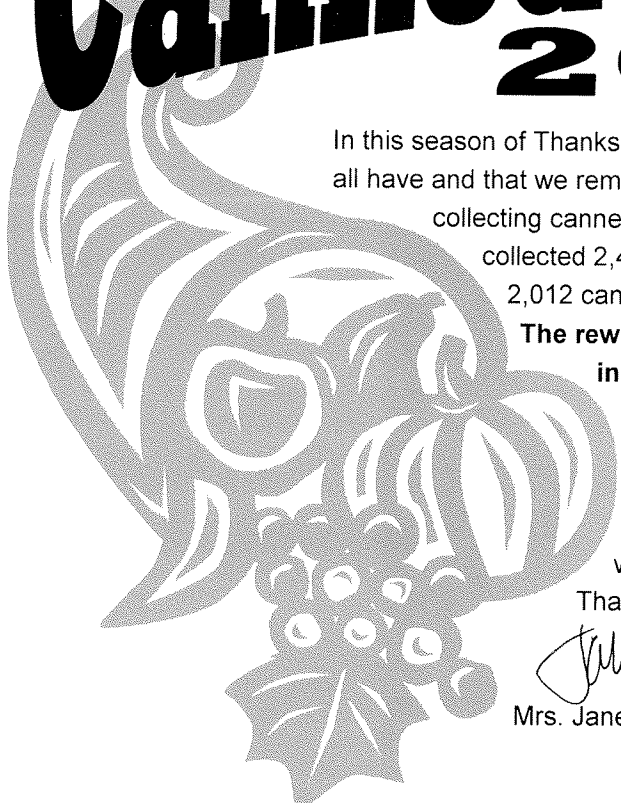
CANNED FOOD DRIVE- Student Council will again sponsor a Canned Food Drive for the Salvation Army this year. Please help us to achieve our goal of collecting over 2,000 items. You may send these items to your child's classroom.

POETRY & PROSE- Information will go home this Thursday regarding auditions in December.

DAYCARE- Daycare is looking for a new or used laptop for the kids to play educational games while they are in daycare. If you have one that you would like to donate, please contact Colleen Rocha or the school office. Thank you!

GAMES- Wednesday, November 2, St. Al's plays at Pixley. Games start at 3:30pm.
Friday, Nov. 4, Varsity only will play at home against Tulare Christian, 1:00pm.

Canned Food Drive 2011



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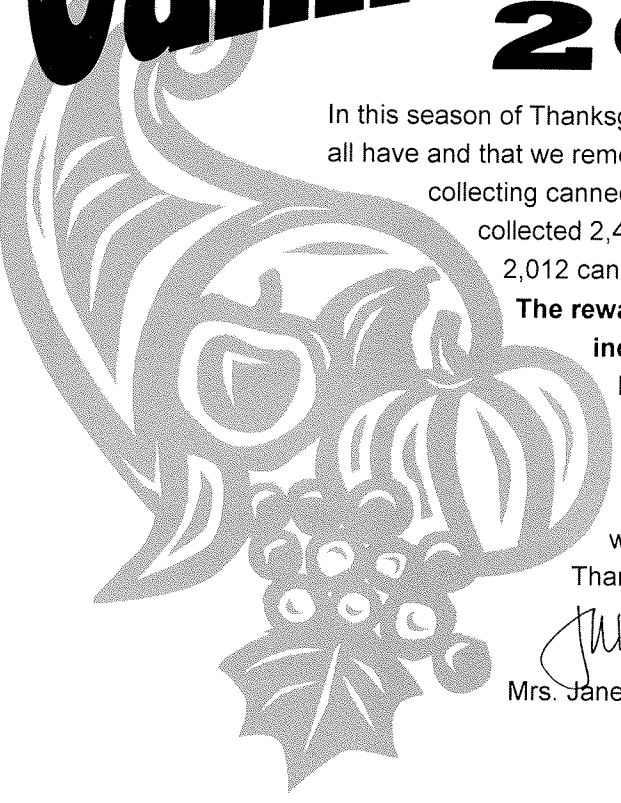
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Thank you,



Mrs. Jane Machado, Student Council Advisor

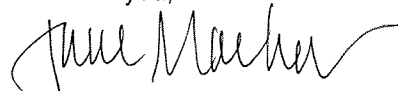
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Mrs. Jane Machado, Student Council Advisor

The 8th Grade Class would like
to invite you to donate to our
BAKE SALE!

The bake sale is held during the 8th Grade
Breakfast on Sunday, November 20. All
proceeds go towards the 8th grade class trip!

Items such as cakes, pies, breads, brownies and
cookies would be appreciated!

Please wrap them in cellophane on sturdy
plates, platters, trays, etc.

You can earn 1 service hour for each item
you donate (max of 3 hours).

Please bring your items to the school cafeteria
on Friday, November 18 or
Saturday, November 19 from 9:00am-noon.

Questions? DeAnna Pitman 686-4945

St. Aloysius Holiday Extravaganza
December 3, 2011
Tulare Fair Grounds

We are looking for Parents, Grandparents, Relatives, Bosses, Friends, etc. that would like to help with donated items for the following tables. Below is a list of Themed Tables along with the Host of the table and contact phone number! Please help our school in making this a success and contribute in any way possible.

Live Auction- 5 items

We are looking for 5 live auction items to sell that evening if anyone has connections or would like to donate an item please let us know!

We are looking for:

Beach House/Mountain Homes/Condos/etc.(Getaways)
Scooter
Golf Cart
Trips

The following are the themed tables along with a brief description of each and the hostess name and contact number.

Christmas Table.....Dina Tigner 804-5981 & Dana Ribeiro 804-5982
(Nativity Sets, Nice Ornaments, Christmas Pictures, Christmas Décor, Wreaths, Garland, etc.)

Toys for Kids.....Kotmie Faria 752-1711 & Natalie Mendonca 684-1447
(Toys for all ages, Doll Houses, Riding Bikes, etc.)

Spa Table.....Diana Silva 686-8633
(Gift certificates: Facials, Massages, Beauty Products, Hair Products, etc.)

Wine Table.....Lori Cardoza 688-3916
(Wine Bottles, Decanter, Glasses, Cigars, Spirits of Choice, etc.)

Sport Table.....Danny Santana 967-5674
(Tickets to games, Signed Memorabilia Balls, Pictures, etc.)

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Mens Table.....Mike Mederos 686-8302
(Tools, BBQ utensils, Ice Chest, Gift Certificates to Car Washes, Restaurants, etc.)

Accessory Table.....Julie Pimentel 687-8842
(Jewelry, Clothing, etc.)

Special Occasion Table.....Christina Garcia 688-8949
(Photography, Party Entertainment, Floral Arrangements, Cakes, Cupcakes, etc.)

Garden Table.....Maria Martins 688-4578
(Plants, Tools, Boots, Gloves, Soil, Potting Bench, etc.)

Home/Religious Table.....Julie Pimentel 687-8842
(Vases, Crosses, Pictures, Table Décor, etc.)

Realtor Table.....Julie Beltran 679-8322
(Donated items from realtors, Certificates, etc.)

Please take the time to contact one of our host and donate an item to make this event successful!! Our school and the kids depend on the success of our fundraisers to keep everything running!!!

*Thank you again!!
"God Bless from the committee members"*

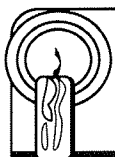


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St. Aloysius School
Mr. Joel Nunes, Principal



Thoughtful Moments

A new year begins

Each year the Church begins a new liturgical year on the Sunday closest to the feast of the apostle Andrew (November 30). This year the first Sunday of Advent is November 27th. We begin Year B in the liturgical cycle.



A family meal

After-school activities and work schedules can render family dinners a thing of the past. Yet, coming together over a meal several times a week is the best way to stay connected, and reinforce family values. If dinner time isn't practical, try substituting family breakfasts or bedtime snacks. The important thing is to do it regularly and as a family.

All Saints Day

In the early Church, parishes often celebrated a different saint or martyr each day. Persecution of the Church led to more saints and martyrs than days of the calendar, so Pope Gregory IV initiated Nov. 1st as All Saints Day. It is a holy day of obligation.



Let the saints put your children on the right path

Cardinal Virtues are four virtues the Church has identified that will help us get to Heaven. When we teach our children to live by these virtues, we put them on the right path. Try explaining these virtues using saints as examples.

Temperance – This virtue teaches moderation and self-discipline. St. Therese of Liseieux got everything she wanted as a child. Through temperance, she gave up her selfish ways and put her trust in Jesus. She is known for doing little things with great love.

Justice – Justice teaches us to respect the rights of others. St. Peter Claver used to meet the ships docking in Columbia

burdened with people to be sold as slaves. He brought the passengers food and medicine and assured them of their dignity and God's love. He baptized almost 300,000 slaves.

Fortitude – This virtue gives us the courage to do what is right despite difficult circumstances. St. Gianna Beretta Molla was a pediatrician and mother. When she became ill while pregnant, she refused to end her unborn child's life even though it meant her certain death.

Prudence – St. Joseph, the husband of Mary, demonstrated the virtue of prudence – making the right choices to do good. He followed the instructions of the angel and married Mary, fled to Egypt to protect his family, and was a faithful husband and father.

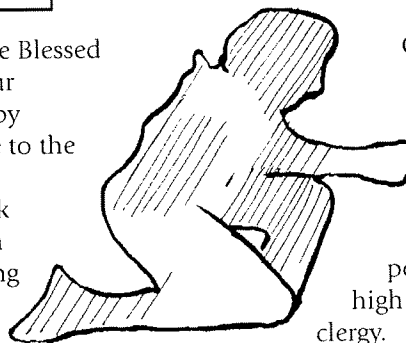


Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Why do we genuflect on the right knee?

In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament we show our respect and reverence by bending the right knee to the floor. The practice of genuflection dates back thousands of years as a sign of respect for a king or emperor.

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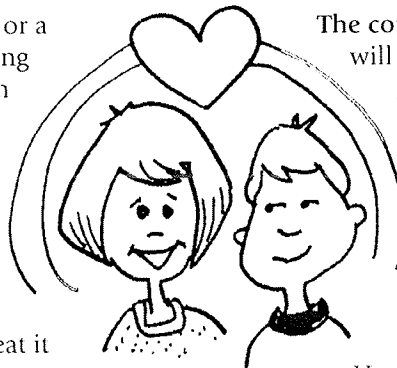
Church, we reserve the right knee for the Blessed Sacrament.

The left knee is used when genuflecting as a formal greeting for a prelate such as a pope, bishop, or other high ranking member of the clergy.

Is Heaven worth the wait?

To many children, a day off from school or a family vacation is heaven in itself. Sacrificing and doing penance to work toward Heaven after death is too abstract a concept to motivate them toward holiness. So how can we help youngsters understand how great Heaven really is?

All good things start there. "Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). If all good things on earth come from Heaven, imagine how great it is at the source.



The company is best there. When we get there, we will have joyful reunions with beloved grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends who have died before us. Best of all, we get to mingle with the saints, angels, and with Jesus, himself.

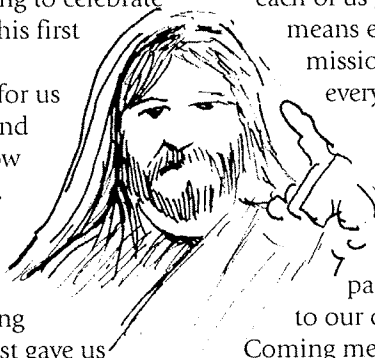
The one who loves us best is there. As much as earthly parents love their children, it's nothing compared to the love God has for each of us. He is the perfect parent – our true Father – and he is waiting for us in Heaven.

Scripture LESSON

**Mark 13:33-37,
Be watchful, be alert**

This gospel is from the first Sunday of Advent. We are preparing to celebrate the birth of Our Lord, his first coming.

But Advent is a time for us to prepare for the Second Coming. We don't know when this will happen. Jesus' message is to be watchful and alert for his coming. To be watchful involves getting our lives in order. Christ gave us the sacraments so we can do this, especially the Sacrament of Penance. Being in a state of grace means we're ready to meet Jesus.



However, this preparation involves each of us gathering the harvest. It means each of us being a missionary in our lives so everyone may come to know and love the Lord when they come face to face with God.

What can a parent do?
This Gospel gives parents a chance to explain to our children what the Second Coming means: that Jesus will come to earth again. This should not be something to fear. Rather, it will be as wonderful as Christmas itself since it means we'll be with God forever.

Feasts & Celebrations

Nov. 10 – Pope St. Leo, the Great (461). Pope St. Leo helped the Church stay united despite attacks from false teachers and warring tribes. He is famous for his explanations of the faith.

Nov. 11 - St. Martin of Tours (397). The patron of soldiers, St. Martin was forced to join the army at the age of 15 but left to become a priest. He founded a monastery near Poitiers, France, and later became bishop of Tours.

Nov. 12 – St. Josaphat (1623). Born in the Ukraine, St. Josaphat converted to Catholicism, became a

Basilian monk, then a priest, and was named Bishop of Vitebsk (now in Russia). He worked for unity in the Church but was martyred.

Nov. 13 – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1917). Mother Cabrini started the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Italy and founded 67 institutions to care for the sick and forgotten in Europe and the Americas. She died in Chicago and was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized.



Parent TALK

Whenever Rachel and I need to talk, we go out to the garden. So it was no surprise to me that we spent countless hours out there this summer after my mother died.

Rachel was having a hard time understanding why God would take her grandmother away and missed her terribly. I, too, was struggling, so it was hard to make her understand. It wasn't until one day when I was carrying in some cut flowers that I knew what to say.

I told Rachel that Grandma was like a flower God took care of. He made sure that she grew a little each day until she became the person he wanted her to be. That's when she had finally bloomed and he took her to live with him in his house in Heaven.

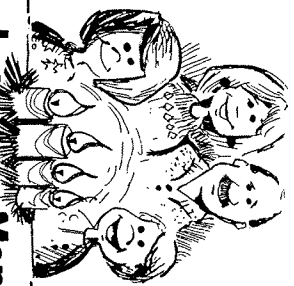
That made Rachel smile and she finally understood that death on earth meant life in Heaven.





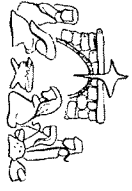


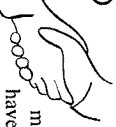






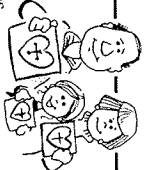
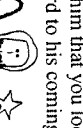

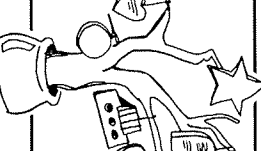







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Family Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>November 27</p>  <p>Make and bless an Advent wreath. Light the first purple candle each night this week.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Read together about Elizabeth and Zechariah's special blessing in <i>Luke 1:5-25</i>.</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>Set up your Nativity scene, but leave out the Holy Family.</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>Make cookies to bring to a nearby nursing home or homeless shelter.</p> 	<p>1 December</p> <p>Cut and paste pictures from Christmas cards you receive into ornaments for your tree.</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Attend Confession as a family and go out to dinner afterward to celebrate forgiveness!</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Ask a family member you have hurt in the past year for forgiveness. Offer it to one who has hurt you.</p> 
<p>4</p> <p>Light two purple candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel!"</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Read about the angel's remarkable visit to Mary in <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>. Talk about ways we can also say, "yes," to God.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Send Christmas cards to your pastor, priests, and religious or ordained ministers who are important to your family.</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Gather some friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling.</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>In honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception, attend Mass and pray a family Rosary tonight.</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Together, write your Christmas cards. Let older kids address the envelopes and younger ones seal them.</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Clean out your closets of unwanted clothes or toys in good condition. Donate them to a shelter or other charity.</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Light two purple candles and the pink one for joy. See which of you can sing loudest at Mass today.</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Pick a Christmas card you've received this week and pray for the person who sent it.</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Set the Mary and Joseph figures of your Nativity set across the room from the rest of the scene.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Write letters to Baby Jesus telling him that you look forward to his coming.</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Put a lamp or electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day.</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Family Movie Night. Make some popcorn and watch a Christmas movie together.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Put up and decorate your family Christmas tree.</p> 
<p>18</p> <p>Light all four candles in the wreath tonight. Read today's Gospel reading. <i>Luke 1:39-45</i>.</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity scene. Try to imagine what it was like to travel to Bethlehem by donkey.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Decorate a "Jesus Candle" with symbols of Jesus. Save it to light during Christmas dinner.</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Place Mary and Joseph in the Nativity scene. Add grass or straw to the manger to get it ready.</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Take a drive or walk around your home to look at the Christmas decorations or displays.</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Send a thank-you note to the priests or other parish ministers who enriched your seasonal celebration.</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Give each family member a chance to say "thank you" for a blessing God has given this year.</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Put the Baby in the manger and read the story of Jesus' birth in <i>Luke 2:1-20</i>.</p> 	<p>... And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city</p>  <p>of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. (Luke 2:4-19)</p>					