Administration Commission Ministries

Staff Resource: Matt Zylicz

Aloysius Alive Newspaper Staff — Aline Landry

Our *Aloysius Alive* newspaper is published to our parishioners four to six times annually. Volunteers assist by composing articles, layout, and proofing.

Facilities & Maintenance Committee — Bill Quirk

Join our team of professionals in any of the construction trades, facilities and property management, real estate, interior design, and risk management to help us develop and monitor our master site plan and our long range deferred maintenance plan, security, and disaster preparedness plans. Our team provides valuable input during the design phase of our construction projects. This ministry includes *Handy Helpers*, the ministry that organizes spring and fall clean-up days. Contact Bill Quirk at bquirk@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Office Volunteers and Office Mailings — Matt Zylicz

Can you give some of your time occasionally to help our parish staff? We sometimes need the assistance of volunteers for preparing certificates and bulk mailings, photocopying, shredding, and organizing supplies in our storage closets and cabinets. Contact Matt Zylicz at mzylicz@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Parish Fair, Auction and Golf Tournament — Matt Zylicz

Our Co-Chairs every year need more than 500 volunteers to help organize and staff the Parish Fair, Silent & Live Auction, and Golf Tournament. There are many leadership roles involved with each event.

Fair: Friday-Sunday, October 16,17& 18, 2020

Auction: Friday, February 6, 2021

Golf Tournament: Monday, March 8, 2020 at University Club.

Parish History Committee — Matt Zylicz

Our parish was founded in 1955 and has an amazing history rich with many unique features in need of preservation for posterity. We seek memories and memorabilia of our senior and lifelong members to document and record for the benefit of our newer and younger families, and future members. And history is in the making every day at Aloysius! We envision adding our history of facts, figures, and people to our website.

Parish Library Committee — Matt Zylicz

Volunteers are needed to assist with planning and organizing the St. Aloysius Parish Library and offer suggestions for new acquisitions.

Communications Committee — Matt Zylicz

Support the parish with graphic design, website design, social media, print and electronic publications and/or photography for both one-time and recurring projects during the year. Contact Aline Landry at alandry@staloysiusparish.com or Matt Zylicz at mzylicz@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Total Stewardship Committees

Members of our total stewardship committee plan and coordinate the timing, vision, and programs of the three phases of stewardship. The Committee members are the chairs of the three stewardship committees.

Stewardship of Ministry Mary Louise Bullock

We need volunteers who enjoy writing, speaking, or can work with "Jot Form." Volunteers in this ministry prepare and present the Stewardship of Ministry weekend that provides parishioners with the opportunity to use their God given gifts and talents to serve one another and to build the kingdom

Stewardship of Offering Matt Zylicz

We need volunteers who enjoy writing and speaking to work in this ministry. Volunteers prepare and present the Stewardship of Offering weekend that provides parishioners with the opportunity to offer in thanksgiving to God our financial gifts, in recognition that all we have comes from God and is to be used for the common good of all.

Stewardship of Prayer Mark Christian

Volunteer opportunities for this ministry include writing articles for Aloysius Alive and the bulletin, preparing a mail-out to parishioners, and preparing and giving a presentation on prayer to the congregation during Mass. Stewardship of Prayer weekend provides parishioners with the opportunity to make a commitment to grow closer to God through personal prayer, community worship and spiritual formation.

Community Life Commission Ministries

Staff Resource: Mary Louise Bullock

Advent at Aloysius

A fun, festive fellowship evening and educational experience for all parishioners to celebrate the Advent season. Tree lighting, creating Advent wreaths, food and music are just a few of the activities planned.

Coffee & Donuts

Come join us for the weekly Coffee and Donuts following 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Volunteers pick up milk and juice, make the coffee and set it all out for our visitors. This ministry is great for a family to volunteer together.

Holy Smoke

A fellowship event for the whole family. BBQ competition, live music, food and fun.

Hosting Committee Mary Louise Bullock

St. Aloysius Parish provides a reception celebration for several annual benchmark events like Confirmation, Easter Vigil, etc. A volunteer in this ministry provides support, along with the ministry chair, to set up these events.

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus is composed of Catholic men who work together to support their Church, their community and each other.

Mardi Gras Float and Viewing Party Mary Louise Bullock

Join some of your fellow St. Aloysius Parishioners for a great time riding in the Baton Rouge Southdown's Mardi Gras Parade. When it passes in front of our church, riders can throw beads and cups to your friends.

Participation includes creating and preparing the float, and costumes to ride. There is a $100 fee to ride with a $25 deposit.

Men's Club

The Men's Club ministry provides food and fellowship for male parishioners throughout the year. Their gatherings include good food and guest speakers. When called upon, the Men's Club provides volunteer services to the parish and its ministries.

Senior Ministry

Four times a year St. Aloysius parish hosts fellowship events for our senior parish members to gather. Luncheons are held with a guest speaker in the fall and spring along with morning retreats for Advent and Lent. Senior Ministry also sponsors Wholly Fit Exercise weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Under the guidance of a fitness instructor, participants take part in low impact exercise. If you are interested in volunteering to help plan events, contact Mary Louise Bullock mbullock@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Welcoming Committee

A ministry that welcomes newcomers to the St. Aloysius Parish family. Newcomers' welcome brunches are held periodically during the year. Other gestures are made to newly registered households to assist them in experiencing a sense of belonging to our larger parish family. This Committee matches families with other Aloysius families to assist them with parish information, hospitality and guidance as needed, especially in the first year of membership in the Parish.

Education Commission Ministries

Staff Resource: Tricia Greely

Children's Church — Tricia Greely

This ministry provides a Sunday celebration of God's word appropriate for young children (ages Pre-K through Second Grade) during the 9 & 11 AM Sunday Masses (when school is in session). We will meet from September through early May.

Confirmation Program Coordinators — MacDougall Womack

We recruit parents who have previously served as small group facilitators to help direct the Confirmation program. Coordinators help in every aspect of the program, including recruiting facilitators, training volunteers, planning events, and aiding with the sacrament itself. Coordinators serve a three-year term. Contact MacDougall Womack at mwomack@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Confirmation Small Group Facilitators — MacDougall Womack

Parents of Confirmation candidates and other adults: do you enjoy working with teens in a goal-oriented and well-supported environment? Facilitators lead a small group of six to eight teens during our Confirmation program, including four home sessions, an orientation, closing service, and one-day retreat. Begins mid-August and ends in early November.
Contact MacDougall Womack at mwomack@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

First Communion/First Reconciliation Catechists — Tricia Greely

First Reconciliation /Eucharist Catechists: Catechists lead small groups during the First Reconciliation/ Eucharist Candidate Retreats. Parish will provide training and lesson plan. For more information, please contact Tricia Greely at tgreely@staloysiusparish.com or at (225) 343-6657.

High School Parent Volunteers — MacDougall Womack

Parents, we need your help to maintain a vibrant High School Youth Group! Volunteer to help based on your availability—serving food, sending desserts, chaperoning a trip, or joining us more regularly to help with leading regular meetings and special events. We work around your schedule! Contact MacDougall Womack at mwomack@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

High School Youth Group MacDougall Womack

Teens, are you looking for a fun atmosphere where you can be yourself without fear of judgement? Get involved with High School Youth Group! Regular meetings, called "Life Nights," are hosted on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and feature games, praise & worship music, small groups, skits, and more! Youth Group also participates in summer mission trips, overnight retreats, and special events such as Disney World. Sign up for free Youth Group reminder texts by sending "aloysius" to 84576. There are no fees or ads. Contact MacDougall Womack at mwomack@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Infant Baptism Preparation Tricia Greely

Volunteers assist parents seeking Baptism for their children by conducting baptismal seminars and assisting with rites preceding Baptism as well as the Baptismal Celebration two or three times per year.

Junior High Parent Volunteers MacDougall Womack

We need help from parents of junior high teens to support Youth Group by ordering food and helping with logistics. Enjoy a close view of the fun and faith growth by periodically chaperoning meetings and helping with fun events such as our food drive, one-day lock-in, trip to the New Orleans Pelicans, and more! Everyone is on a team, and your commitment can be flexible based on your schedule. Contact MacDougall Womack at mwomack@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Junior High Youth Group MacDougall Womack

Seventh and eighth grade teens love our junior high program for the fun, chance to make new friends, and first taste of independence. Junior high meetings are hosted once a month on Sunday mornings from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Meetings include icebreaker games, music, speakers, skits, inflatables, water slides, and more. Special events include a lock-in, food drive, trip to see the New Orleans Pelicans, and more! Contact MacDougall Womack at mwomack@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Music Makers Ministry Tricia Greely

Come join our weekly gatherings to encourage music and fellowship among mothers and their young children on Fridays at 9:30 AM in Gonzaga Hall Atrium.

Parish School of Religion Catechists Tricia Greely and MacDougall Womack

PSR is Catholic education for children and teens who are not enrolled in a Catholic school. Participation is required for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Students are grouped together by grade level, and classes are on Sundays each week from September to November and resumes in January and February.

Elementary PSR includes grades 1-6 and meets on Sunday mornings. Contact Tricia Greely at tgreely@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Junior High PSR includes grades 7 & 8 and meets on Sunday evenings. Contact MacDougall Womack at mwomack@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

High School PSR includes grades 9 & 10 and meets on Sunday evenings in conjunction with the High School Youth Group. Contact MacDougall Womack at mwomack@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Pray and Play Group

Mothers and their young children have monthly gatherings to encourage fellowship, prayer, and fun. Leaders organize and/or host one monthly event per year.

SAS Athletics

Volunteers assist the Athletic Director through multiple volunteer activities. Opportunities include: coaching, field preparation, concessions, gate collection and site management.

Scouting MacDougall Womack

Fun for all our Boys and Girls, Scouting provides an educational, spiritual and adventurous outlet for the kids and their leaders.

Speaker Series Ministry

Organizers of this ministry invite speakers to St. Aloysius Parish to enhance the spiritual life of the family. They help to coordinate speaker dates and food and other arrangements for the program. Speakers will offer practical faith-centered ways to help children and their parents grow in their Catholic faith and to make effective faith based decisions in today's modern world.

Vacation Bible School Tricia Greely

This ministry is a four-day summer program for children Kindergarten through sixth grade. If you are willing to teach or to assist with crafts, story time, games, or refreshments, we need your help! Junior volunteers from seventh through twelfth grades are needed to assist the adult volunteers.

Youth Group Adult Core Team MacDougall Womack

This amazing team of adults, from college sophomores to parents, works with teens and aids our high school and junior high youth groups. It's a very rare ministry which utilizes a wide range of different talents and can be customized to your schedule. You will find great friends and a supportive community, especially if you are having doubts about God and religion. Meets most often on Sunday evenings once or twice a month. Contact MacDougall Womack at mwomack@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Youth Leadership Team MacDougall Womack

Teen leaders help plan and lead events for high school and junior high youth group. You will meet new friends, learn leadership skills, and grow in your faith. Teens may apply in April each year and participate in an interview with the Adult Core Team. Training includes a two-day event in June at St. Aloysius and an off-campus weekend retreat in July. Contact MacDougall Womack at mwomack@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Social Responsibility Commission Ministries

Staff Resource: Angela Falgoust

Bereavement

This ministry provides support and food to families during their time of loss. The chair of the bereavement committee is notified when services are requested. At times we assist with visitation prior to the funeral mass and provide food based on requests from the family. Committee members will be notified via email and can sign up to assist or provide a food item.

Communion Ministry to the Homebound Deacon Chauvin Wilkinson

After the appropriate formation, lay ministers administer communion and deliver the weekly bulletin to up to six homebound St. Aloysius parishioners who reside within the church parish. Quarterly rotation schedules are prepared providing weekly visits to those in need. Contact Deacon Chauvin Wilkinson at cwilkinson@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Communion Ministry to Long-Term Care Facilities Deacon Chauvin Wilkinson

After the appropriate formation, lay ministers are scheduled to provide the Eucharist to residents of long-term care facilities once a month, according to a rotating schedule. Contact Deacon Chauvin Wilkinson at cwilkinson@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Counseling Referral Program Angela Falgoust

Board certified social workers participate in this ministry for parishioners who need professional guidance but cannot afford to receive it on their own. Cost to the parishioner is subsidized on a sliding scale. Confidential referrals are made by our clergy and other ministry leaders who are made aware of the need. Contact Angela Falgoust at afalgoust@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657 or (225) 278-7321.

Dignity of Life Ministry

This ministry provides education resources to share the beautiful teachings of the Church on the dignity of human life from conception until natural death and encourages parishioners to participate in local and parish pro-life events. It strives to promote opportunities to help build a Culture of Life., including speaker events covering related topics.

Food Bank

Help us support the Baton Rouge Food Bank! Volunteers collect food that is generously donated by parishioners as they come into Church. The volunteers, who are assigned 1-2 times a year, deliver the food to the Baton Rouge Food Bank.

Gentle Hands

A peer ministry to families who have suffered the death of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant loss or other tragedies. Organizational meetings to determine ways to offer support and to plan healing events for families suffering the loss of a child are held periodically during the year. A remembrance service is held once a year.

Giving Tree

A ministry that provides gifts and basic personal items to people in need, twice a year – at Christmas and again in July. This ministry identifies needs, makes ornaments, collects, wraps, and distributes gifts. A planning meeting is held annually in October. The majority of the time given to this ministry is in early December. Commitment varies with a volunteer's availability.

Good Samaritans

This ministry provides meals to families in crisis situations. Responsibilities include organizing and implementing the preparation and delivery of meals to families needing prepared meals for a limited time period.

Habitat for Humanity

St. Aloysius is part of the Catholic Coalition Build. This group of eight parishes builds one or two homes a year with Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers are needed for the build and for the Habitat Re-Store.

Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge

The Federation is made up of member congregations from various Christian denominations as well as other faith traditions. Volunteers participate in programs which include serving noon meals two times a year at the Holy Grill soup kitchen in north Baton Rouge as well as other programs and events scheduled throughout the year.

JustFaith

A ministry that promotes and supports small faith group processes, utilizing scripture, the Church's historical witness, theological inquiry and church social teachings. Team members choose from a variety of topics offered by the Just Faith National Office and facilitated by team members. One planning meeting during the summer months

LSU Lunch Bunch

Local Church parishes, including St. Aloysius, rotate serving a weekly free student lunch at Christ the King Student Center when LSU is in session, once each semester. You may volunteer to cook lasagna, bake desserts, or serve the meal.

Personal Loss Support Groups Angela Falgoust

A ministry of peer support groups for those who have suffered through separation, divorce, loss of a loved one, or family crises (i.e., Alzheimer's disease). Contact Angela Falgoust at afalgoust@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657 or (225) 278-7321.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

A ministry that creates physical gifts of prayer to others in need of comfort through knitting, crocheting, sewing, or quilting items such as shawls and hats for cancer patients and others. No experience is necessary and is easy to learn. Materials and instructions are provided. Optional semi-monthly gatherings are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month for fellowship, pattern, and idea sharing.

Prison Ministry at Angola State Prison-Kairos

A ministry that provides spiritual growth opportunities and support through weekend retreats for incarcerated men at Angola State Prison through Kairos prison ministry program. Opportunities include participating in training and the Angola retreats, baking cookies or preparing letters and children's art Agape.

Prison Ministry at Dixon Correctional Facility

You can make a difference to individuals incarcerated at Dixon Correctional by providing spiritual growth opportunities and support. Volunteers visit the prisoners on Friday evenings at the correctional facility for approximately two hours at least once a month. The visit includes a Eucharistic service and discussion group.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

A ministry that provides assistance to the needy within the geographical boundaries of St. Aloysius Parish. Attending monthly SVdP meeting and serving on a team to visit those requesting assistance. Team members make home visits once every 5 weeks on a rotation basis. Each rotation generally involves a 4-6 hour commitment. A parish wide annual "Fill Up the Truck(s)!" drive is coordinated through the ministry on behalf of SVdP and many ministry members participate in this event on a voluntary basis.

St. Aloysius Cantera Mission

A ministry of parishioners 18 years of age and older, of different professional backgrounds who are encouraged to participate to help Cantera achieve its mission of creating a more just, equitable and sustainable society in Nicaragua through community development and popular education. A mission trip to Cantera Mission in Managua, Nicaragua once or twice a year for 7-10 days is made to build relationships and hope with the people and to identify specific needs.

St. Vincent de Paul Ladies Prayer and Scriptural Sharing

A ministry that provides for the spiritual needs of the women at the St. Vincent de Paul Day Shelter. Ministry volunteers meet with the ladies at the facility located at 1623 Convention Street, Baton Rouge, La. 70802, for a spiritual hour of reading the Word, meditating and praying together. Volunteers are organized into teams of two. One team plans and facilitates the hour and visits each Friday from 10am-11am. Time commitment is no more than once a month.

Stephen Ministry

A lay ministry that supplements pastoral care. The program teaches lay persons to provide one-on-one care to individuals facing a variety of crises or life challenges, such as hospitalization, chronic illness, job loss, grief, divorce, cancer, financial difficulties or other life struggles. Persons interested in this ministry receive training once a week for approximately three months.

Thanksgiving Baskets

This ministry provides meals to families on Thanksgiving Day and is a great family ministry. You can volunteer to buy, organize and deliver a Thanksgiving Basket to a needy family. Parishioner sets up a day and time to deliver the food items in the Thanksgiving basket to the family in need.

Spiritual Growth Commission Ministries

Staff Resource: Mark Christian

Prayer and Devotions

St. Aloysius offers several traditional opportunities for parishioners to pray with and for each other.

Adoration Committee

This committee meets twice a year to plan, organize, publicize and facilitate Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

1) Thursday mornings following 8:00 a.m. Mass for 30 minutes.
2) The third Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parishioners are encouraged to sign-up for one Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament.

Divine Mercy Committee

This committee meets twice a year to plan and coordinate parish and school activities using the prayers and writings of St. Faustina. Groups and individuals pray the Divine Mercy Novena in the parish and school culminating with Divine Mercy Sunday after Easter.

Prayer Line Committee

Committee members serve as intercessors who respond to any prayer requests asked of the parish. Requests are received by calling the parish office or emailing prayerline@staloysiusparish.com.
Contact: Deacon Chauvin Wilkinson cwilkinson@staloysiusparish.com or (225)-343-6657.

Rosary Committee

The members coordinate and plan various group Rosary meetings and dispense information to individuals praying the Rosary: 1) members meet on the *Second Tuesday of each Month* for prayer and fellowship in the Parish Chapel.; and, 2) members gather *each Wednesday* after assembly during the school year in the Parish Chapel.

Small Christian Communities

Parishioners are invited to join a variety of different study groups that meet at various times during the week to do Bible study, discussions on the Sunday Readings or other church-sponsored books of interest to the members of each group.

Adult Come Lord Jesus — Mark Christian

These groups meet weekly to discuss the upcoming scripture readings. Aside from the Bible, groups follow materials developed by Fr. Bertrand "Come, Lord Jesus."

Ignatian Spirituality Groups — Fr. Ryan Hallford

Founded in the spiritual exercises authored by St. Ignatius of Loyola, these men's and women's groups meet bi-weekly from September through March. They are an opportunity to deepen the habit of prayer and learn to notice the experience of God in daily life. Contact Fr. Ryan Hallford.
rhallford@staloysiusparish.com or (225)343-6657.

MOMnipotent — Mark Christian

This Women's Book Study consists of small groups which meet at three different times during the week focusing on mothers of young children. The groups are based on a program "MOMnipotent," a book by Danielle Bean, and also chosen topics of interest to study and discuss

Small Group Bible Study/Book Study Mark Christian

These groups use a variety of resources, including the Ascension Press Great Adventure Bible Studies and the Little Rock Scripture Studies. Parish-wide studies are offered in the fall and spring. Other groups may be formed throughout the year. Contact Mark Christian, mchristian@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Formation

St. Aloysius offers opportunities for individuals to actively acknowledge and discern each person's call from God and to assist others on their faith journey as Catholic Christians.

Partners on the Journey Fr. Ryan Hallford

A marriage enrichment series for married couples that helps them connect to the deeper meaning of their relationship, based on a Catholic vision of marriage, as well as learn some important relationship skills. The group meets for 2 hours, once a month, for 12 sessions.
Contact Fr. Ryan Hall ford rhallford@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

RCIA Catechist Team Mark Christian

This team facilitates discussions during either the Sunday sessions during the 9:00 a.m. Mass and one hour after Mass or on Wednesday evenings. Contact Mark Christian at mchristian@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

RCIA Sponsor Team Mark Christian

This team meets with and educates parishioners who are willing to meet one-on-one with RCIA Candidates after the 9:00 a.m. Mass to discuss their faith and to assist candidates in joining other parish activities. Contact Mark Christian at mchristian@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Vocations Committee Fr. Randy Cuevas

These members plan and facilitate Parish and school activities to promote awareness and prayer for all vocations: Priesthood, Religious Life, Consecrated Single Life and Marriage. Contact Fr. Randy at rcuevas@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Special Events Support Ministry Mark Christian

Volunteers willing to help publicize, provide hospitality and logistical support for special adult spiritual growth events, as needed, e.g Advent & Lenten Retreat Days, Annual Parish Mission, speaker events, etc. Contact Mark Christian at mchristian@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Worship Commission Ministries

Staff Resource: Ken Thevenet

Altar Server Committee

A committee composed of parents and other adults who plan and organize training and activities for the Youth Altar Servers. This committee conducts the training sessions for Youth Servers, provides refreshments for events, washes robes and supports the Altar Server Ministry in many ways.

Altar Servers

These are the children and youth (5th grade and older) who assist the priest and deacon at weekend and Holy Day Masses, and the adults who do the same at weekday Masses. Training sessions for new altar servers are held in the Fall and Spring. Servers are assigned Masses on a rotating basis.

Art and Environment Committee

A ministry that prepares the seasonal décor of the church building. Members are responsible for setting up liturgical items, decorations, floral arrangements & banners in the church for the major feasts and seasons of the liturgical year. Planning meetings and work days will be scheduled at various times in preparation for Advent & Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter

Festival Ringers, A Hand Bell Choir

Our fun and challenging Hand Bell Choir, open to teens and adults, adds festivity and variety to the music of the liturgy. The group prepares and provides music for Masses scheduled regularly. If you have experience playing an instrument, consider joining the Festival Ringers. Rehearsals are held each Monday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Convent Music Room.

Readers

Those serving in this ministry proclaim the Word of God at Sunday Mass and other liturgical celebrations. After initial training, responsibilities for this ministry include the individual preparation and study of the scripture readings for Mass. Weekday Mass Readers usually serve one day out of the week; Sunday Mass Readers serve every 4 to 6 weeks depending on the Mass time.

Renewal Singers Ken Thevenet

A diverse group of singers and instrumentalists provides liturgical music from many traditions, and in a variety of styles at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. We welcome high school, adult and senior singers and instrumentalists. Members of this group will join with other parish musicians to sing for the major feast days and solemnities in the church year. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Convent Choir Room. Contact Ken Thevenet at kthevenet@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Resurrection Choir Ken Thevenet

Come help us support our parishioners who are suffering loss with the gift of music. A bereavement ministry of St. Aloysius Church, this choir provides liturgical music for funeral celebrations. Singers are available for rehearsals and liturgies during the day as needed for parish funerals. Contact: Ken Thevenet at kthevenet@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Sacristans

This ministry prepares the altar and church for the celebration of the liturgy. Volunteers are assigned to a team that serves each week for one month in the year. Sacristan responsibilities include the caring of altar linens (washing and ironing purificators, corporals, and altar cloths), and light cleaning and straightening of the church building.

St. Aloysius Children's Choir

A choir for students in fourth through eighth grade who love to sing provides music for the 11:00 a.m. Mass, one Sunday of the month. Singers who attend all schools are welcome to participate in this choir. Weekly rehearsals are held during the school year on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the Convent Choir Room. Check out the Children's Choir Website: http://staloysiuschildrenschoir.weebly.com.

St. Aloysius Chorale Ken Thevenet

Do you attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday and love to sing? This choir leads the singing of the assembly at 9:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday. They also join with other parish musicians to sing for the major feast days of the church year. We welcome singers of all ages from high school youth to seniors. The Chorale's repertoire leans toward more traditional sacred music with organ accompaniment. Rehearsals are held before Sunday

Mass from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. in the Convent Choir Room. Contact Ken Thevenet at kthevenet@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Sunday Evening Music Ministry

These musicians provide liturgical music for the 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass. High School and College age singers and instrumentalists are invited to join this music group. Rehearsals are held at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday in Convent Choir Room and as needed during the week.

Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality

Open to middle school age youth, as well as both men and women, the Ushers Ministry creates a welcoming atmosphere for people who gather at St. Aloysius for worship. Responsibilities include welcoming people upon their arrival at the doors of the Church, assisting them with seating and receiving the offerings of those who attend our Sunday Masses. Each Usher will serve at a particular Mass time according to the volunteer's availability.

Youth Liturgical Ministers — Ken Thevenet

Middle school and high school age parishioners are welcome to serve in the liturgical ministries at St. Aloysius Church. You may serve as an Usher, in the Music Ministry, as a Reader, or Altar Server. We also need Youth to work on the Art and Environment Committee. Confirmed High School students may serve as Eucharistic Ministers. To discover the possibilities for using your gifts to serve, contact Ken Thevenet at kthevenet@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Appointed Ministries

As mentioned earlier we have many ministries which require an appointment, either by the Pastor, School Principal, or CCC Director (*either because of limited vacancies or because of the special skills, expertise, training, and other qualifications for the ministry*), in which you're invited to express interest. Please express your interest in serving in any of the ministries listed below, and we'll remember your interest as soon as a vacancy or need arises. The designated and listed contact below may be in touch with you if more information is needed. Some of these ministries may require consent to a confidential background check.

Administration

Capital Campaign Committee — Fr. Randy Cuevas

Consisting of multi-level leadership roles and taskings, the committee is constituted by the Pastor on an *ad hoc* basis to organize and implement all components of major fund-raising campaigns until they successfully generate the financial resources required to accomplish their goals. To express interest in lending expertise to these efforts, contact the Pastor at rcuevas@staloysiusparish.com or 225-343-6657.

Contracts Review Committee — Matt Zylicz

The Pastor is the only representative authorized to sign contracts which legally bind the parish. Most contracts are routinely renewed for recurring services, but occasionally the pastor seeks additional "sets of eyes" with professional legal expertise to review (on an entirely non-attribution basis) contracts before he signs them, especially major contracts. To express interest in lending expertise to assist, contact Matt Zylicz at mzylicz@staloysiusparish.com or 225-343-6657.

Finance Council

The members of the Finance Council are appointed by the Pastor and meet monthly. They monitor and review monthly financial reports, income and expenses, and annual budgets of the Church, School, and

Child Care Center. The Council advises the pastor on long-term and short-term financial planning, our Stewardship of Offering program, the Parish Fair, Endowment Fund, capital campaign and other fund-raising initiatives. Help the Pastor and staff prepare, review, and monitor parish, school, and child care center budgets, financial planning, Stewardship of Offering program, Parish Fair, Endowment Fund, and capital campaigns.

Information Technology Committee (IT)

The IT Committee is a ministry that supports and advises the Pastor, Pastoral Council, and parish staff regarding our IT infrastructure needs to both improve effective communication with parishioners and insure we have AV capabilities for parish functions. The Committee is made up of industry professionals who are appointed by the Pastor.

Lay Directors (formerly known as Trustees) — Fr. Randy Cuevas

Every Church parish in our Diocese of Baton Rouge is legally incorporated with a Board of Directors. The corporate board consists of three officers and two members-at-large. The president of every Church parish corporation is the Bishop. The vice-president of every Church parish corporation is the Vicar General of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, The Secretary-Treasurer of every Church parish corporation is the Pastor of the Church parish. Two parishioners, recommended by the Pastor, are appointed by the Bishop to serve renewable two-year terms as lay directors, or members-at-large, of the Church parish corporation. Diocesan policy authorizes the Pastor to transact the routine business of the parish, and as the only legal representative of the Church parish, to sign all contracts on behalf of the Church parish. The same policies require a corporate resolution signed by the Board of Directors authorizing extraordinary (major) financial and legal transactions, e.g. purchase or sale of real estate. In addition, the two Lay Directors of the Church parish review and sign the annual comprehensive financial report to the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Additional functions of the Lay Directors are the prerogative of the Pastor.

Master Plan Committee — Fr. Randy Cuevas

The physical plant of our Church, School, and Child Care Center is currently situated on 12 acres of real estate. Members of this committee devise, revise, and implement, on an on-going basis, the concrete strategies for accurately monitoring the constantly evolving "pulse" of our entire parish family-at-large, the trend of its growing (or declining) needs for facilities, and where to locate those facilities. This includes long-term planning and development. To express interest in lending expertise to assist, contact the Pastor at rcuevas@staloysiusparish.com or 225-343-6657, ext. 11.

St. Matthew's Guild-Offertory Counting — Matt Zylicz

If you are reliable and attentive to detail, we invite you to join one of the five teams of money counters who serve once every five weeks. A professional background or experience in accounting and/or comfort handling currency is a bonus. Contact Matt Zylicz at mzylicz@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Education

Child Care Center (CCC) Parent Council — Sharon Mason

The Council serves in an advisory capacity to the CCC Director in matters involving various areas of importance. These areas include, but are not limited to, Administrative Support, Parental Involvement, Spirituality/Education, Facilities, Fundraising, and Communications. Council meetings are held monthly or more often if necessary. The Council is constituted by parents appointed by the CCC Director. Contact Tina Currier Interim Director at kblair@aloysiusccc.org or (225) 343-1338.

SAS Advisory Committee — Erin Candilora

A ministry that provides assistance to the school principal in the overall operations of St. Aloysius School. Members are appointed by the Principal, with the endorsement of the Pastor, and are advisory to the Principal. Contact: Erin Candilora, Principal at ecandilora@aloysius.org or (225) 383-3871.

SAS Come, Lord Jesus

Parents are invited to express interest and the Principal appoints facilitators to work with a small group of eighth grade students on personal prayer and spirituality.

School (SAS) Finance Committee — Erin Candilora

Members of the SAS Finance Committee are appointed by the Principal, with the endorsement of the Pastor, and are advisory to the Principal concerning the school budget, and other financial matters, as needed. Contact Erin Candilora at ecandilora@aloysius.org or (225) 383-3871.

Spiritual Growth

Adult Formation Advisory Committee

The members of the Adult Formation Advisory Committee are appointed by the Pastor, and are tasked to assist him develop and implement thematic plans to address the ongoing adult faith formation needs of the parish, and in researching and recommending the best human resources and tools to implement those plans which include parish-wide annual Missions, Retreats, and other series focused on spirituality and biblical studies. They meet monthly with the parish Director of Adult Formation.

Engaged Sponsor Couples

Couples are appointed by the Pastor to assist in Marriage Preparation. Couples meet one-on-one with Engaged couples for several sessions and coordinate with the Parish Priests.

Worship

Cantors Ken Thevenet

These specially trained singers animate the singing of the assembly for Masses and other liturgical celebrations. Responsibilities include chanting the responsorial psalm, teaching new music, singing solo parts, and occasionally making announcements. Their main role is to model for the assembly the ways that we actively participate in the liturgy. If you have experience as a cantor, or would like to discern service in this important ministry, contact Ken Thevenet at kthevenet@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sometimes called "Eucharistic Ministers" this lay ministry assists the priest and deacon (the "Ordinary Ministers") in the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass. After initial training and a period of prayerful discernment, these ministers may serve one day a week for weekday Masses, and approximately every two to three weeks for Sunday Masses

Funeral Coordinators Ken Thevenet

Similar to Mass Coordinators, Funeral Coordinators assist in the setup of the rituals and the coordination of liturgical ministers at parish funerals. After training and a time of discernment, you will be appointed to a team of ministers who are responsible on a rotating basis for serving funerals during the week and on Saturdays. Contact Ken Thevenet at kthevenet@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.

Ken Thevenet

Organist, Pianist and Instrumentalist

If you are a gifted musician, we would like for you to share your talent with our parish. St. Aloysius Church is blessed to have a 32 rank mechanical action, Casavant pipe organ. We also have several grand pianos and use piano accompaniment with many of our choirs. We incorporate a wide variety of musical instruments (woodwinds, strings, brass, guitar and percussion) in our liturgies. Please contact Ken Thevenet at mailto:kthevenet@staloysiusparish.comor (225) 343-6657 to discover ways that you may serve in the Music Ministry of St. Aloysius Parish.

Sunday Mass Coordinators

These ministers assist in the coordination of Ushers, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, as well as, the facilities at each Sunday Mass. Their responsibilities include: the setup for rites, organization of rituals and ministers, monitoring sound, lights, air conditioning, fire alarms, etc. during Sunday Mass. Special training and a process of discernment will be provided for each Mass Coordinator. A volunteer will serve approximately one Mass a month.

Wedding Coordinators Ken Thevenet

Wedding Coordinators are appointed to assist couples and the presiding clergy in the celebration of parish weddings. They conduct rehearsals, set up for the wedding liturgy, organize the processions, and

coordinate all liturgical ministers in a wedding. After special training and a process of discernment, you will be appointed to a team of ministers who serve seasonally on a rotating basis. Contact Ken Thevenet at kthevenet@staloysiusparish.com or (225) 343-6657.