

## CALENDAR

### Saturday, February 20 First Sunday of Lent

4-5:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church  
5-6:30 PM Hispanic Youth – Lower Level  
5:15 PM **MASS** (+ Patrick O'Hara)  
7:00 PM **MASS** in Spanish (- Parishioners)

### Sunday, February 21

8:00 AM **MASS** (- Tom Edralin) **Rosary 7:30**  
9:15 AM Children's and Adult's Faith Formation  
9:25 AM Parenting Class – Activity Center  
9:30 AM Hispanic Adult Faith Formation – Video Room  
11:00 AM **MASS** (+ Larry Bachofner) **Rosary 10:30**  
11:15-1:45PM R.C.I.A. – Parlor  
11:30 AM Xvñera Preparation – Video Room  
1:00 PM **MASS** in Spanish (- Parishioners)  
2-3:30 PM Hispanic Meal – Holy Family Hall  
5:15 PM **LIFETEEN MASS** (- Parishioners) **Life Night - LL**

### Monday, February 22

9:00 AM **MASS** (+ Dana Edaugal) Chapel  
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (*Monday-Friday*) Act. Ctr  
7:00 PM Pack Mtg. –H. F. Hall / 7 PM Boy Scouts–Act.Ctr

### Tuesday, February 23

9:00 AM **MASS** (+ Gary Dupont) Chapel  
10:00 AM Christian Mothers Meeting – Holy Family Hall  
10:00 AM Spring Fling Meeting – Video Room  
12-1:00 PM Lenten Book Study - Parlor  
6-8:00 PM English as a Second Language – Upper Level C'rms  
6:30 PM Catholic Scripture Study – Lower Level  
7:00 PM Sunday Choirs – Music Room

### Wednesday, February 24

9:30 AM Theology of the Body – Video Room  
3:45 PM Children's Choir – Music Room  
4:30-5:45 PM K through 6 Faith Formation  
5:15 PM **MASS** (+Deacon Joe Garavaglia) Church **Rosary 4:45**  
6:30 PM CORE Team Meeting – Lounge  
6:45 PM EDGE – Holy Family Hall  
7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice – Music Room  
7:00 PM (Saturday) Spanish Choir Practice – Activity Center

### Thursday, February 25

7:00 AM **MASS** (+ Eric A. Ricci) Chapel  
10:00 AM Crochet Class – Parlor  
11:00 AM **MASS** at Pinecrest  
1-4:00 PM Bridge Club - Parlor  
5:00 PM Hispanic Altar Servers – Church  
6:00 PM Praise Team **7:30PM Contemp. Choir** –Music Room  
6:30-8PM Divorce and Beyond – Parlor  
7:00 PM Hispanic RCIA – Lower Level  
7:00 PM Hispanic Prayer Group - Chapel  
7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group – Video Room

### Friday, February 26

**LIFE TEEN Retreat – Black Mtn 26th-28th**  
12:10 PM **MASS** (+ Keona Millholland) Church **Chaplet 12:50**  
5-8:00 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – Holy Family Hall  
5:00 PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction **in English**  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction **in Spanish**  
7:00 PM Hispanic Reflection Group – Activity Center

### Saturday, February 27

9AM-8:00 PM EDGE Food Fast – HFH, LL, Video Rm, Chapel  
4-5:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church  
5-6:30 PM Hispanic Youth – Lower Level  
5:15 PM **MASS** (- Parishioners)  
7:00 PM **MASS** in Spanish (+ Ana Maria Cruz-Santos)

### Sunday, February 28 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM **MASS** (+ Grace Schweppe Kohrs) **Rosary 7:30**  
8-3:00 AM Hispanic Children's Retreat – HFH, LL, Chapel  
9:30 AM Hispanic Adult Faith Formation – Lower Level  
11:00 AM **MASS** (+ Sheldon & Irma Wirts) **Rosary 10:30**  
11:15-1:45PM R.C.I.A. – Parlor  
1:00 PM **MASS** in Spanish (- Parishioners)  
2-3:30 PM Hispanic Meal – Holy Family Hall  
5:15 PM **LIFETEEN MASS** (- Tom Edralin)

## LENTEN MISSION

Please note the **full page letter from Fr. Bob** in this bulletin regarding our upcoming Lenten Mission. The dates are Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars!

## LENTEN FISH-FRY DAYS!

...will be offered each **Friday, through March 26th** in Holy Family Hall, 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Come enjoy fried and broiled fish, hush puppies, baked potato, macaroni and cheese (for the kids), and slaw. All for the reasonable price of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, with a family maximum of \$25. A great time, great food, great friends....and *you* don't have to cook! Come join the fun every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Tickets sold at the door. Takeout available. Proceeds benefit our Knights of Columbus church projects. Questions? Call Joe Lamonica at 704-462-2791.

## CAST YOUR NETS INTO THE DEEP

...is the theme of the 2010 **Diocesan Support Appeal**. Our allotted goal is **\$105,727.00**. Please be generous by sharing your gifts and blessings. Your contribution to the DSA is a way of serving our brothers and sisters throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Thomas, Mark Nolte, Joan Boike, Steve Tamrack, Elvira Beneda, Lori Dieter, Bobbie May, Tom Edralin, Mario Simoncini, Herb Schulten, Jerry Sullivan, Minnie Williams, Arlene DeHart, Heidi Herfurth, Lori Kaylor, Craig Cole, Sandi Reynolds, Rebecca Phillips, Simeon Russell, Joe Schnoblen, Judy Palladay, William Morales, Lillian Cygan, Mary Ann McDill, Kerry Oberlin, Joe Kochuba, Glenn West, Caitlin Menzyk, Olin and Marilyn Treadway, Deacon Hugo May, Joseph Bachofner, Sandy Rizzo, Rosanne Krawiec, Cora Woodend, Lynn McCain, Jessica Duke, Patrick Bowman, and those listed on our Prayer Sheet

**FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL:** We pray for the repose of the soul of **Orlie Weaver**, mother of David Werner, who passed away February 12<sup>th</sup> in Minnesota.



## PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

If you are interested in receiving the **December 31, 2009 financial statement**, please call the parish office at 327-2341. The statement is also available on our website.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. **Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?** We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who share their first fruits by using their talents and resources to help one another as individuals, the church and wider community. **PLANNED GIVING:** Your will is a plan for the distribution of the assets you have accumulated as a result of the God-given gifts you have received throughout your life. Please consider including St. Aloysius in your will.

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is a body that prays about and discerns the challenges and opportunities within our parish and recommends alternatives to resolve any concerns. The Council brings together the Pastor, who is the President of the Council, and 12-15 Lay People from our parish family to work, realizing and fulfilling our parish mission. The Pastoral Council serves the parishioners of St. Aloysius by representing their views and concerns for the life and the mission of our parish. **So that you may easily identify Pastoral Council members at Mass and parish events, they wear a badge that says "Pastoral Council Member"**. Please feel free to approach any one of these members with your thoughts and/or concerns regarding your parish.

## PLEASE DON'T FORGET.....

February is St. Aloysius' month to **collect much needed items for the Battered Women's Shelter**. They desperately need maternity clothes, any type of baby items, laundry baskets, cooking utensils, hand held mixers, food storage containers with lids, school supplies, women's tennis shoes in size 8-8 1/2-10, under the bed storage bins, and shoe racks. Also needed is shaving cream, feminine hygiene item, full-size toiletry items, ladies' undergarments (new only), paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, bleach antibacterial cleaning wipes, toilet bowl cleaners, shower cleaners, non-perishable food items, lamps, towels, washcloths, pillows, hairdryers, large durable flashlight and batteries, umbrellas, and washable tablecloths. **Please put these donations on the cart under the left side of the coat rack**. City bus tickets for adults, gift certificates to movies, Hickory Dickory Dock, and Chuck E. Cheese, gas cards, prepaid phone cards, and gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, and grocery stores are all welcome as well, but **these need to be mailed or delivered to the Family Guidance Center** at 17 Hwy 70 SE, Hickory next to McDonalds. Thank you!

## OPERATION RICE BOWL

Operation Rice Bowl is an **annual Lenten project sponsored by Catholic Relief Services**. It's goal is to raise awareness of the rampant existence of poverty both globally and within our own area. The challenge to those walking this Lenten journey is to put faith into action, saving and contributing money to help fund developmental programs in countries around the world, as well as poverty alleviation in the U.S. Children in our Faith Formation programs will receive an O.R.B. to collect funds. Adults are encouraged also to participate. Please make checks payable to St. Aloysius; the collection will be taken before Easter.

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#### BIRTHDAYS

**Feb. 21** – Jo Heflin, Annie Ames **Feb. 22** – Helen Raby, Marjorie Blubaugh, John Burdecki, Steve Rudisill, Josephine Smith, Mike Reinhardt, Sullivan Johnson, Aichon See, Emily Stober **Feb. 23** – Michael Ellwanger, Margaret Basham, Sergio Borbollo, Laura Lara, Juan Picardo **Feb. 24** – Mathalda Hartness, Gene Smith, Peggy Quelch, Tony Llambias, Megan Kelly, Catherine Fritz, Meghan and Katie Frye, Jude Sanderson **Feb. 25** – Bill Buckminster, Jr. **Feb. 26** – Nika Werner, Jeff Wilhelm **Feb. 27** – Michael Jordan, Karen Poteat, Alex Patrone, Molly Nottage, Amber Buxton, Caitlyn Brown, Minnis Adkins

#### ANNIVERSARIES

**Feb. 21** – Aaron and Helene Cote  
**Feb. 22** – Sr. Mary Norman & Sr. Mary Michael's 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of profession of vows **Feb. 26** – Tom and Helen Devlin

# Ministerio Hispano

## VI DOMINGO ORDINARIO

**ALÉGRENSE Y LLÉNENSE DE GOZO PORQUE LES ESPERA  
 UNA RECOMPENSA GRANDE EN EL CIELO. (LUCAS 6:23)**

### PENSAMIENTO DE CO-RESPONSABILIDAD



La primera lectura de hoy describe el ofrecimiento de los primeros frutos que el pueblo de Israel debía presentar al Señor en agradecimiento de su liberación de Egipto y del don de la tierra prometida. ¿Es mi ofrenda en la misa de hoy una respuesta a las bendiciones que el Señor me ha dado?

## RETIROS CUARESMALES

el Grupo Amiguitos de Jesús  
 invita a los niños de K a 4<sup>to</sup> grado al  
**Tercer Retiro Cuaresmal para Niños**  
 en St. Aloysius



el próximo domingo  
 28 de febrero  
 en el Salón de la Sagrada Familia  
 Las puertas estarán abiertas a  
 partir de las 8:30am  
 termina con la Santa Misa de 1:00pm  
*las registraciones terminan al llenarse el cupo  
 o este miércoles 24 de febrero - lo que suceda primero*  
 cooperación \$5.00 por niños  
 desayuno y almuerzo incluido

## MISIONEROS APÓSTOLES DE LA PALABRA

Una familia misionera al servicio de la Iglesia Católica

y el Ministerio Hispano de  
 St. Aloysius le invitan al  
**Retiro de Hombres**  
 el sábado 6 de marzo  
 a partir de las 9:00am  
 concluye con la Santa Misa de 7:00pm



**Retiro de Jóvenes**  
 Sábado 20 de marzo  
 para chicos y chicas del grado 5 al 12 solamente  
 mayores de 18 años, favor de registrarse al retiro de  
 hombres

### Via Crucis

Viernes de Cuaresma a las 7pm



[www.staloysiushickory.org/lifeteen](http://www.staloysiushickory.org/lifeteen)

**LIFENIGHT: Pre-Retreat social - Are you Cereal? 2/21/2010**

Tonight we have a very special night prepared by the teen leadership group, the ARK! Who doesn't like breakfast for dinner? This Life Night gives us a chance to snack on our favorite cereals and then enjoy some fun and games. After a few contests, our night will close in prayer.

**2010 Spg Retreat: Joyful Noise/Black Mtn, NC 2/26 - 2/28**



All high school teens are invited to join St. Aloysius LifeTeen for our annual Spring Retreat in Black Mountain, NC! Get your registrations in quickly - spaces are filling up!

We will not have LifeTeen on Sunday, February 28, but we will still have LifeTeen Mass.

**LIFENIGHT: Re-Gifted 3/07/2010**

Tonight we jumpstart our semester on answering the call to Holiness! We just had an amazing retreat experience; now what? How can we continue to deepen our relationship with Christ? Bring a friend and come down tonight! You may receive a special gift yourself!

**LIFENIGHT: Seder Meal 3/14/2010**

Have you ever wondered exactly what the Passover Meal means? Have you ever wondered why the Last Supper is so significant, or why we perpetually celebrate the Eucharist? Did you ever wonder why Christ took a sip of wine while he was on the cross? Come downstairs for a meal you will not soon forget!

**Do you often find yourself singing  
Pop songs in the shower?**

If you answered "YES," then the Lord may have the perfect job for you in His Church! Check out what it means to be a St. Aloysius LifeTeen **Core Member!** As a member of the Core Team, you will bring the variety of personality, age, nationality, and life experience to mentor our teens in their spiritual development! Contact Billy G for more information!

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you..." - Luke 4:9-10**

At first glance, this suggestion from today's Gospel reading, might seem to make sense. If people saw a miracle like this, wouldn't they automatically follow Jesus? But Jesus wisely dismisses the devil's suggestion, because this quick, flashy miracle would not have helped to form bonds of love between Jesus and his followers. Lasting relationships only develop with time. And they have to be based on love. It was only through his death and resurrection that Jesus could reveal the depths of his love. The cross is the ultimate sign of what God was willing to endure for us. Nothing else can take its place. - Fr. Kenneth Grabner, C.S.C.

*Jesus, you showed your wisdom by dismissing the devil's suggestions. Give me your wisdom, so I may do the same.*

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## FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

**IMPORTANT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM CHANGE:** Please mark your calendars! Due to the Lenten Parish Mission the week of March 14th, we have been asked to **cancel** any parish activities taking place that week. Therefore, **there will be NO Faith Formation classes on Sunday, March 14 or on Wednesday, March 17 for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.** Regrettably, because other activities use the space when Faith Formation is not in session, we are unable to make up any classes that we miss.

There is **NO** Faith Formation for **Kindergarten through Grade 6** next **Sunday, February 28** or the following **Wednesday, March 3**, because of a scheduled Public School Holiday. Jr. High Edge Faith Formation meets on Wednesday, March 3, **as scheduled.**

**As hard as we try,** because of the various activities here at St. Aloysius, **we cannot always keep Elementary and Jr. High Faith Formation on the same schedule.** If you have misplaced your schedule, you can always visit our website, [www.staloysiushickory.org](http://www.staloysiushickory.org).

**IF YOU MISSED THE FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING,** you will need to call either Monica Ebelhack, Director of Faith Formation, or Laura Garza, Director of Hispanic Ministry, to make an appointment to receive the important information you missed regarding your child's banner packet and request form for your First Eucharist date. To avoid any misunderstandings, **we will be unable to take requests for First Eucharist dates over the phone.**

### Sunday Adult Faith Enrichment

The lesson today is part 2 of Instructing Our Hearts with Parables / Jesus and Matthew: Teachers of the New Law. The parables are like buried treasure. They can be returned to time and again for new insight and inspiration. This session focuses on these timeless pieces of wisdom revealing that Gospel truth has the power to explain old things in new ways. The presenter is Scripture Scholar Ann Dunn. **Come and learn more about the Word of God.** Join us at 9:15 -10:30 Sunday mornings in the Parlor!

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The annual World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Worship Service will be held at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 130 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue Place N.W. on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. This year's theme is **"Let everything that has breath praise God"**. This celebration was prepared by the WDP Committee of Cameroon, Africa. Fr. Jean Pierre Lhoposo, Parochial Vicar at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Hickory, will serve as guest speaker. A native of the Republic of Congo, he spent 4 years in Yaoundé, Cameroon in the Cyprianno Seminary. This event is sponsored by more than 15 area churches. Child care will be provided. Refreshments will be served after the service. Questions? Call Carole Marmorato at 828-256-8956.

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