

ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours - Office hours Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am-1:00am

Baptisms - Contact Pastor to schedule baptisms and preparatory classes.

Weddings - Contact the Pastor, preparation for the sacrament takes 6-8 months prior to the wedding date.

Funerals - Contact Pastor

Confessions - Sat. 3:15-3:45pm Sun 7:15am-7:45am, Tues. & Thurs. 7:45am-8:15am or by appointment.

February 14

Ash Wednesday: What’s with that dirt on your head?

Who hasn't gotten that question on Ash Wednesday before? Do you feel silly when people ask you about your ashes? And is it hard to answer their questions? Having ashes on your forehead isn't just some weird Catholic thing: it's a tradition that finds its roots in the Old Testament. "I turned to the Lord God, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes" (*Daniel 9:3*) When the ashes are placed on our foreheads in the sign of the Cross, it is a reminder of several things. **First**, it is a call to repentance: a physical sign that we are sinners in need of forgiveness, which is how the prophet used it in the Old Testament. **Second**, it is to remind us that God created us from the earth and when we die, we will return to it. **But here's the best part:** As Pope Benedict XVI has said, "Man is dust and to dust he shall return, but dust is precious in God's eyes because God created man, destining him to immortality." God so loves us that, even when our bodies return to the dust, our souls are meant to live forever with him.

The ashes symbolize all of this. Not so silly anymore, is it?



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



All are Welcome for Mass, Saturdays at 4:00pm or Sundays at 8:00am

The dispensation from Sunday Mass continues...However, Catholics are still obliged to keep the Commandments, including the Commandment to keep holy the Lord's Day...Younger adults who are least at risk from the virus should take advantage of the opportunity to participate at Mass & to receive Holy Communion.. Please continue to social distance, use hand sanitizer & wear masks.

Read more from the Archdiocese @ archkcks.com/coronavirus/resuming-mass

Continue to check the Parish Website for updates: staloyusiusinmeriden.org

VIEW MASS ONLINE at: [St. Aloysius Church Meriden, KS on Facebook](#)

find us on Facebook or find a link on the church website: staloyusiusinmeriden.org

Check the website for more online Mass opportunities or watch on **TV, Channel 38: 7:00am**


CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF February 14, 2021

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| Monday, Feb 15 | 7:00p.m. The World that Jesus Knew |
| Tuesday, Feb 16 | 8:10am Rosary, 8:30am MASS – Intention for + Francis Petesch 9:15a.m. The World that Jesus Knew |
| Wednesday, Feb 17 | 6:30a.m. Distribution of Ashes @ St. Aloysius 8:30a.m. MASS & Ashes @ St. Aloysius – Intention for + Parishioners of St. Aloysius 6:30p.m. MASS & Ashes @ St. Theresa |
| Thursday, Feb 18 | 8:10a.m. Rosary, 8:30am MASS – Intention for + Karlos VonFeldt |
| Friday, Feb 19 | 7:00p.m. Exposition, Benediction & Stations of The Cross @ St. Aloysius |
| Saturday, Feb 20 | 2:45p.m.-3:45p.m. Confession @ St. Aloysius 4:00p.m. MASS - Intention for + Mary Rose Peuser |
| Sunday, Feb 21 | 7:00a.m. -7:45a.m. Confessions @ St. Aloysius 8:00a.m. MASS – Intention for + Jim Debacker 9:00a.m. – 10:00a.m. Religious Education |

To schedule a Mass for a special intention, special occasion or in remembrance of a loved one, contact the office at 484-3312. The usual offering is a \$10 Mass stipend that goes to the general fund. No amount is required.

ST. ALOYSIUS PRAYER WARRIORS
pray for the needs of others. Send Prayer requests by calling/text/email
 Angie Rosebrough (785)231-9343/
angie.rosebrough@gmail.com
 OR Carol Kahler at
kckahlerfamily@gmail.com

PRAYER LIST: We keep in our thoughts and prayers all the sick & home bound their families & caregivers, especially:
 Walt Foresman, Renee Art, Kathy Askland, Judi Schreiner, Rose Moe, Connie Harper, Angela Winn, Joel Rivera, Danielle & Drew Slimmer, Vera Welsh, Pat Lee, Mary Inman, Lucy Korber.

Ministry of Care:
 If you are concerned about a loved one, we would love to send them a card. Please send their name & address to Barb Seymour: barb@myseymours.com or call the church office.

HOW ARE WE DOING? END OF FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 7/1/20- 6/30/21




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| Weekly Regular/Children's/Plate | 2/6 & 2/7/21 | \$ 2,335.00 | YTD Regular Plate - | \$ 86,780.01 |
| Weekly Other Income | 2/6 & 2/7/21 | \$ 48.00 | YTD other income - | \$ 17,405.49 |





(Does not include extra parochial collections or donations to specific agencies i.e. God's Storehouse etc.)

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| Total Income | \$ 2,383.00 | YTD Income | \$ 104,185.50 |
| Weekly Income Needed | \$ 3,100.00 | Income Needed | \$ 96,100.00 |
| Difference | \$- (717.00) | Difference | \$ 8,085.50 |

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| Weekly Building Fund | 2/6 & 2/7/21 | \$ 1,110.00 | YTD Building Fund - | \$ 24,587.00 |
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We thank our St. Aloysius Community for their continued donations keeping our Parish financially throughout the Pandemic! It is a Blessing to have a church community like St. Aloysius


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|  | <p>ST. ALOYSIUS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Sundays 9am-10am DRE Linda Smith 766-1616 or staloyusdre@gmail.com</p> |  |
| <p>Sunday Feb 28 5:30pm High School Youth Group @ St. Aloysius</p> | <p>Sat. Feb 20 6:00pm - Benedictine Underground for High Schoolers Contact Linda, Rita, or Samantha if you would like to attend.</p> <p>Junior High Youth Rally 9:30am-3:15pm Sunday Feb 28 @ Prairie Star - OR - Sunday March 21 @ Seneca, KS Contact Linda if you would like to attend.</p> |  Bring your cans to raise money for St. Al's Youth Group Events. |

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| P A R I S H N E W S |  <p>"The World that Jesus Knew" Mondays at 7:00pm Feb 15, 22 & March 1 Tuesdays at 9:15am Feb 16, 23, & March 2</p>  <p>St. ALOYIUS IS ON FACEBOOK!!! Find us by searching "St. Aloysius Church Meriden, KS" or go to the church website to find the link. We will LIVESTREAM SUNDAY 8:00am Mass on Facebook "Parishioners at Home" Lent Bags: If you know someone who is sheltering at home and would like to bring them a Lent Bag, please do so. OR Let the office know their name and we will get one in the mail to them.</p> | <p>Do you know a College Student? Let us know who they are & we will send them a Lenten Care Package. Pick up a form after Mass or go to the Parish website to find a link to fill one out. Please return forms by Feb. 14.</p>  <p>JOYFUL HOMES - February LISTEN! Scripture of the Month James 1:19 <i>Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger.</i> Find tools at: archkcks.org/listen</p> <p>In the case of inclement weather go to  WIBW-TV or KSNT 27 for Cancellations</p> |
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As we prepare to celebrate "Presidents' Day" holiday, it is important to remember the deep faith of our founding fathers. This week, as we celebrate them & celebrate LOVE through St. Valentine's Day, let's remember the work of charity, kindness & love that is accomplished through the Archbishop's Call to Share appeal. Please make your pledge today. **St. Aloysius has currently reached 44% of our Goal.**

Archbishop Naumann will be offering Lenten reflections for spiritual nourishment for our journey to Easter Joy. To listen to the latest Enflame Lenten Reflection with Archbishop Naumann visit the Enflame website at www.archkcks.org.

 **Worldwide Marriage Encounter is coming to your house!** Join us for a **Virtual Weekend, Feb. 26th- 28th**. More info. or to apply visit: www.wwme4youandme.org or contact Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net.