

**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. 2:45-3:45pm Sun 7:00am-7:45am, Tues. & Thurs. 7:45am-8:15am or by appointment.

March 21,  
2021



**Palm Sunday & Symbolism: Why are you carrying around tree branches?** Sometimes, one of the hardest things to explain as a Catholic is our attachment to symbolism. Palm Sunday is a great example of that. We come home from Mass holding palm branches, and we tuck them behind a crucifix or next to the picture of the Last Supper. To anyone who does not know our faith, it looks as though we stuck a few weeds on the wall... imagine their questions! The truth behind this tradition, however, goes to the story of Palm Sunday, when the people heard that Christ was coming & *“they took our palm branches & went out to meet him, & cried out ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord’, (even) the king of Israel”* (John 12:13). It was a tradition to spread palms before a king as he processed into his city, it was a way to welcome him, to show him glory & homage. Thus, Christ, the true king, was welcomed into Jerusalem. This fulfilled the prophecy in the Old testament, which declared, *“Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, humble & riding on a donkey.”* (Zech 9:9) It revealed that Christ was a great king, but also a humble king. The people greeted him with wild joy & cheers of Hosanna, But one short week later, they crucified him. We celebrate this feast & carry palm branches home with us to commemorate the great humility of Our Lord, who loved us so much that he chose the cross for our salvation. - usccb.org

**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](http://archkcks.com/coronavirus/resuming-mass)**

**Continue to check the Parish Website for updates: [staloysiusinmeriden.org](http://staloysiusinmeriden.org)**

**VIEW MASS ONLINE at: [St. Aloysius Church Meriden, KS on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/St.AloysiusChurchMeridenKS)**

Check the website, [staloysiusinmeriden.org](http://staloysiusinmeriden.org), for more online Masses or watch on [Channel 38: 7:00am](#)

**CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF March 21, 2021**

- Monday, March 22** 7:00p.m. The World that Jesus Knew
- Tuesday, March 23** 8:10am Rosary, **8:30am MASS** – Intention for + Lloyd Grote  
9:15a.m. The World that Jesus Knew
- Thursday, March 25** 8:10a.m. Rosary, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord  
**8:30am MASS** – Intention for the Unborn
- Friday, March 26** 7:00p.m. Exposition, Benediction & Stations of The Cross @ St. Theresa
- Saturday, March 27** 2:45p.m.-3:45p.m. Confession @ St. Aloysius  
**4:00p.m. MASS** - Intention for + Todd Farrant
- Sunday, March 28** 7:00a.m. -7:45a.m. Confessions @ St. Aloysius  
**8:00a.m. MASS – Palm Sunday,**  
Intention for Parishioners of St. Aloysius and St. Theresa  
9:00a.m.-10:00a.m. Religious Education  
5:30p.m. Youth Group

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

<p><b>ST. ALOYSIUS PRAYER WARRIORS</b>  <i>pray for the needs of others. Send Prayer requests by calling/text/email</i>          Angie Rosebrough (785)231-9343/  <a href="mailto:angie.rosebrough@gmail.com">angie.rosebrough@gmail.com</a>  <i>OR Carol Kahler at</i>  <a href="mailto:kckahlerfamily@gmail.com">kckahlerfamily@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>PRAYER LIST:</b> We keep in our thoughts and prayers all the sick &amp; home bound their families &amp; caregivers, especially:          Walt Foresman, Renee Art, Kathy Askland, Judi Schreiner, Connie Harper, Angela Winn, Joel Rivera, Danielle &amp; Drew Slimmer, Vera Welsh, Pat Lee, Mary Inman, Lucy Korber.</p>	<p><b>Ministry of Care:</b>   If you are concerned about a loved one, we would love to send them a card. Please send their name &amp; address to Barb Seymour: <a href="mailto:barb@myseymours.com">barb@myseymours.com</a> or call the church office.</p>
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**HOW ARE WE DOING? END OF FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 7/1/20- 6/30/21**




Weekly Regular/Children's/Plate	3/13 & 3/14/21	\$ 2,587.00	YTD Regular Plate -	\$ 106,515.01
Weekly Other Income	3/13 & 3/14/21	\$ 20.00	YTD other income -	\$ 18,207.46







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

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,607.00</b>	<b>YTD Income</b>	<b>\$ 124,722.47</b>
Weekly Income Needed	\$ 3,100.00	Income Needed	\$ 111,600.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ -(493.00)</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 13,122.47</b>

<b>Weekly Building Fund</b>	3/13 & 3/14/21	\$ 295.00	<b>YTD Building Fund -</b>	\$ 26,157.00
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**We thank our St. Aloysius Community for their continued donations keeping our Parish financially stable throughout the Pandemic! It is a Blessing to have a church community like St. Aloysius !**

 <p align="center">Love. Grow. Serve.</p>	<p><b>ST. ALOYSIUS RELIGIOUS ED. Sundays 9am-10am</b>          DRE Linda Smith 766-1616 or <a href="mailto:staloyusdre@gmail.com">staloyusdre@gmail.com</a></p>	 <p align="center">Love. Grow. Serve.</p>
<p>Youth Group Info. text Samantha (249-1303) to get on <a href="#">GroupMe</a> &amp;/or follow us on <a href="#">Instagram: stalsgroup</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>Sunday March 28 5:30pm High School Youth Group</b>  <b>Sunday April 4 EASTER, Jesus is Risen!</b>  <b>NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b></p>	 Bring your cans to raise money for St. Al's Youth Group Events.

<p><b>P A R I S H  N E W S</b></p>	<p><b>"The World that Jesus Knew"</b>          Mon. March 22 at 7:00pm &amp; Tues. March 23 at 9:15am</p> <p> <b>St. ALOYIUS IS ON FACEBOOK!!!</b> Find us by searching "St. Aloysius Church Meriden, KS" or go to the church website to find the link.          We will <b>LIVESTREAM SUNDAY 8:00am Mass</b> on Facebook</p> <p> If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one for <b>Easter Flowers</b> please use the envelopes available at the back of church &amp; return them to the office by Tues. March 30.</p>	<p> Bring in your old Palms to be burnt for next year's ashes. </p> <p>During Lent our Parish will be collecting soft bound <b>spiritual books and Catholic Bibles</b> to bring to the local prisons. Books will be collected until <b>March 21.</b></p> <p> <b>Experience God's pardon &amp; peace Confessions:</b> Sat. 2:45-3:45pm, Sundays 7-7:45am, Tues/Thurs 7:45-8:15am. </p>
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**Vaccine Information:** Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine recently approved for use in the U.S. was developed, tested & is produced with abortion-derived cell lines. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that 'when ethically irrepachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research & production process.' However, if one can choose among equally safe & effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's. For the full statement from the Bishops, moral considerations regarding the other vaccines, & a sample letter template to advocate for ethical vaccine research, production and testing, visit [www.archkck.org/vaccines](http://www.archkck.org/vaccines).

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps 6 Catholic agencies to provide relief & support for struggling communities & to work for peace & reconciliation among our marginalized brothers & sisters. Prayerfully consider donating. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)