



# ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Lion's Roar: March 22, 2021

Dear Parents,

In Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde* (Heart of a Father), he declares the year 2021 to be the Year of St. Joseph. He declared this to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Joseph being declared the Patron of the Universal Church. St. Joseph is also the Patron of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Below, you will find a summary of Part 5 of the letter. To read the complete text of Pope Francis's letter, you can use the link provided at the end of the summary. -Erin Candilora

***“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” Amen***

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### Important Dates-

Wednesday, March 24	3rd Grade Class Mass
Wednesday, March 24	Tuition Raffle Drawing
Wednesday, March 31	8th Grade Youth Legislature (at school)
Wednesday, March 31	Rice Bowl return deadline
April 2-9	Easter Holidays- NO SCHOOL
April 14-15	ACT Aspire testing 7th/8th grade
Tuesday, April 20	8th Grade Retreat
Friday, April 30	Last Day to purchase yearbook ads
May 4	Last Day to Pay Tuition for 2021-2022
May 10	8th grade No School
May 11-13	8th Grade Exams; 8th grade 10:50 dismissal
May 17-19	ACT Aspire testing 3rd-6th grade
May 21-25	7th Grade Exams; 7th grade 10:50 dismissal
Friday, May 21	Last day for PreK-K
May 24-26	No Buses

**Wednesday, May 26**

**Last day for 1st-6th; 10:00 am dismissal**

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**THANK YOU:** Thank you to Mr. Jesse Yanarella for providing green Canes lemonade for the 4th graders to enjoy on St. Patrick's Day!

Thank you to Mr. Stanley Massinter for joining us at All School Mass to play the bagpipes on St. Patrick's Day!

Thank you to Ms. Erica Marler for painting shamrocks on campus last weekend!

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**KNOCK OUT HUNGER CHALLENGE-** The Knock Out Hunger Challenge was quite a success, thanks to all of your generous donations. We collected over 1200 boxes of cereal (the total came to 2,420 pounds of food and 2,017 meals!). We filled 35 Food Bank boxes with cereal and 7 Food Bank boxes of milk products.

Special thanks to Mrs. Nicole Wintz for coming up with the idea. Thanks to all of the faculty and staff members that volunteered their time. Thanks to Ms. Edie Boudreaux for organizing the project. Thanks to Ms. Mary Dawson for editing our video. Thanks to the eighth graders for being leprechauns and setting up the boxes. Thanks to our Pre-K leprechaun, Violet, for pouring the milk that started the whole chain reaction.

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**OPERATION RICE BOWL-** Rice Bowls have started coming back to school. Thank You! We are asking that Rice Bowls be turned in by noon on Wed., March 31.

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**MENU CHANGE -** On Monday 3/22 we are switching the menu to Chicken Smackers, macaroni and cheese, baby carrots, and red apples. On Tuesday 3/23 we are having Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, garlic pistolette, sweet green peas, and pears.

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**UNIFORM ANNOUNCEMENT 5th-8th grade:** During the week of March 29-April 1, girls in 5th through 8th grade may wear fingernail polish, and boys in 5th through 8th grade may wear uniform shirts untucked.

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**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE YEARBOOK ADS** -We are pleased to announce that business ads are now available for purchase in the school yearbook. This is a wonderful way for our students to know and remember all the businesses that support students and our school. Ads may be purchased on the school website (Parents/ Important Links/ Purchase a Yearbook) or at [https://yearbookforever.com/schools/st\\_aloysius\\_school\\_buy\\_yearbook\\_4446/](https://yearbookforever.com/schools/st_aloysius_school_buy_yearbook_4446/). Thank you for your support! Please contact Mrs. Peneguy at [speneguy@alloysius.org](mailto:speneguy@alloysius.org) with any questions. The last day to purchase 8th grade ads or business ads is 4/30/2021.

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**TUITION - Tuition is due Tuesday, May 4, 2021.** Payment must be made through Gulf Coast Bank via E-Check (*Non-financing option*). (<https://tuition.gulfbank.com>). If

financing through the Gulf Coast Tuition Loan Program, loan applications must be submitted by May 4 as well. Current year tuition loans must be closed out in order to apply for a Gulf Coast tuition loan for 2021-22. Any payments or loan applications made after May 4th, will incur a \$50.00 (PER CHILD) late fee (*payable directly to the school*). Tuition information can be found under **Important Links** on the school website (**Tuition and Fee Information**).

**IN-PARISH TUITION RATE** - Please note that in order to receive the in-parish tuition rate, you must be in good standing with our parish church in stewardship of ministry and offering.

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### **YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH: March 22- Summary of Patris Corde- Part 5**

In part 5 of the letter, Patris Corde, the Holy Father calls Joseph “a creatively courageous father” and explains why it is truly fitting to consider St. Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church. “If the first stage of all true interior healing is to accept our personal history and embrace even the things in life we did not choose, we must now add another important element : creative courage...In the face of difficulty, we can either give up and walk away, or somehow engage with it. At times, difficulties bring out resources we did not even think we had.”

Joseph was an ordinary man chosen by God to protect the Messiah and his mother. Joseph faced many obstacles. He had to find a place for Jesus to be born when the inns in Bethlehem were full because of Caesar's decree. He had to save the life of his baby from the imminent danger of King Herod. It might look like “the world is at the mercy of the strong and mighty...but God always finds a way to carry out his saving plan.”

The good news for us is that “God always finds a way to save us, provided we show the same creative courage as the carpenter of Nazareth, who was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence.”

The gospel does not say how long the Holy Family were resident immigrants in Egypt, but they faced the same struggles for food, clothing and shelter that families face today. “...like so many of our migrant brothers and sisters who, today too, risk their lives to escape misfortune and hunger. In this regard, I consider Saint Joseph the patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty.”

“The Son of the Almighty came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph. God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child. In this sense, Saint Joseph could be no other than the Guardian of the Church.”

To read the complete text of Pope Francis’s letter, you can use the following link: [Apostolic Letter Patris Corde of the Holy Father Francis on the 150th Anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church \(8 December 2020\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

A Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;

in you Mary placed her trust;

with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,

show yourself a father

and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,

and defend us from every evil. Amen.



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***The mission of St. Aloysius School is to educate the whole child in the Catholic tradition for a life of meaning and purpose.***

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