Christmas Eve Masses:
December 24th, Tuesday,
5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.,
and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass:
December 25th, Wednesday
is at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish!

In this holy season we come together as a faith community to celebrate love; God’s love for the world, and the love of our family and friends. At the Visitation, Mary and Elizabeth came together as community to strengthen one another and to carry God’s promise, God’s word, God’s joy; not only for themselves but for their people and for the world.

At the nativity, the Magi join Mary and Joseph to form a community of praise and thanksgiving, wonder and joy. At the center of all of this is Jesus Christ. As we begin the celebration of Christmas, let us stay at the manger to watch and contemplate:

- shepherds as they believe the good news announced to them;
- angels in heaven who overflow with rejoicing;
- and Magi who acclaim him “King” and give gifts in response.

The birth of Jesus drew a response from them and still calls for a response from us today.

Jesus was born into the world then and continues to be born into our lives today.

In this season of peace and joy may our hearts remain at the manger, may we be strengthened as people of faith, hope, and love. Blessings on you, your families, and your friends.

May your prayers and celebrations carry your love, may our world know this good news, and may peace be yours.

On behalf of the whole parish staff, Merry Christmas!

Fr. Tom Lamanna, S.J.
### 8:00 a.m. Weekday Mass Intentions

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### Our Crèche

- Vic and Ruth Linden were married in 1946. Soon after, they decided to help the parish by building a new Crèche scene. Vic and a friend, Bob Healy, hauled up rock from the river and used them to form maché rocks for the cave. The figurines are approximately 100 years old and were bought for use with an older Crèche. For the past 73 years, members of the Linden family have assembled and put up the Crèche scene each year in front of Mary’s altar. Although Ruth and Vic have both passed away, their children have faithfully continued the tradition. (The families and friends of their sons Nick, Chris and Steve)

On behalf of the parish we thank the Lindens for this wonderful gift to St. Aloysius.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Available every Thursday in the church, 4:30—6:30 p.m.

- Cancelled for December 26th

### Eucharistic Adoration

- Cancelled Tuesday, Dec. 24th.

### UPCOMING:

- New Year’s Day Mass - 10:00 am
- Young Adult Pub Night (adults in their 20's and 30's) - January 6th
  - Joan Braun will present on a Catholic response to Islamophobia and Antisemitism.
- Senior Lunch - moved to Thursday, January 9th this month
- Altar Society - January 14th
- Senior Pub Night - moved to January 14th this month

Check out our website for more information. www.stalschurch.org

### SPIRITUALITY 101

- Give yourself the gift of growing in your faith!
- Jan. 20 and 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24; from 10:30 - Noon
- at The Ministry Institute, 405 E. Sinto Ave.

Each session consists of discussion based on readings given to participants ahead of time. Can attend one or all.

- $60 if received by Jan. 13th, $70 after, or $15 for individual sessions

For information or to register: contact Kathy Finley at kathynmitchfinley@gmail.com or (509) 484-4668.

- There will be another series March 16th through April 20th.

You do not have to attend this one to attend the next one.

### Eastern Washington Legislative Conference: Making It Happen

- Saturday, January 25, 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Spokane Valley United Methodist Church-115 N. Raymond St., Spokane Valley

Information: Scott Cooper, Catholic Charities (509) 358-4273.

- RSVP to 509-535-4112 or email: event@thefigtree.org
- Fee: $15. (Say you are from St. Al’s group)

A great opportunity to learn about issues before the State Legislature in Olympia and how you can advocate on issues that matter to you.
"Into this world, this demented inn in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited… With those for whom there is no room, Christ is present in this world.

Thomas Merton

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**Weekend Masses:**  
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
**Daily Mass:** Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Thursdays: 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the church  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Tuesday: 2–6 p.m. and Friday: 6:45-7:45 a.m.  
**St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Grade School**  
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President: Mary Kay Bryan 487-4632  
**Knights of Columbus Council #15143**  
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**Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life - SEEL**  
Jennifer Doolittle 313-5898

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**Refugee Simulation: A 3-Hour Experience**

What’s it like to flee your homeland as a refugee and try to navigate the process of being resettled in another country?

In this simulation, each participant is separated into refugee “families” and will need to pass through 4 stations, including an interview by immigration officials, medical screening and language classes.

The St. Ann and St. Aloysius Parish Immigration Committee invite you to participate: **Monday, March 23, 6—9 p.m.**  
World Relief Office, 1522 N. Washington St.  
Fee: $35 per person. Scholarships available. Contact Rita.

Information/Registration: Rita at 313-7003  
rwaldref@dioceseofspokane.org

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**Friendship Center**

World Relief works with refugees in Spokane.

As part of its mission, they have opened “Friendship Center” in their building at 1522 N. Washington. The Center is a space where refugees and volunteers can come together to share stories, learn a craft, work on English and develop friendships. The Center is open weekdays (not Thursday) from 10 to 3.

**St. Aloysius is seeking more helpers.**

For more info and to volunteer, please contact Rita Waldref, 313-7003 or rwaldref@dioceseofspokane.org

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