

St. Aloisius Community Volunteer Program



- April 10 -

Sources of Strength

Mission Integration * Faith in Action

* Wells Co. Mentoring *

Senior Companions * Hospice

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Happy Easter! The Lord has risen!

Attention Volunteers!

April is national volunteer appreciation month and we would like to show you our appreciation by inviting you to our annual volunteer appreciation program. All St. Aloisius Volunteers are invited to join us at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 22nd at the Presentation Center. This includes mentors (you may bring your youth if you would like to). We will be entertained by Miriam Smette as she presents on “Cheerfully Serving.” And of course we will serve lunch, have door prizes, etc. Please come so we can formally thank you for all that you do for St. Aloisius and our community.

Wellness Clinic – April 5th and 7th, 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at St. Aloisius Outpatient Services – Harvey (former clinic building attached to the hospital). 7:00-9:30 a.m. on April 19th at Drake City Hall and April 20th at the KTL Building in Fessenden.

This includes blood pressure & panel of 18 lab tests including triglycerides, cholesterol and anemia screening. Depression screenings available. \$30 includes continental breakfast. Men can get a PSA test for an additional \$25.

Remember: only water for 12 hours before tests.

Domestic Violence and Suicidology – A training and facilitated dialogue for clergy, law enforcement and domestic violence advocates/volunteers, Thursday, April 29th from 8:15-4:30 at St. Aloisius Medical Center. If you are a SAAF volunteer or someone who would like more information on this, contact Tammy.

Community Good Friday Service – Friday, April 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Mennonite Brethren Church. This is an interdenominational service that is coordinated by several local churches. Come worship our Lord and Savior!

Easter Egg Hunt – Kids who are 12 years old and younger are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt at the Harvey High School at 1:30 on Saturday, April 3rd.

The circus is coming to town! – Jose Cole Circus at 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 11th at the Harvey Armory.

SIDNE Car – This simulated car will be available at the Harvey High School on April 15th. It allows students the opportunity to experience delayed responses of driving while under the influence of alcohol. Put on by Safe Communities through the Department of Transportation.

Earth Day is April 22nd. The Missions Integration Committee at St. Aloisius is encouraging employees and anyone who would like to participate, to help clean the hospital grounds. This would be a great activity for mentors and youth who want to get outdoors for some fresh air. We are especially hoping to get some volunteers to help in the Hospice garden this year. Anyone interested can call Tammy for further details.

Congratulations to our
Mentor of the month,
Judy Keller
and our volunteer of the month,
Beverly Vetter.
You are appreciated!

God's blessings to you throughout this Holy season.

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For the true meaning of Easter, read Mathew Chapters 27 and 28.

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For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that who-ever believeth in Him shall not perish, but shall have ever-lasting life. ~John 3:16

St. Aloisius Website:

Check out what's going in your community by logging onto the St. Aloisius website at <http://www.staloisius.com/>.

May God bless you and keep you in His perfect peace.

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Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.

--Philippians 3:20-21, NIV

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### **Earth Is Not Our Home**

In Psalm 37:35, David marvels at the wicked *"spreading himself like a green bay tree"* (KJV). Young's Literal Translation puts it: *"as a green native plant."*

We have a schefflera plant, or umbrella tree, in our living room. Because it is not native to where we live, it makes a nice houseplant, growing to 10 feet tall at most. But in a tropical climate such as Florida or Australia, it can grow to 40 feet.

Why should we wonder, then, when we Christians struggle? We are not native plants. The earth is not our home, and we can expect to have rough times. Our Lord promised us that. But we also have this promise: *"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him"* (James 1:12, NIV).

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Prayer for the Day:

Lord, I look forward to the day when I will truly be at home— with You in heaven. As I look to that day, help me to be a faithful witness to Christ.

Taken from "Letters from Ruth's Attic – Insights for Knowing God's Love" by Ruth Bell Graham