



St. Aloisius  
Medical  
Center

SMP Health System

# HEALING FIRE AND LIGHT

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Staff News

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We are all God's people taking care of God's people.

## St. Aloisius Happenings June 2011

- 2 New Employee Orientation—1 pm
- 7, 8 PALS—8 am to 5pm
- 14 **FLAG DAY**
- 15 - 22 **National Nurse Assistant Day / Week**
- 16 Education Day—8 am
- 16 Risk Mgmt—1pm
- 16 CPR—12 to 5 pm
- 23 QI—Noon
- 28 Dept. Mgrs.—2 pm

Every Tues. Prayer in Chapel 8:30 am  
Every Wed.—Caring Circle Noon

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Many prizes and a whole lot of fun!

Second Annual \$120 per team!

### St. Aloisius Medical Center GOLF TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, June 15, 2011  
1:00 p.m.

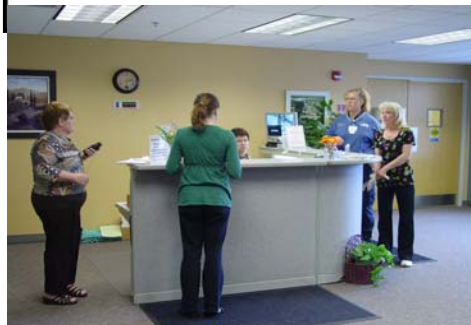
At the Harvey Golf Course

Hole #5 - First Round - First Hole-In-One - WINS A CAR

4 - Person Scramble

Proceeds will go toward purchase of a new gurney for ER.

Call Joe Volk at 701 324-4651



On May 12, 2011, a (Mock) "tornado" touched down in Harvey at the St. Aloisius Nursing Home. Five "residents" were injured and taken to the Emergency Room for treatment. This is a picture of staff waiting for the arrival of the first patient.

2 pm—a Code Gray was called—weather is favorable for tornado development.

This picture is of "resident" and staff in the hallway of Unit A.

2:30 pm—"tornado" was sighted—Code Black.

2:45 pm—Code Green—disaster plan enacted.



11 students from Harvey High School participated as "injured residents" and "evacuees." Many thanks to Jessica Fry, Daniel Garman, Lindsey Burgard, Chelsey Marchand, Daniel Deck, Kristen Meland, Damian WhiteHorse, Elizabeth Schmeets, Katie Streifel, Brian Anderson, and Kim Haux for their portrayal of "residents".

Welcome to the St. Aloisius Medical Center "Family" New Employees—May, 2011

Allison Windish-LTC	Brooke Hakanson-LTC
Amanda Sondag-LTC	Mike Zastoupil-LTC
Paige Helm – Graduate Nurse-Med/Surg	

**CNA Class**

Karen Brown	Sarah Gregg
Kim Knudtson	Rebecca Knudtson



Hospital Incident Command System initiated the Code Green. Assignments were handed out.



Continuation of the Gospels and the healing Mission of Jesus

“A person in need of health care and the professional health care provider who accepts that person as a patient enter into a relationship that requires, among other things, mutual respect, trust, honesty, and appropriate confidentiality.”

“In faithful imitation of Jesus Christ, the Church has served the sick, suffering and dying in various ways throughout history. The zealous service of individuals and communities has provided shelter for the traveler; infirmaries for the sick; and homes for children, adults and the elderly.”

As workers in a Catholic health care ministry, we are to be Christ to others in our work. As a “mission driven” organization, we preach the Good News by our work. We need to be mindful of the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ healing in order to fully understand and appreciate the mission we have received from him. We should ask him to give us the grace to care for our patients’ and residents’ physical, emotional and spiritual needs as he did for the people who came to him for healing.

Healing was an essential part of Jesus ministry and, in turn, it has always been an essential mission of the Church. We, as health care workers, (even if we do not provide hands-on care) continue the healing mission of Jesus through our ministries of his church.

Although we may not have Jesus’ authority to accomplish physical healings by our mere will, such as the healing of the man with the withered hand, sometimes just a few words can have tremendous emotional or spiritual power for those in our care. A kind word or a moment of listening can “touch” someone on an emotional or spiritual level, lift their spirit and penetrate fear or loneliness. On the other hand, a gentle, loving touch with no words can also have the same effect. Like the healing of Jesus both have no cost.

As care givers in a Catholic ministry, we, too, tend to the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of the people we serve. Each person is unique and we minister to them as individuals, as opposed to treating their medical problems with the same spirit that a mechanic fixes a car. Ours is a ministry to serve the emotional and spiritual needs of those we serve, as well as treating their physical sickness or injury.

Isolation and alienation do not require empty space. Our busy hospital and nursing homes as well as one’s own home can be lonely places. New residents in our long term care facilities and the people we care for in their homes may suffer from loneliness or alienation from their families and others. Feeling helpless and alone can be an effect of one’s physical disease or condition. A simple touch can penetrate such isolation. A few words and a listening ear may be all it takes to give them a connection with another person who acknowledges them as loveable and unique, so they no longer feel entirely alone.

As Jesus was surely thinking about the events to soon unfold for him in Jerusalem, he still took the time to stop and respond to Bartemaues’s request to receive his sight. There are times when we, too are heavily burdened and emotionally distracted, but we still have to show up for work and respond to the needs of the people in our care. At time like this, we need to remember the compassion and attention to needs of our patients and residents.

Having been called to participate in the church’s healing mission, we must serve with Christian love and compassion. Our service is essential for the continuation of Jesus’ mission through the church’s healing ministries (our hospital, nursing homes) in the community we serve. We should pray for the success of our ministries and in thanksgiving for the opportunities they provide for us to be Christ to others by our service to those who come to us for care.

( Taken from the ERD’S and Jack Kennelly paper he wrote .)

Sister Mary Agnes  
Pastoral Care Department

Injured “residents” were assessed and taken for treatment.



The other “residents” were evacuated to the Harvey Elementary School.

See more pictures at [www.staloisius.com](http://www.staloisius.com)

