



**St. Aloisius
Medical
Center**

SMP Health System

Healing Fire and Light

Marian Hase—Editor Staff News

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

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St Aloisius Medical Center Clinic

Appointments can be made by calling **324-5131**.

Providers: Dr. Rick Geier, Dr. T.I. Dean; Kim Thorson, FNP, Deb Buxa, FNP, Lisa Neumiller, FNP. If you need to be seen, be sure you call first. If you have respiratory symptoms or you want to speak with Dr. Dean about COVID-19, please call 324-5125.



St. Aloisius Medical Center

SMP Health System

Mission Statement:

St. Aloisius Medical Center,
inspired by Jesus,
in union with the Sisters of Mary
of the Presentation,
ministers health to all we serve.

Values:

Hope – Creating an atmosphere of
trust and confidence.

Healing – Caring for body, mind
and spirit.

Hospitality – Welcoming, in a
Christ-like way.

August 2020 NEW EMPLOYEES
Welcome to the St. Aloisius Family!

Delaney Wakefield—Dietary
Gregorio Diego—Lab
Kimberly Held—Clinic
Kelsey Weisenburger—OT
Kaitlin Goldade—Surgery
Amy Richter—Clinic
Merri Haug—Housekeeping

September 2020 NEW EMPLOYEES

Jessica Denning—LTC
Ashlynn Munch—LTC





Hope in the Middle of Despair

" In my distress I called upon the Lord... From his temple he heard my voice and my cry to him reached his ears" *Psalm 18: 6*

Sometime our circumstance seems over whelming. We may feel like we will never get out of the particular situation we are in. Maybe it's a health issue or relationship issue. What ever the circumstance may be, there's always a glimmer of hope, despite how bleak the outcome appears to be or how we might feel.

In taking a look at Scripture that David felt overwhelmed by his circumstance too. David's distress involved constantly feeling from a jealous king Saul. David was able to see the hand of God working in various times in his life as he experienced small victories and that gave him hope for the future. God delivered David from the circumstance he couldn't handle and from the despair David felt. If God was able to deliver this man from imminent death, than surely will deliver each one of us from whatever situation we are in.

We must be aware of the small victories God gives to us as we cry for deliverance . Although we must we aware of the small victories God gives to us when we cry for delivers. We may not automatic get the deliverance when we want it. God We can find hope in stories like David's in which God did redeem him from his distress. There are other stories in Scripture that can give us hope.

Dear Lord, I don't understand my circumstance, but I know you do.

A Poem of Hope

I feel the arms of god around me
as I lay on my bed at night asleep,
I feel the Angels touch
I'm surrounded and held tight.

God guards me night and day
always bringing love and hope.
somehow, I know I will survive
for this he will help me to cope.

The Lord has compassion on me,
I know I can count on Him
this is nowhere from His Love I want to flee



I would like to close these words with this saying taken from Scripture, "How precious it is, Lord, to realize that You are thinking about me (us) constantly". *Psalm 139: 17*

Sunday's Promise: Faith

My faith and my gratitude for all that I have been blessed with will shine through in my attitudes and in my actions.

The logo for CHI St. Alexius Health, featuring a stylized 'C' and 'H' in blue and green.

CHI St. Alexius Health
Imagine better health.™
Employee Assistance Program
Call: (701) 530-7195
or (800) 327-7195
CHISTAlexiusHealth.org

St. Aloisius September Anniversaries

- Nancy Selzler—48 years
- Shirley Leintz—48 years
- Ronda Patzer—39 years
- Beth Huseth—38 years
- Lisa Lemer—30 years
- Eleanor Sieglock—24 years
- Danica Grossman—21 years
- Sandra Teubner—15 years
- Crystal Hornbacher—14 years
- Brenda Finley—11 years
- Yolanda Gray—9 years
- Misty Axtmann—7 years
- Christy Arends—6 years
- Tammy Shank—4 years
- Danielle Vlaminck—4 years
- Maria Steichen—1 year
- Jennifer Dorman—1 year
- Teresa Aljets—1 year
- Brock Fisher—1 year
- Ashley Van Dolah—1 year
- Danita Rixen—1 year

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St. Aloisius October Anniversaries

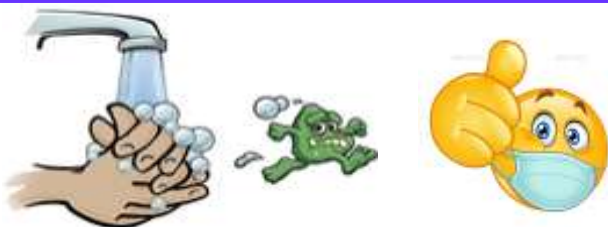
- Mary Prouty—42 years
- Corene Buxa—38 years
- Marian Hase—26 years
- Carrie Schuh—25 years
- Jamie Schuh—25 years
- Brianna Weinmann—19 years
- Paulette Martin—13 years
- Nelson, Anna—8 years
- Courtney Lauth—6 years
- Lori Stein—5 years
- Miranda Reinke—2 years
- Lauren Sting—1 year
- Darla McDonald—1 year
- Petrina Krenzle—1 year

132 years of dedicated service to
St. Aloisius Medical Center!



Care 'N Share/R&R Committee.

They are in need of members and are asking anyone who is interested to come to the 2nd Wednesday meetings at 2 pm in the Admin.



Michele Frank recently completed nursing courses and passed her LPN exam. She will join the nursing staff in LTC. Congratulations, Michele!

Formation Minute

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’
But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven;
for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good,
and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. (Mt. 5:43-45)*

Throughout Catholic health care and throughout SMP Health System, when we talk about our Catholic identity, we tend to mention how we serve all people. Usually, we think about this in terms of the diversity of people we care for—all people regardless of race, sex, religion, age, etc. While this understanding is good, I don’t think it encompasses the depth of what it really means to serve others regardless of who they are.

One example of what I’m talking about comes from the Sisters’ history during World War I. I’ve written before about the Sisters’ service during this time in France and how the motherhouse was converted to a hospital, but there’s an aspect to this story that I feel can get overlooked. The Sisters’ history highlights the fact that the Sisters went above and beyond in caring for the sick and wounded soldiers. During this time, the Motherhouse had approximately five hundred patient beds and more often than not all the beds were full, such that, by the end of the war, the Sisters cared for nine thousand, six hundred seventy-four patients of various nationalities, religious backgrounds, and different illnesses!

While this alone is rather amazing and noteworthy, there’s another layer to this which I would argue is even more impressive. I’m referring to the fact that the Sisters did all of this for the French government. The government who, only a few months earlier, kicked the Sisters out of their motherhouse, forced them to flee the country, and told them that they no longer legally exist. Imagine how hard that must have been! It would be like someone kicking you and your family out of your house, and then you offering to help care for these people. And, on top of all this, “[Mother Superior] accepted no other remuneration than a daily compensation of two francs for their board, and she added: ‘I would refuse even that small amount if our property had not been confiscated,’” (History, Vol. III). So the Sisters not only served a people who had rejected them, but then would hardly accept anything in return for this service. These Sisters really understood what it means to love one’s neighbor, no matter what!

While I hope that none of us end up in this situation, I think we all have neighbors we struggle to love. Perhaps the Sisters’ example of love, humility and service can serve as a witness to how we can care for others.

JT Kennelly
VP of Mission and Formation
SMP Health System

*I don't do big things.
I do small things with big love.
Mother Teresa*

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas) is the day after [All Hallows' Eve](#) (Hallowe'en). It is a feast day celebrated on 1st November by [Anglicans](#) and [Roman Catholics](#).

It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. As part of this day of obligation, believers are required to attend church and try not to do any servile work.

Remembering saints and martyrs and dedicating a specific day to them each year has been a Christian tradition since the 4th century AD, but it wasn't until 609AD that Pope Boniface IV decided to remember *all* martyrs. Originally 13th May was designated as the Feast of All Holy Martyrs. Later, in 837AD, Pope Gregory IV extended the festival to remember all the saints, changed its name to Feast of All Saints and changed the date to 1st November.



- 1/4 cup whole milk
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 2 Tbsp pumpkin puree (canned or homemade)
- 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice (store-bought or homemade)
- 2 Tbsp maple syrup (or more to taste)
- Add to hot or cold coffee to your taste!



Human Resource Info
St. Aloisius Medical Center wants you
to join our team!

RN – Cardiac Rehab (PT)

Night Nurse (PRN Long Term Care)*

Registered Health Info Tech Supervisor -RHIT (FT)

CNA (FT/PT)*

Radiology Technologist (FT)*

RN Charge Nurse (FT)*

Activities CNA (FT)*

Ward Clerk (PT Med Surg)

Housekeeper (FT)*

Daycare Caregiver (FT)

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Sign on bonus for qualifying positions

Apply online at:

www.staloisius.com

Or email Ashley Van Dolah at:

hr@staloisius.com

Ashley Van Dolah, Human Resources Director

St. Aloisius Medical Center Direct Dial Numbers

St. Aloisius Clinic—324-5131

Medical Floor - 324-5112

Unit A—324-5121 Unit B—324-5118

Daycare—324-5109

Sherrri Engkvist—324-5120

Candie Thompson—324-5113

Human Resources—324-5123

Lab—324-5116 Radiology—324-5107

Physical Therapy—324-5119

Enter these numbers in your phone!

Cut this out and put on your fridge!

Calling Tree—when you call the hospital you can choose the clinic or the hospital—this helps telephone traffic through the switchboard.

PUMPKIN PRAYER

Dear God...

Open my mind so I can learn about You.

Take all my sin and forgive the wrong that I do.

Open my eyes so Your love I will see.

I'm sorry for times I've turned up my nose at what You've given me.

Open my ears so Your word I will hear.

Open my mouth to tell others You're near.

Let Your light shine in all I say and do!

Amen.



What to Remember

When Hosting Gatherings This Holiday Season

If you're planning on hosting a gathering over the holidays, **remind guests to stay home if they're sick** or have been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 14 days. Host the gathering outdoors, when possible, and make sure indoor spaces are well-ventilated (for example, open a window). Arrange tables and chairs to allow for social distancing among people not in the same household. Wear masks when less than 6 feet apart from people or in- and

doors, en-



Coronavirus Etiquette

- Social distance—6 feet or more apart from people **not of your household or "pod"**.
- Consider wearing a mask when out in public—will protect others and will provide some protection for you.
- WASH HANDS OFTEN or use alcohol based hand sanitizer.
- Be courteous to others following "the rules".

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019
(COVID-19)

[CDC.gov/COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID-19)

courage guests to bring their own food.

