

St. Alphonsus Catholic School

Kaleidoscope Connection

Forming Faith and Future

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

December 9, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 13 -**
**Re-Registration/
Sibling Registra-
tion Begins**
- **December 13-17 -**
**Christmas Spirit
Week**
- **December 14-16-**
**Middle School
Exams**
- **December 16 -**
**Drama Club
Christmas Pro-
gram/8th Grade
Nativity**
- **December 17 -**
**School Mass /
1 p.m. Dismissal**

*The Mission of
St. Alphonsus
Liguori Catholic School is
to form students in the
Catholic Faith
spiritually,
academically,
physically, and
culturally in an
environment of
academic
excellence.*

Christmas Holidays - On December 17th, we will have EARLY DISMISSAL at 1 p.m. and there will be NO aftercare on this day! There will be NO SCHOOL on December 20th - December 31st. We will return to school on January 3rd.

Advent/Christmas Update

As we enter into the third week of Advent this coming Sunday, we pause and reflect. We are reminded of the joy that we experience waiting for the birth of Jesus. We will light two purple candles and a pink candle! A few reminders as we move forward toward the Christmas break:



- Due to social distancing and space limitations in the classrooms, we are limiting visitors for our Christmas parties to room moms only. We are hoping that by the time we are ready for Easter parties, COVID restrictions will be eased. Thank you for your patience and support as we work our way slowly back to "normal".
- Collections to keep in mind when shopping this weekend- sock drive on December 13th for the Baton Rouge Parent's Magazine Sock It To Me Sock Drive, toy collection for Ross Tires (due by next Friday), food bank Fridays, weekly food drive for St. Vincent de Paul. We understand that Christmas can be a tough time financially for everyone, so please know that all donations are optional and appreciated!

Middle School Exam Schedule

Please see the middle school exam schedule below. Child care will not be provided for middle school students after exams. Reminder that middle school students will be dismissed at 12 Tuesday-Thursday.

Tuesday,

December 14:

6th grade- History / English
7th grade- Math / Reading
8th grade- Science

Wednesday,

December 15th:

6th grade: Science
7th grade: History / English
8th grade: Math / Reading

Thursday,

December 16th:

6th grade: Math / Reading
7th grade: Science
8th grade: History / English



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Band Christmas Concert

The St. Alphonsus beginner and advanced band members had their Christmas concert this week. They did an amazing job! Thank you to our band director, Mrs. Sarah Love, for always encouraging their musical talent.



School Mass

We will have Mass on Friday, December 17th. *Please note that there will be special dress days that week. On December 17th, students will not be allowed to wear their "Christmas Accessories" to Mass.

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 School Year

Re-enrollment for currently enrolled students and new siblings will begin on Monday, December 13th. **Please note:** Enrollment will be completed online. Parents will be required to set-up a FACTS account as registration payments are no longer accepted at the School Office. Re-enrollment instructions will be sent out by Monday, December 13th.

Toy Drive

Spread the Joy, Give a Toy. St. Alphonsus will be helping Ross Tire and Journey Church fill Central's Toy Box. This will help a child have a special Christmas. Please see the attached flyer for more information. The homeroom with the most toys collected will receive a Raising Cane's party. We appreciate your help and generosity!

Drama Club Christmas Play and 8th Grade Nativity

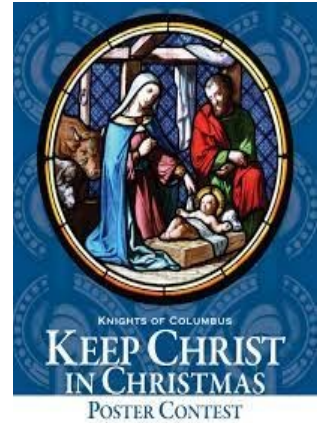
The Drama Club will be performing "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and the 8th graders will perform the living Nativity on Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m., in the Family Center. Please come out and support our Drama Club and enjoy a show.



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Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest for students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade. See the attached entry form for more details. Entries are due to the school office by Wednesday, December 15, 2021. The Knights of Columbus have provided the poster boards (1 per student). Participants can pick up the poster boards in the school office. Please encourage your child to participate in this wonderful Christmas tradition.



God's Helping Hands

God's Helping Hands will be open to any 1st or 2nd grade student who wants to serve our school and church community! If your child is interested in joining God's Helping Hands this year, please turn in the permission slip attached to the Kaleidoscope newsletter and return it to your homeroom teacher no later than Thursday, January 13th! If you have any questions about joining God's Helping Hands, please email Tina Gallo (tgallo@stalphonsusbr.org), Karen Harrison (kharrison@stalphonsusbr.org), Irene Berard (iberard@stalphonsusbr.org), or Jessica Fisher (jfisher@stalphonsusbr.org)! All information and details regarding this club, meeting dates, and what our club is all about can be found on the permission slip that is attached to the Kaleidoscope newsletter!

Remembering Our Children Candlelight Service

"Sometimes our light goes out, but it is blown again into flame by an encounter with another human being" Albert Schweitzer

Everyone is invited to be that human encounter supporting our parents who have lost children. Please join them for our Remembering Our Children Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 12 at 6:00 PM, in the church. This service will symbolize that the light of these precious children will forever be held in our hearts. If you have lost a child and did not receive a personal invitation to our Candlelight Service please call the Church Office, 261-4650, to let us know.



St. Alphonsus School Distinguished Graduate for 2021-2022

Congratulations to our St. Alphonsus School Distinguished Graduate for 2021-2022, Mr. Pete Joseph Firmin. Mr. Firmin is a 2004 graduate of St. Alphonsus School. He is married to Marlana Shaffer Firmin and has two beautiful daughters attending St. Alphonsus School and a baby on the way. Mr. Firmin graduated from LSU in Construction Management and is a General Contractor with Firmin Construction Corporation. He is passionate about assisting others with building their future. He generously volunteers his time and talents and has helped with many Catholic school renovations, including our St. Alphonsus Middle School. Mr. Firmin will be honored at the Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic School's Office Distinguished Graduate Dinner in January.



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH:

- Christmas Socks - Students may wear Christmas socks with their school uniform.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH:

- Holiday Headgear - Students may wear a Christmas hat, headband or scarf with spirit dress.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH:

- Winter Wonderland - Students may wear blue, white and gold shirts with spirit dress guidelines or spirit dress.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH:

- Pajama Day - Students may wear Christmas pajama bottoms with their spirit shirt. *Please no tight fitting pajama bottoms.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH:

- Christmas Day - Students may wear red and green shirt and Christmas accessories with spirit dress guidelines. *Christmas accessories cannot be worn in Mass.



St. Alphonsus Kids in Ministry

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 11th

9:30 AM - 12 PM

Family Center

Children: Infant to 5th grade

Celebrate the
"Reason for the Season"
Breakfast Games
Crafts Nativity Story

RSVP on the parish website

for an arrival time.

This will allow us to serve
everyone breakfast.



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST in the age division (as of Nov. 1st) checked below. I realize that my entry becomes property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office.

☐ **AGE 5-7 DIVISION
(GRADE K-2)**

☐ **AGE 8-10 DIVISION
(GRADE 3-5)**

☐ **AGE 11-14 DIVISION
(GRADE 6-8)**

COUNCIL NUMBER _____

Name of Entrant

Date of Birth

Street Address

City

State/Province

Postal Code

Telephone (Circle one: Home Cell)

Email

Signature of Entrant

This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

The undersigned hereby request and approve the Entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST. In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agree to hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and any of its subordinate units and their officers, members, agents and employees, blameless and without liability, and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless all of the above mentioned from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to Entrant's said participation. The Entrant may compete in only one council-level contest. **Entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council which retains exclusive rights to use said entries in future promotional materials, with creative credit given to the artist.**

Parent/Guardian

Date signed

This Section To Be Completed Knights of Columbus Officials:

Score Sheet

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: A 100-point scoring system is used to determine winners.
Information on Rules and Judging are on other side of this form.

Competition Level	Slogan – 30 points	Artistic Merit – 30 points	Overall Impact – 40 points
Council Total: _____			
District/Regional Total: _____			
Jurisdictional Total: _____			
International Level Total: _____			



Keep Christ in Christmas

Poster Judging Fact Sheet

RULES

Poster must reflect the theme of *Keep Christ in Christmas*.

Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.

Poster should be approximately 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.

Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest entry form.

The name and age of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster.

All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. **Posters will not be returned.**

JUDGING

Judging should be done by teams composed of students, Knights, teachers, administrators, Chaplin, Pastor, etc. In keeping with the theme of giving young people the opportunity to develop their own feeling towards Christmas and our savior Jesus Christ, young people should be included in all phases of the judging process.

A **100 point scoring system** will be used to determine the winner.

30 Points: Slogan — How clearly is the theme presented?

30 Points: Visuals — How well do the visuals convey the message?

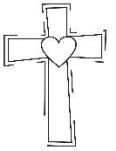
40 Points: Overall impact — How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic?

Council's Contact Information





St. Alphonsus School God's Helping Hands Club (2021-2022)



What is God's Helping Hands?

The purpose of God's Helping Hands is to serve our school and church community through various service projects as well as promoting and creating a caring school environment.

Who is eligible to join?

God's Helping Hands is open to any 1st or 2nd grade student. Students should be willing to promote a caring school environment while serving our church and school communities through various service projects.

When and where are the meetings?

Meetings are right after school in the 1st grade classrooms beginning at 3:30 p.m. and ending promptly at 4:00 p.m. All students must be picked up from the 1st grade classrooms no later than 4:00 p.m. If your child needs to go to aftercare from the meeting, please indicate on your permission slip. Students who stay for the meeting need to inform the office of a dismissal change for that day.

Meeting Dates

January 19th (Wednesday), March 9th (Wednesday), April 13th (Wednesday)

Club Moderators

Club Moderators for God's Helping Hands are Karen Harrison, Tina Gallo, Irene Berard, or Jessica Fisher. Feel free to email club moderators with any questions!

Fill out the information below if you are interested in joining and return to your child's homeroom teacher. (Return no later than Thursday, January 13th. Spots are limited.)

God's Helping Hands Permission Slip

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian e-mail address: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

SPREAD^{THE} JOY GIVE A TOY

Help Ross Tire & Journey Church fill Central's Toy Box this year to help a child have a special Christmas.

The classroom that collects the most toys will win a
RAISING CANE'S PARTY!!!

Toys needed by December 15th

New, unwrapped toys for newborn - age 16

Call Ross Tire and Service for more details:

225-262-8473



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