

# St. Alphonsus Catholic School

## Kaleidoscope Connection

*Forming Faith and Future*

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

December 1, 2022

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 2 - School Mass
- December 8 - School Mass
- December 16 - School Mass / Middle School Exams
- December 19 - Middle School Exams / Reregistration/ New Sibling Registration
- December 20 - Middle School Exams / Drama Club 7:00 p.m.

*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 21st, we will have EARLY DISMISSAL at 11:30 a.m. and there will be NO aftercare on this day! There will be NO SCHOOL on December 22nd - January 3rd. We will return to school on January 4th.**

## Advent 2022: Happy New Year!

This past Sunday was the first Sunday of the Advent season. Advent is the first season of the liturgical calendar so we can say "Happy New Year!". We hope that this Advent will be a season of renewal as you and your family prepare to celebrate the birth of the Savior of the World. Our weekly morning Advent prayers are included below. Please take some time to say these prayers as a family as you enter into the beauty of the season.

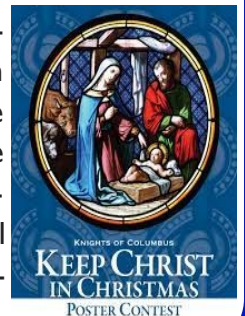
First Week: Jesus, you are the light of the world. Teach us to leave the darkness behind and to live in your light. Help us not to hurt each other by our words and actions. Make us thoughtful and generous so that we can be ready to greet you when you come. Come, Lord Jesus!

Second Week: Jesus you are the light of the World. May the fire of your love burn away our sins. May it help us to prepare the way for you by being kind, forgiving, and fair. Come, Lord Jesus!

Third Week: Jesus, you are the light of the world. May your light shine brightly so we can see you everywhere. Help us to spread your light and joy by giving freely and happily to all we meet. Come, Lord Jesus!

## 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 Tuesday, December 13th. 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.





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# 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 12:00 p.m. on Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

## Friday, December 16:

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

## Monday, December 19th:

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

## Tuesday, December 20th:

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

## St. Alphonsus Booster Club

**\*Today is the last day to register!**

Join the Hive! The Hive's purpose is to raise money for the advancement of all athletic programs and facilities at St. Alphonsus School including gym upgrades. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Click on the link below to register. After you register, you will have access to purchase your athletic pass.



Registration:

<https://forms.gle/LiNNkG6IPVxeSQio6>

Athletic Passes:

<https://forms.gle/eKMZy77TVc2zVgDd6>

## 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!

## Christmas Shop

The Christmas Shop has been cancelled. Another event will be planned soon.



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## Generation to Generation Pledge Drive

As of November 29th, our Generation to Generation Pledge Drive total is at \$459,295. These funds donated over the next three years will go toward our new Parish Activity Center! If you are a St. Alphonsus parishioner and you have not returned your pledge card, we ask that you please prayerfully consider making a donation and return your pledge card to the Church Office.

*Generation  
to  
Generation*  
CAMPAIGN FOR TOMORROW



## Remembering Our Children Candlelight Service

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*"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 11 at 6:00 p.m. 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 at 261-4650 to let us know.

## Health and Wellness Class

Join Dr. Damon Butler on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. for a FREE Health & Wellness Class at St. Alphonsus in the St. Francis Room.

### Health & Wellness Class

with Dr. Damon Butler,  
Owner of Central Chiropractic Center



Saturday, December 3, 2022  
9:30 AM in the St. Francis Room

FREE Class.  
No RSVP needed.  
All are welcome.



# Kids in Ministry



# CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 10, 2022  
9:30-11:30 AM - Family Center  
Infant through Fifth Grade

**CELEBRATE GOD'S GREATEST GIFT: JESUS!**

Breakfast      Games  
Crafts      Nativity Story



Please RSVP on  
the church website  
[www.alphonsus.org](http://www.alphonsus.org)  
for food purposes.





*St. Alphonsus  
Theology on Tap*

**"BRING ME A SHOT, I'VE TIED THE KNOT"**

**Marriage Enduring Love  
Even When It Is Tough**



*Dr. and Dr. Ryals*

**JOIN US FOR THEIR TALK ON MARRIAGE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022**

**DINNER AT 6:00 PM IN THE ST. FRANCIS ROOM**

**TALK TO BEGIN AT 6:30 PM**

**R.S.V.P. ON [ALPHONSUS.ORG](http://ALPHONSUS.ORG)**

**NURSERY PROVIDED**

# JOIN THE HIVE ST. ALPHONSUS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

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THE HIVE'S PURPOSE IS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ALL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES AT ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL INCLUDING GYM UPGRADES.

**\$40/FAMILY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE INCLUDES FREE T-SHIRT, DECAL, AND ACCESS TO PURCHASE ANNUAL HOME GAME PASSES.**



**\*ATHLETIC PASSES ARE NOW ON SALE FOR CURRENT MEMBERS.**



**\*\*Scan the QR Code to Register or buy your Home Game Passes!**

# 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. 1<sup>st</sup>) 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

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# Spread the Joy... Give a Toy

## Let the annual Friendly Competition Begin!!

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**

**ROSS**  
TIRE & SERVICE



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Printing Services  
Provided By:



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