



SAINT ALOYSIUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

21 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT 06840
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 14, 2018
203-966-0020 www.starcc.com **Handicap Accessible**

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: Vigil for Sunday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Family Mass), 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Teen Mass)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday/Thursday: 7:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 7:00 a.m.

For those who are homebound and unable to join us here at St. Aloysius, the celebration of the Eucharist is available daily at 8:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Cablevision Channel 137.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
First Friday of the month one-half hour prior to each Mass or always by appointment with a priest.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
First Fridays 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Go to www.starcc.com to sign up.

PRIESTS & DEACONS

Rev. Robert M. Kinnally, Pastor frrob@starcc.com
Rev. Cyrus M. Bartolome, Parochial Vicar frcyrus@starcc.com
Rev. Ignacio Ortigas, Parochial Vicar frignacio@starcc.com
Rev. Robert Uzzilio, In Residence
Deacon Stephen W. Pond spond@starcc.com
Deacon William A. Santulli deaconbill@starcc.com

PARISH OFFICE

40 Maple Street, New Canaan CT 06840
Phone: (203) 966-0020
Fax: (203) 972-7691
Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
A priest is always available in an emergency.

PARISH WEBSITE

www.starcc.com

PARISH CONTACTS

Marie Vandall, Religious Education	203 652-1170
Jerry Murray, Business Manager	203 652-1153
John Palma, Pastoral Asst. for Administration	203-652-1140
Chris Otis, Youth Ministry	203 652-1154
John Michniewicz, D.M.A., Music Ministry	203 652-1180
Sr. Donna Brodman, Pastoral Visitor	203 652-1141



ST. ALOYSIUS MISSION STATEMENT:

We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ striving to proclaim the Gospel in word and in deed. Through worship, evangelization, formation and service we invite our brothers and sisters to know the Lord. Let us all strive to live out our mission each and every day!

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday - January 15, 2018

7:00 a.m. Rose Maguire
9:00 a.m. Romolo Prosio
5:30 p.m. Barbara Wengernuk

Tuesday - January 16, 2018

7:00 a.m. A.J. Barr
5:30 p.m. Maria Conte

Wednesday - January 17, 2018

7:00 a.m. Romolo Prosio
9:00 a.m. Barbara Wengernuk
5:30 p.m. Pasquale Castelli

Thursday - January 18, 2018

7:00 a.m. Albert Joseph Barr
5:30 p.m. Jim Psencik

Friday - January 19, 2018

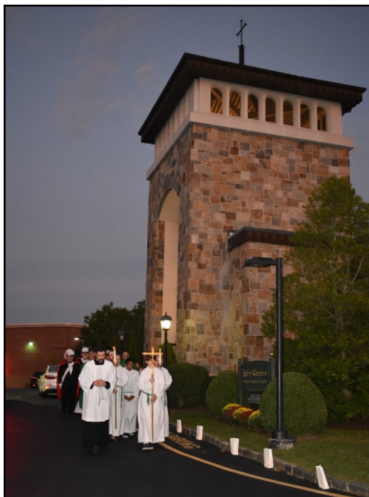
7:00 a.m. Frank Doegler
9:00 a.m. Winifred Bridgeman
5:30 p.m. Maria Conte

Saturday - January 20, 2018

7:00 a.m. Nina Dunstan
5:30 p.m. James Thomas Tierney, Sr.

Sunday - January 21, 2018

7:00 a.m. Maria Conte
8:30 a.m. John Sandstrom
10:00 a.m. James French
11:30 a.m. Louise & Horace McMahon
5:00 p.m. Jack Collins



~ Please Pray For ~

Please keep in prayer our sisters and brothers who are named below, and kindly inform the parish office of others that should be added to the prayer list.

Eileen Apy, Gladys Borodich, Catherine Buonaiuto, Tony Cantone, Addison Jane Carestia, Fr. William Carey, Claire Carter, Jean Cerbini, Pamela Chatterton-Purdy, Pat (Pasquale) Conte, Lucia Cusato, Dorothy DeEttore, Anthony DeFeo, Deirdre Desmond, Sandy DiGilio, Frank DiMuzio, Jean DiPanni, Kathleen Dooley, Monique Elliot, Daniel Fitzgerald, Tommy FitzPatrick, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Paula Lynn Fuegner, Judy Garcia, Garo Garabedian, Angelo Gesualdi, Carol Gianattasio, Elizabeth Grottola, Dolores Haas, Joan Harmody, James Heffner, Jeanne Hersam, Carol Hollister, Cecile Howard, JoAnn Karagianes, Mary Katawa, Father Bernie Keefe, Joan Kelly, Carol King, Christopher Kotos, Mary Maher, Joellen Malmquist, Fanny Mao, Donald McQuid, Jon Morrison, Julie Natalie Mulhern, Louis G. Nappi, Patrick O'Kane, Lori Paladino, Patrick Pantalone, Harrison Perley, Dorothy Pojasek, Iracema Galvani Quinete, Barton Rappaport, Pete Roux, Maria Cielo Sanchez, Shirley Sapione, Viola Sharpe, Ali Simon, Lynda Ann Slovik, Joseph Squeglia, Jr., Walter Sramowicz, Georgia Sweeney, Szenasi Family, Christopher Tarzia, Jr., Joan Toppin, Anna Totaro, Rita Troshynski, Kathleen Turpin, Ryan Joseph Willen, Alex Wood

Please pray for those serving in the military: SSG Thomas Aldrich; CPT. Elizabeth A. Condon; Cadet Paul Corapi; 2nd Lt. Kevin C. Dwyer; CPT. Michael Howard; Spec. 3rd CL Thomas Lally; Lt. Col. Christopher Schilling; CIC Jason Trischitta USAFA; USAFA SSG Steven Vasko; Cpl Patrick Joseph Hussey; Lt. Col. Todd Polk; L.Cpl. Jacob B. Ready; 1st Lt. Brian Gerardi

SANCTUARY CANDLES

burn from

1/12/18 - 1/18/18

The Sacred Heart Sanctuary candle for

Christopher Martino

The Mary Sanctuary candle for

Lori Palladino (Living)

The Chapel candle for

St. Aloysius Parishioners



SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH**BAPTISM:**

Celebrated each Sunday at 12:45 p.m. Preparation for parents is held the 2nd Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the Maple Street Meeting Room. To schedule a Baptism and register for the class, please call the Parish Office. Please note that Godparents must demonstrate regular Mass attendance, be at least 16 years of age and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

MARRIAGE:

Call the Parish Office at least nine months prior to the wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

If someone is ill at home or in the hospital, please call the parish office to arrange for Communion and administration of the Sacrament of the Sick. Our Parish Partners Ministry can also visit with those that are homebound. Contact Carrie Sindelar at jsindela@yahoo.com to arrange for a member of the ministry to visit them.

ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL

A diocesan school offering academic and values-based education for children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade. Phone: 203-966-0786 Website: www.sasnct.org
Principal, Mr. Bardhyl Gjoka/ Secretary, Jeanne Bearden

St. Aloysius – A Tithing Parish

TITHING MEANS ONE-TENTH:

FIVE % TO MY CHURCH + FIVE % TO CHARITY

SUNDAY, January 7, 2017: \$32,548

Online Giving for the week: \$3,570

TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$36,118

LAST YEAR: \$24,872

Please Pray for the Deceased:

Jean Marie McLaughlin

*Words from Father Rob Kinnally*

Here I Am, Lord

The popular hymn Here I Am, Lord by Dan Schutte brought the “yes” of Samuel (this Sunday’s first reading) and the “yes” of the first disciples (this Sunday’s Gospel) to the voice of all of us who have sung the familiar piece. So, how difficult is it to say, “Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will?” On the one hand if Jesus is asking you to do something, it’s probably a good idea to do it. On the other hand, our free will, and often-fierce desire to control our own destiny, has us holding back from cooperating with God’s plan. We write our dreams of what a future featuring “me” should be. We paint the scene of the perfect life. We work within the paradigms of a culture that tells us what to hold dear. But saying “yes” to God means living a life of surprises that unfold in a timeframe that is nothing like the calendars that seem to run our lives right now. Saying “Here I Am, Lord” makes us wonderfully vulnerable to the life-giving desires of a God who loves us unconditionally and wants only the best for us. All we have to do is “come and see” what life is like when we surrender to the One who pursues us relentlessly while we go looking for perfection somewhere else. All we have to do is stop planning and start praying: “I will go Lord, if you lead me.”

God Bless.

WEEKLY ADORATION

Fridays 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

First Fridays 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

St. Aloysius Chapel

**PLEASE NOTE: EXPANDED
ADORATION ON FIRST FRIDAYS**

To accommodate the numerous requests for Evening Adoration, the Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed in the chapel on First Fridays until **9:00p.m.**

To commit to a holy hour, or for more information, please use the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a49aea62ca0fa7-spring/9470182>

or call Gretchen at 203-247-2739.

~ Religious Education ~

Grades 1-6:

Classes will not be in session on Sunday, January 14th or Monday, January 15th in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

Classes resume on Tuesday, January 16th at 4:00 p.m.

All sixth graders and their families are reminded to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 21st. This is a requirement of our Family Faith Formation Program. There will be a sign in located at the back of the church.

Looking Ahead:

Saturday, January 27 - Family Reconciliation Day - 2nd graders who were not able to celebrate First Reconciliation will be scheduled between 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Moms, Dads and siblings are welcome! You will be notified of a suggested arrival time to minimize waiting.

Sunday, January 28 - All 2nd graders are reminded to attend the 10:00 a.m. Mass. This will be an instructional Mass (Part 1) so that we can increase our understanding of the liturgy. We will explore the parts of the Mass. You should also plan to attend 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sun., Feb. 4th and Sun., Feb. 11th.



Our 3rd grade Religious Education students learned about the history of The King's Cake this week. Here, students in Mrs. Dougherty's and Mrs. Sibilia's class enjoy hearing about this popular custom. The making of the King's cake represents the three kings who brought gifts. A plastic baby

(symbolizing Jesus, the Christ Child) is baked inside the King Cake. The shape of a hollow circle is to portray the circular route taken by the Magi to confuse King Herod. The cake is topped with sprinkled colored sugar: Purple - representing Christ's suffering; Green - symbolizing renewal and faith; Gold - as a reminder of God's presence among us.

Confirmation:

Level 2

Next Saturday, January 20th, is your **mandatory Confirmation Retreat**. Please make sure you are signed up for it at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545aba822a2fd0-confirmation6>.

The Rite of Enrollment Mass is January 28th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please make sure it is on your calendar!

Please sign up for your **Church Tour** at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545aba822a2fd0-church1>.

Level 1

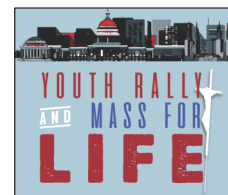
Please make sure you are working on your service log. It will need to be handed it at your last class.

~ Youth Ministry ~



High School Teens in Fellowship, Prayer, Service and Worship!
Sign up at www.signupgenius.com, locating the sign ups under youth@starcc.com

March for Life . . . January 19th: We have a few tickets left to the Youth Rally and Mass for Life in Washington D.C. which precedes the March for Life. Held at the Capital One Center, the rally is attended by 15,000+ young people who come together to pray for life, listen to pro-life speakers, and hear inspiring praise and worship music! This year's event features Emily Wilson, a Catholic musician, speaker, and author. We will meet at 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 18 to take the train to NYC, transfer to a Megabus to DC to Union Station and then take the metro over to the arena. Cost per student is \$65. High school teens are invited to contact Chris Otis at youth@starcc.com to secure a spot. Scholarships available.



St. A's Buddies Needed for Night to Shine on February 9th: High school teens from St. A's are needed as buddies for the annual Tim Tebow Night to Shine . . . a very special prom night for our friends with special needs! We need to get our teens signed up now, as all volunteers need to attend a short buddy training on Saturday, Jan 20 or 27 from 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. To sign up, email Julia@gracecommunity.info and cc: youth@starcc.com. Please include your full name, email, St. A's affiliation and which buddy training you will attend.



Emmaus 75 . . . March 2nd-4th:

Sophomore through senior teens who have not yet been a candidate on an Emmaus retreat are invited to apply to join us for a weekend of vibrantly enriching faith and personal discovery. Candidate application and team registration for teens and adults opened on January 6 and can be done online at <http://staemmaus.org/>. Candidates will be advised of their acceptance mid February. Team meetings will begin on Sunday, January 21 at 2:45 p.m.

Midnight Run on Saturday, February 3rd

Teens invited to participate in our two opportunities:
NYC team (*High School teens only*)
Hometown team

7th-12th graders who will be led through a simulation of homelessness with an outdoor evening here at St. A's and will help to raise donations for the Midnight Run organization...want to sponsor one of our Hometown Team members? Please send a check for \$50 made out to St. Aloysius to Chris Otis.

~ Parish News ~



Open House and Connect Coffee
Tuesday, January 23, 2018
9:30 - 11:30 am or 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Stapleton Hall

*Want to know what Walking With Purpose is all about?
 Please join us for our next Open House/Connect Coffee.*

*All ladies are welcome! **Come as you are** for coffee,
 refreshments, video and conversation and find out
 why this program is quickly growing throughout the
 country!*

*Moms: we have **free babysitting** for our morning
 session!*

*Please contact us directly with registration questions or
 for confidential scholarship consideration at
wwwpstalloysius@gmail.com*

Are you new to the Parish?

Meet the members of the Parish welcome team in the church Narthex after the 10:00 a.m. Mass **Sunday, January 21, 2018**, and pick up our gift to you!

We hope you will then join us as we *step on over to Stapleton Hall* together for fellowship and a cup of coffee.



Come join us and get to know the many smiling faces of the St. Aloysius Parish family. We are so glad you are here! Please email Christina Altier with any questions at caltier52@gmail.com.

Reminder: Submissions to the bulletin are due each week before Tuesday at 12:00 noon. All submissions should be sent to bulletin@starcc.com. Thank you!



Adults and teens come ride the St. A's bus to Washington and be a part of history as we Stand for Life!

Day trip to D.C.
Friday, January 19th

Includes bagel breakfast, bus transportation, afternoon snacks, beverages and supper on the bus.

\$65 per person for first two in your family
 (family maximum of \$150)

Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent /guardian.

Limited space available. To reserve your seat on the bus or obtain more information, visit with members of the Life is Love Committee in the narthex after all of the Masses on January 6-7 and 13-14 or contact Sue Lione at slione@optonline.net or 203-966-5961.

***I can't go to Washington this year . . .
 What can I do here in New Canaan?***

- Come to Mass 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
- Stay to pray the Rosary for Life after the 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses.
- Pray for Life in Adoration. Come to the Chapel from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sign up for a specific 30-minute slot at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a49aea62ca0fa7-spring/9470182>
- Commit to pray a Rosary for Life at Home



**Join Us for the Knights of Columbus
 Free Throw Competition SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st**

St. Aloysius School Gym

11:00 a.m. Open to boys & girls ages 9-14

No Entry Fee

For more Information, contact Ted Graham at tededwardgraham@gmail.com or (646) 831-5467.



**Our Lady's Guild Meeting - Wednesday, January 24th
 9:00am Mass followed by Rosary.** All women of the parish and school are welcome. There will be a meeting, movie, discussion, and coffee will be served. We will also be taking a collection for "The Holy Family Hospital of the Bethlehem Foundation"

~ Parish and Other News ~

JOIN FR. IGNACIO ORTIGAS & 206 TOURS
ON A PILGRIMAGE TO

MEDJUGORJE

With accommodations at the home of the
Visionary **Ivan Dragicovic**



June 10 - 18, 2018

\$2,899 from New York

\$999 Without Airfare
(Land Only option)



www.pilgrimages.com/medi

Contact Fr. Fr. Ignacio Ortigas at 203.652.1151 or email
frignacio@starcc.com for more information.



St. Aloysius Church Choirs

The beginning of the year 2018 is a perfect time to consider
joining one of the excellent choirs at St. Aloysius Church.

For more information, please contact:
Director of Music Ministries John Michniewicz
drjohnm@starcc.com

Choirs and Rehearsal Schedules:

Adult Choir Thursdays 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (Sings Sundays
at 11:30 a.m.)

Teen Choir Sundays 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Sings Sundays at
5:00 p.m.)

Youth Choir (Grades 3-8) Wed. 4:15 p.m. Sings Sundays at
10:00 a.m.)

Cherub Choir (Pre K- Grade 2) Scheduled Saturdays (Sings
by schedule Sundays at 10:00 a.m.)

Join us for the January Day of Reflection in the Chapel
Organized by the Prelature of Opus DEI
Thursday, January 18th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
St. Aloysius Church

* Confessions available at 9:30 a.m.

** Followed by Light refreshments in Stapleton Hall



THE ANNUAL MIDNIGHT RUN IS COMING UP!

The teens of Youth Ministry will be headed into New York City
and are collecting men's warm coats, boots, hooded sweat
shirts, sweat pants and ski pants, long sleeve t-shirts,
NEW socks, **NEW** underwear, hats, gloves, backpacks and
small sports bags. We need only **MEN'S** items.

**All donations should be placed in a bag, labeled
Midnight Run, in Mother Teresa's Closet.**

We are also collecting toiletry kits - fill a gallon size Ziploc bag
with travel size shampoo, conditioner, body soap, body lotion,
Kleenex, toothpaste, a toothbrush, razor and deodorant.
Walmart gift cards or monetary donations can also be directed
to Chris Otis to purchase items.

FOR A DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC AND
VALUES-BASED K-8 EDUCATION



Open House
Sunday
January 28
11:00-12:30

**Make the
Catholic School Choice**

St. Aloysius School, 33 South Avenue, New Canaan, CT 06840
Admissions: 203-966-0786 ext. 109 Or register online at www.sasnct.org



ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL
2010 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL
Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges



Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it. (PROVERBS 22:6)



St. Aloysius School New Canaan *Faith, Academics and Service*

St. Aloysius School builds a foundation for your child that will last a lifetime. St. Aloysius School, a 2010 National Blue Ribbon Award winner located in downtown New Canaan, has fostered development of the "whole child" for over 60 years. Our K-8 school is a community rooted in Catholic teachings and values, devoted to academic excellence and committed to serving others. This mission ensures that our students are well-prepared for high school, and beyond.



At St. Aloysius School, we believe that a positive, faith-based learning environment is crucial for our students' success. Caring teachers and staff support our students with differentiated instruction, empowering them to excel to their greatest potential. A challenging and continuously updated curriculum is offered in all subjects. Science incorporates STEM, and utilizes hands-on learning and real world applications. The latest technology for learning is accessible in all classes, and coursework is integrated across disciplines.

Learning is further enhanced with Spanish instruction, art, music, physical education, field trips and other cultural events. Our older students serve as positive role models to younger students through our Buddy program, and through their participation in many shared school events. Students are actively involved in liturgies and musical productions, including patriotic and religious celebrations. Student leadership is strengthened through our school leadership program, which provides numerous opportunities for personal student growth.

Student talent is further nurtured in the many after-school programs and athletics offered at St. Aloysius. Offerings include chess, computer programming, robotics, dance, tennis, and band/string. Our athletic teams also compete with area students in basketball, volleyball and cross-country.

Service projects and community service are an equally important aspect of student learning at St. Aloysius. From student-led drives to help hurricane victims, or sharing holiday decorations with local seniors, to collecting over 4,000 pantry items for the Catholic Charities' New Covenant Center, our students learn the importance of living their faith beyond the school building. In addition, the Home School Association creates a partnership between school and home, which further promotes student success.



At St. Aloysius, the results speak for themselves. Based on national tests, over one-third of our eligible students regularly qualify for the John's Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth programs. Our students compete successfully in regional writing, history and science competitions, earning honors that include the Daughters of the American Revolution essay competition, placement in the National History Day competition at University of Maryland, and winning first place in the Middle School Physical Science team category at the 2017 Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair.

Give your child the gift of a Catholic school education. You'll thank God you did.

For more information about St. Aloysius School, please visit www.sasnct.org to register on line for our upcoming **Open House on January 28 from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm**, or call **203-966-0786**.



St. Aloysius School New Canaan 2010 Blue Ribbon School *Faith, Academics and Service*



What People Are Saying!

For those of you who may not know much about St. Aloysius School, please allow me to tell you a little about it. Academics aside (and the academics I assure you are firmly rooted in NC standards, with the majority of each class scores in the 96th percentile or above on standardized testing), here's a list that I put together of what I think the children learn:

The children learn about God: They pray in the morning, say the Angelus at noon, and at the end of the day, they say an Act of Contrition to ask God for forgiveness for their sins.

The children learn forgiveness: If you have a child in a kindergarten class, don't be surprised if you hear the words, "that's ok, I forgive you." I was surprised (shocked) the first time I heard my son say it, but now I find myself saying it with frequency.

The children learn success: I think everyone's heard the Bible referred to as the ultimate success manual. At St. Aloysius, the Bible is used to teach morality, and to teach children to openly live their faith.

The children learn how to deal with adversity: It is taught in our school that Christ suffered and died for us. The kids also learn that sometimes Jesus asks us to bear a cross of our own.

They learn about Patriotism: At St. Aloysius, love of God and love of country are openly discussed. The flag is raised each morning and lowered prior to dismissal by the students themselves, instructed in the proper respect, handling & folding of our nation's proud symbol.

They Learn about Christmas: While Santa Claus, reindeer, & Jingle Bells are fun symbols of Christmas, at St. Aloysius, Christmas means that Jesus is born. The 3 Kings make their journey, and the world is given hope.

- Former Parent

My journey at St. Aloysius School began back in 1977 when I entered the school in second grade. Reflecting on those grammar school days, I remember our principal and our pastor creating an environment where I felt secure and was taught to love one another as Jesus loves us.

Today, I have two daughters attending St. Aloysius School. Our school is blessed with devoted teachers who are focused on academic excellence while integrating faith into every subject. Each teacher is unique in their teaching style and provides a challenging yet exciting and engaging curriculum. The school is current with the latest technology. When our daughters are dropped off in the morning, we are confident they will be taught, guided, and loved the same as if they were at home.

The mission statement is accurate in stating that St. Aloysius School is a community rooted in Catholic teachings and values, devoted to academic excellence, and committed to serving others. We are proud to have our daughters part of this school.

- Former Student and Current Parent

St. Aloysius School provides students with a rigorous and diversified curriculum within a supportive environment that fosters personal motivation and confidence. Graduates of St. Aloysius School have enjoyed success at St. Joseph High School because they are not only academically prepared, but possess time management and study skills that allow them to transition easily into our college prep and honors curricula. St. Aloysius graduates are self-advocates who take responsibility for their own academic growth.

- from St. Joseph's High School