

**St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

- 4:00pm Welcome (Grace for Meals coloring page and *to ensure accuracy, class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese*)
- 4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table  
(*use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season*)  
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box
- 4:10pm Story time at the Prayer Table – a prime time to share our faith teaching children the Word of God. Read aloud the true story of God's amazing love for us in “*Catholic Book of Bible Stories*” written in reverent tone just for young children. Start at the beginning with “*God’s Wonderful Creation*” read a new story each week and use *God’s Blessing* to end the story.
- 4:15pm Review previous lesson using one of the pages from the Activity Book.
- 4:20pm **Chapter # 3 “God Watches Over Everything”**  
**Chapter # 4 “God’s Special Gifts”**

God is everywhere; God knows everything; God is THE Creator! God created out of nothing. God has given each of us physical and spiritual gifts to know, love and serve him. How do you recognize the unseen presence of angels in their lives? *Read the Story of Creation of the universe in Genesis from one of the Children’s Bibles.*

- *We Believe -*

**Create** = make something out of nothing.

**Angels** = invisible spirits who is God’s helper.

**Devils** = bad angels that turned away from God.

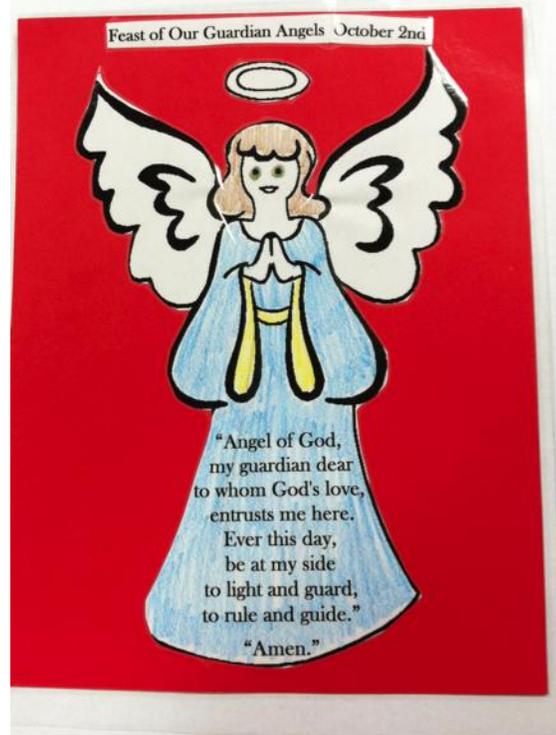
**Body** = living, physical body

**Soul** = the source of our life, having power to know, love and choose.

**Guardian Angel** = each person has a God given guardian angel to lead, guard, and guide.

- *We Respond – Guardian Angel Prayer*

Have the children cut out the Guardian Angel and paste it on red or blue cardstock – they should also cut out the halo and the title and paste on the red or blue cardstock. Have them write *their name, St. Aloysius Religious Education, grade and date* on the back of the colored paper.



4:55pm Closing Prayer –

“Angel of God, my guardian dear  
to whom God's love, entrusts me here.  
Ever this day, be at my side  
to light and guard, to rule and guide.  
Amen.”

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

*Ask them “What memories do you have of experiencing God’s presence in your family?”*

## Guardian Angels



Feast Day: October 2

Today we celebrate the feast of our Guardian Angels. They are God's messengers who are always by our side to protect us. Angels delivered messages from God, protected people from dangers and rescued them.

They are mentioned in many places in the Bible. “The New Testament Acts of the Apostles tells in chapter 12 how St. Peter was led out of prison by an angel.” Psalm 91:10-12 also beautifully tells us how God's Angels care for us.

The belief that we each have a guardian angel has been common to Christians for hundreds of years. It is very comforting to know and believe that we each have an angel guarding and protecting us.

**Our guardian angel is a gift from our loving God. They are given to us to guide our thoughts, words and actions and keep us from all harm and evil.**

The picture of a guardian angel that we often see is an angel protecting a little child as he or she walks over a small bridge.

We can say this brief prayer as often as we would like to throughout the day:

“Angel of God, my guardian dear  
to whom God's love, entrusts me here.  
Ever this day, be at my side  
to light and guard, to rule and guide.  
Amen.”