

**St. Aloysius Religious Education 4th Grade - Weekday**  
**“We Are the Church” Search – catechist answers**



## **Rules of the Game**

**Remember to wear coats. Have the children all gather in the gym for instruction/direction and then the student's count off from 1 to 6 ... all the 1's are teammates ... etc. The teams start at the number of their team. One teammate has the bag of all supplies necessary for the game. *It is not necessary to go in order of the questions.* Each team will have a catechist or parent volunteer guiding them.**

## **SAFETY FIRST**

- 1. Stay together as a team.**
- 2. DO NOT leave the parish campus.**
- 3. DO NOT go onto any roads.**
- 4. READ the entire question and *follow the italicized directions.***
- 5. DO NOT run in the parking lot (*stay on the grass as much as possible*).**
- 6. Remember proper Church behavior when inside the Church and Stapleton Hall ... quiet and reverent!**
- 7. Remember – only 2 tootsie rolls, 1 candy cane and 1 eraser per person.**
- 8. Return to the gym at 4:50pm – *even if you have not completed all the questions.***

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The Church is Jesus’ community and we are a part of it. Our parish is called upon to carry out the mission of Jesus by using our time and talents in the service of others. We belong to a community filled with faith, hope and love and it is our job to share it with each other. Listed below are clues about our parish family, follow directions and see how much you know about our parish! **Follow the clues listed below and find the answers all around our Parish campus.**

1. A Pastor cares for the spiritual life of his people at St. Aloysius Church. He receives his power from Christ in Holy Orders, and Christ acts through him.  
*Find his picture in the Stapleton Hall entrance Hall of Pastors; write down his name and where he was ordained.*

**Pastor Father Rob Kinnally, he was ordained in Bridgeport, CT  
(front hallway in Stapleton Hall entrance off Maple Street)**

2. Saint Stephen (the first martyr for the Christian faith) was among these first seven specially ordained to the service of the Church’s ministry. As a member of the clergy he is allowed to be married but cannot celebrate Mass. After the priest lights the paschal candle, from the bonfire in **front of the church**, the deacon receives it and sings "The Light of Christ." The candle symbolizes the entrance of the risen Christ into the church  
*Saint Aloysius is very grateful to have 2 of these men serving our parish. Go to the front of our church, write down one of their names and what 2 sacraments they can fully administer? To find their names, you enter the narthex through the doors with the etchings of the 4 evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.*

**Deacon Steve Pond and/or Deacon Bill Santulli,  
they can administer sacraments of Baptism and Marriage  
(front of the church off Cherry Street)**

3. The Parish Secretary usually answers all questions about our parish when you call to register, keeps the book of Mass intentions and produces the document that lists important parish information.  
*Go to the large green sign outside the entrance to Stapleton Hall; your team should obtain this document and write down the church address, website address and when baptisms are conducted?*

**St. Aloysius Sunday bulletin, 40 Maple St., Baptism is celebrated each Sunday at 12:45pm.  
(large green sign outside in front of Stapleton Hall on Maple Street)**

4. St. Aloysius is a tithing parish, which means we give 5% of our income to the parish church and 5% of our income to charitable organizations. Contributing our time, talent and treasure in support of the Church and God's poor is fundamental to being a Catholic. The Business Manager counts the money received in the collection baskets from all the Masses each weekend.

*In the room where parents and small children can quietly listen to Mass. Write down where the collection baskets are in the church and make a donation.*

**Collection baskets hang in the cry room wall – off the Narthex of the church**

5. Four women coordinate the Religious Education of over 1200 students in our parish, from 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion through Confirmation, about their Catholic faith.

*Write down one of their names and ask one of them what CCD stands for?*

**Religious Education Director - Marie Pascale, RE Associate - Kathleen Redman, RE Confirmation - Marie Osterndorf, Youth Ministry - Christine Otis**

**Confraternity of Christian Doctrine**

6. Our Lady's Guild gives and promotes devotion to \_\_\_\_\_, our Mother through prayer, service and outreach, thus deepening our faith and drawing us closer to Jesus.

*Find this outside statue; leave a rose, fill in the blank above, write down the inscription on the marble base and say a prayer.*

**Our Lady's Guild --- Mary**

**"Oh Mary conceived without sin pray for us to have recourse to you"**

say "the Hail Mary" prayer

**(Mary rosary garden in church parking lot)**

7. Pentecost is the day on which the Holy Spirit came down to the Apostles. The feast is 50 days after Easter and is called the birthday of the Catholic Church. This is how our church began to grow. People are welcomed into the church by this sacrament.

*What sacrament is it? Write down where this sacrament occurs in our church.*

**Baptism, Baptismal Font, "In the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit"**

8. When you make a donation of socks for the poor in Mother Teresa's Closet (the little red house), you are assisting our parish in helping care for the physical needs of people. Write down which Corporal Work of Mercy this is?

*Make a donation of socks and take a tax receipt.*

**Clothe the naked**

**(Mother Teresa's Closet, Little Red House in church parking lot)**

9. The Emmaus program for teenagers has been active in St. Aloysius Parish for twenty years. St. Aloysius sponsors two Emmaus weekends per year, in the spring and fall, for students in 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. When Jesus appeared to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, they didn't recognize him (Luke 24:13-33). They even talked in great length about Jesus, but they didn't know they were in his very presence. *Our parish has a beautiful stained glass window of this story in a **quiet place in our church chapel** (you can see the back of the window from the parking lot), where you may also go to confession; write down where the stained glass window is located and the inscription on the window.*

**Emmaus window in the church chapel**

**“They recognized him in the breaking of the bread”**

10. During Advent, trees are placed in our church narthex and we as a parish help carry out the Works of Mercy, by buying and wrapping gifts for less fortunate families. We bring the wrapped gifts to the St. Aloysius School gymnasium to be delivered before Christmas.

*Go to the St. Aloysius School gymnasium and your team takes a red or green piece of paper and writes the name of this program on the paper.*

**Christmas STAR Program**

**(The St. Aloysius School gymnasium)**

11. Father Michael McGivney founded this organization in 1882 in New Haven, CT to promote charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism among men who are supporters of the Catholic Church. They are best known for selling Tootsie Rolls at the back of the church to benefit charity and acting as an honor guard for special church functions.

*There is a plaque on the outside wall of Stapleton Hall; identify this organization, when they meet and their Council # \_\_\_\_\_ and get a “Treat” at the door.*

**Knights of Columbus – 1st Monday of the month @ 8pm - Father Stapleton Council #2287,  
and take 2 Tootsie Rolls**

**(On the outside wall Stapleton Social Hall)**

12. Saint Aloysius' feast day is celebrated on June 21<sup>st</sup>. St Aloysius is sometimes depicted in statues as a young man with a cross; referring to piety and sacrifice. Our parish has a beautiful statue of our patron saint that welcomes everyone driving on South Avenue in New Canaan.

*Go to the outside statue of the patron of youth; write down the color of his cross and each of you take a prayer card to keep.*

**Bronze**

**In front of Stapleton Hall, facing South Avenue,**

13. Saint Aloysius is an important supplier to the New Canaan Food Pantry, which helps to sustain needy families.

*Your team should donate a grocery item at one of the side church entrances and write down which Corporal Work of Mercy you are performing.*

### **Feed the Hungry**

(Church entrance by large parking lot – near the Chapel)

14. On July 15, 1917 the parishioners and priests St. Aloysius Parish dedicated a new church on the corner of South Avenue and Maple Street. A classic English Gothic structure, for 50 years all Sacraments were celebrated here. Please look at the beautiful painting that was above the original altar inside the current Stapleton Hall.

*Please find the picture to this in the school gym! Write down which universal symbol of the Catholic Church is keeping watch over His people.*

### **Dove - The Holy Spirit**

(Stapleton Hall – Maple Street Dining Room - Original Sanctuary)

15. Bishops are the leaders of the church who continue the work of the Apostles. The Most Reverend \_\_\_\_\_ was installed as the fifth Bishop of Bridgeport on September 19, 2013. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, to Italian immigrants who came to the United States from the town of Caggiano, Italy.

*Find his picture in the main parish office and fill in his name?*

### **Frank J. Caggiano**

(Office on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Stapleton Hall off Maple Street)

16. Pope \_\_\_\_\_, the Bishop of Rome, who leads the whole Catholic Church, was elected the 266<sup>th</sup> Pope – the successor of Peter – at the conclave on March 13, 2013.

*Find his picture welcoming us in the church and fill in his name?*

### **Francis**

(Narthex of the church)

17. A nativity crèche is a depiction of the birth of Jesus as described in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Our parish teens present a "living nativity" at Christmas, in which real people and animals participate. The living nativity was displayed in a manger or stable, on a corner of our church property spreading the message of love, hope, peace and joy that is made possible by the birth of Jesus Christ.

*Go to this corner and write down the names of the streets where this performance was held and take a Jesus eraser and a candy that represents the shepherd's staff of Jesus.*

### **Candy cane and Christmas eraser**

(The corner of South Avenue and Cherry Street)

**Inside the Church**

- #2
- #4
- #7
- #9
- #13
- #16

**Inside - Parish Offices in Stapleton  
Hall @ 40 Maple Street**

- #1
- #5
- #14
- #15

**Outside - Parish Campus**

- #6
- #8
- #11
- #12
- #17

**Outside - Parish Offices in Stapleton  
Hall @ 40 Maple Street**

- #3

**School Gymnasium**

- #10

