



St. Aloisius
Medical
Center

SMP Health System

HEALING FIRE AND LIGHT

Marian Hase—Editor Staff News

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We are all God's people taking care of God's people.

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St Aloisius Medical Center Clinic

Appointments can be made by calling **324-5131**.

Providers: Dr. Rick Geier, Dr. T.I. Dean; Kim Thorson, FNP, Deb Buxa, FNP, Lisa Neumiller, FNP. At this time, no routine clinic visits will take place. If you need to be seen, be sure you call first. If you have respiratory symptoms or you want to speak with Dr. Dean about COVID-19, please call 324-5125.



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St. Aloisius Medical Center

Mission Statement:

St. Aloisius Medical Center,
inspired by Jesus,
in union with the Sisters of Mary
of the Presentation,
ministers health to all we serve.

Values:

Hope – Creating an atmosphere of
trust and confidence.

Healing – Caring for body, mind
and spirit.

Hospitality – Welcoming, in a
Christ-like way.

March 2020 NEW EMPLOYEES Welcome to the St. Aloisius Family!

Terista Guthmiller—Clinic
Amy Plute—Clinic
Jessica Brown—Clinic
Sam Anderson—Housekeeping—Fessenden Clinic



EASTER



PARKING

Remember—Monday through Friday from 7 am to 5 pm the clinic and the hospital lots are not available for employee parking unless you have permission from your supervisor .

North parking lot is always available as well as the parking lot behind the hospital.



What is Peace?

Peace is a journey of hope in the face of obstacles and trial. Peace is a great and precious value, the object of our hope and the aspiration on the entire human family. Every threatening situation feeds mistrust and leads people to withdraw into their own safety zone. Peace is a journey of listening based on memory, solidarity and fraternity. Setting out on a journey of peace is a challenge made all the more complex because the interests at stake in relationship between people, communities and nations, are numerous and conflicting.

Peace has another purpose and that it is a journey of reconciliation in fraternal communion. The journey of reconciliation calls for patience and trust. Peace will not be obtained unless it is hoped for.

Fear is frequently a source of conflict. So it is important to overcome our human fears and acknowledge that we are needy children in the eyes of the One who loves us and awaits us like the father of the prodigal son. So when problems come along look at scripture and pray about them. God will give you the strength to work through all your problems. Remember you are never alone in your problems.

Your Chaplain, Sister Mary Agnes
Pastoral Care Department



Due to the Coronavirus, the
Therapy department is located at
1008 Adams Ave, Harvey.
Phone number is 324-5119
or 324-5266.
We strive to keep our patients
and staff safe.

Pandemic, 1919
Photo taken during Spanish flu



As Solomon said in Ecclesiastes, there is nothing new under the sun. Ecclesiastes 1:9b



Even snowmen are wearing masks!!

St. Aloisius April Anniversaries

Mark Sommer—34 years
Miranda Weninger—12 years
Jessica Hanson—11 years
Sarah Sommer—10 years
Robert Gray—8 years
Wanda Wuitschick—6 years
Beatrice Petersen—5 years
Ruth Kanwischer—4 years
Jennifer Faul—4 years
Logan Sieg—3 years
Patricia Doyle—3 years
Kevin Tuenge—2 years
Jorden Harding—1 year
Denice Morrow—1 year
McKenzie Alveshere—1 year
Tailor Burton—1 year
Hailey Filler—1 year
Kaylee Meckle—1 year

108 years of dedicated service to St. Aloisius Medical Center!



A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

*Most merciful and Triune God,
We come to you in our weakness.
We come to you in our fear. We come to you with trust.
For you alone are our hope.*

*We place before you the disease present in our world.
We turn to you in our time of need.*

*Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.*

*Stabilize our communities. Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence in your care.*

*Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in you.
Amen.*

The author of this prayer is unknown.

FORMATION MINUTE

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I had originally wanted to write this month to remind everyone how important our mission is in times like these, with all of the added stresses that go along with a world being turned upside-down. The time for that, however, seems to have already come and gone. With things changing by the hour, last week can feel like a lifetime ago. Instead, I think the only thing I can really say to all of you on the front lines in our hospitals and nursing homes is thank you. Thank you for stepping up when you were needed most. Thank you for going above and beyond to say a kind word or to spend some one-on-one time with residents who are now separated from their families and loved ones. Thank you for maintaining a positive attitude throughout this process. Thank you for caring for each other, and for all of the other ways in which you exemplify our mission and values.

Many of us on the outside, knowing all of the hard work you all are doing, might wish we were able to assist in some way, but feel helpless to do so. While we “non-essential” personnel can’t be physically present, we can be spiritually present. We, obviously, pray for those in our ministries, both patients/residents as well as care-givers, but, beyond that, we can also offer up our daily suffering for the work of our ministries, too.

I’d like to end this with a little example from the Sisters’ history which exemplifies what living our mission looks like in extreme circumstances. During World War I, the French government converted the Sisters’ Motherhouse in Broons, France into a hospital, and tasked the Sisters with caring for the sick and injured. As the Sisters describe below, it was not easy caring for the patients’ physical needs, as well as their social, spiritual, and emotional needs.

The most trying time for the Broons Sisters was from March 17 to October 28, 1916. Between these dates, their establishment with its five hundred beds, became the “Regional Sanitary Hospital,” for tubercular patients. Nothing but their spirit and heroic self-denial could enable the Sisters to live almost day and night in the foul air of these halls with patients who, as a result of their long illness and suffering, had become sullen, ill-humored and hard to please. Before coming to the Sanitary Hospital, they had been given several treatments, but with no satisfactory results. They were bent on living, but felt the constant decline of their precious vitality. The orderlies were afraid of the contagion and kept aloof; at their own request, many of these orderlies returned to the front rather than stay in these contaminated surroundings; thus the most painful and most repulsive services were left to the Sisters. A boundless patience was necessary to the Sisters to remain calm and even-tempered; to show motherly kindness which heartened and consoled the patients; to anticipate their wishes; to take the place of the absent family when death was near; to remind them of heaven, the reward of the brave!

JT Kennelly
VP of Mission and Formation
SMP Health System

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers.
Philippians 4:6*

R&R Committee**(Retention & Recognition) NEWS**

- MORE MEMBERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS COMMITTEE!**
- They meet the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm to discuss ways to promote employee recognition and retention. **YOU ARE NEEDED!** Meet in the Administrative Conference Room on 1st floor.
- 2nd Wednesday is a day to **WEAR JEANS** for \$1 with the money going to the R&R Committee to provide **STUFF**.

The Self Empowerment Pledge

Wednesday's Promise: Determination
I will do the things I'm afraid to do, but which I know should be done. Sometimes this will mean asking for help to do that which I cannot do myself.

St. Aloisius Medical Center**Direct Dial Numbers****St. Aloisius Clinic—324-5131****Medical Floor - 324-5112****Unit A—324-5121****Unit B—324-5118****Daycare—324-5109****Sherri Engkvist—324-5120****Candie Thompson—324-5113****Human Resources—324-5123****Lab—324-5116****Radiology—324-5107****Physical Therapy—324-5119****Enter these numbers in your phone!****Cut this out and put on your fridge!**

New Calling Tree—when you call the hospital you can choose the clinic or the hospital—this helps telephone traffic through the switchboard.

Human Resource Info

St. Aloisius Medical Center is offering a C.N.A Class beginning June 2020. If you are interested in being in the class, please apply online or stop by and see Ashley, Human Resources Director for an application or contact Sherri Engkvist Director of Nursing for requirements.

Please remember to pick up your St. Aloisius shirt in your anniversary month in Ashley's office.

Thanks,

Ashley Van Dolah, Human Resources Director
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**Ethical and Religious Directives
for Catholic Health Care Services**

Part One—The Social Responsibility of Catholic Healthcare Services.

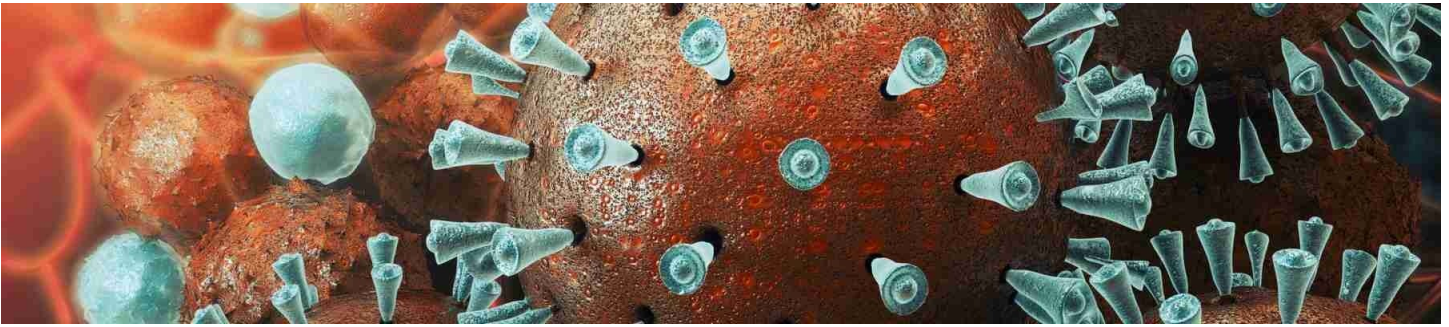
1. A catholic institutional health care service is a community that provides health care to those in need of it. This service must be animated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and guided by the moral tradition of the Church.

2. Catholic health care should be marked by a spirit of mutual respect among caregivers that disposes them to deal with those it served and their families with the compassion of Christ, sensitive to their vulnerability at a time of special need.

3. Catholic healthcare should distinguish itself by service to and advocacy for those people who are vulnerable to discrimination: the poor; the uninsured and underinsured; children and the unborn; single parents; the elderly; those with incurable diseases and chemical dependencies; minorities; immigrants and refugees; the person with mental or physical disabilities.

4. A Catholic health care institution will promote medical research consistent with the mission and concern for responsible stewardship of health care resources while adhering to Catholic moral principles.

More to come!



Gov. Doug Burgum and the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) in partnership with ProudCrowd, creators of the popular Bison Tracker app, launched a free mobile app, Care19, to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in North Dakota.

This app will help the NDDoH reduce the spread of COVID-19 by more efficiently and effectively identifying individuals who may have had contact with people who have tested positive. Once the app is downloaded, individuals will be given a random ID number and the app will anonymously cache the individual's locations throughout the day. Individuals are then encouraged to categorize their movement into different groups such as work or grocery. The app will only store the location of any place a person visits for 10 minutes or more, and the ID number of each individual contains no personal information besides location data.

If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, they will be given the opportunity to consent to provide their information to the NDDoH to help in contact tracing and forecasting the pandemic's progression with accurate, real-time data.



CORONAVIRUS or COVID-19 information can be found at the North Dakota Department of Health at the following: <https://www.health.nd.gov>

At St. Aloisius Medical Center we are prepared for whatever comes our way. Our Emergency Department has supplies and personal protective equipment needed to care for anyone. We have staff trained in caring for COVID-19 patients.

Our Medical Surgical floor has a designated isolation wing should this become necessary to care for COVID-19 patients.

Our Long Term Care has a designated isolation wing almost ready to care for any residents who test positive and do not need hospitalization.

We screen everyone coming into our ministry and everyone will be masked to prevent any contamination. Vendors and dropping their deliveries outside and our staff are bringing them in the building.

Department managers and other partners in this fight meet Monday through Friday at 8:00 am to discuss any concerns. We begin these meetings with the Mission Statement and prayer. As the situation changes, plans can be adjusted to fit the needs.

If you have and concerns regarding the plans in place for St. Aloisius Medical Center, please ask your department manager or Marian Hase at ext. 5420 or mhase@staloisius.com.

Remember if you fell stressed or need some counseling, - always available is our Employee Assistance Program. See below. God's blessings to us all.



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Employee Assistance Program

Call: (701) 530-7195

or (800) 327-7195

CHStAlexiusHealth.org

