



**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. 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.

## Try Smiling

When the weather suits you not,  
Try smiling.

When your coffee isn't hot,  
Try smiling.

When your neighbors don't do right  
or the relatives all fight—  
Sure, it's hard, but then you might—  
Try smiling.

Doesn't change the things, of course,  
Just smiling.

But it cannot make them worse, just smiling.

And it seems to help your case,  
brightens up a gloomy place;

**July 2020 NEW EMPLOYEES  
Welcome to the St. Aloisius Family!**

Emma Wenzel—Clinic  
Sarah Haenftling—Dietary





**Blessing of the Hands: Non-denominational ceremony is a cherished hospital tradition**

The Blessing of Hands is a hospital tradition practice around the world, said the Rev. Keith Evans, chaplain. It is something the clergy, chaplain has done for eons, probably since the time of Florence Nightingale- a 19th. Century nurse considered the founder of modern nursing.

Because human touch is such an important component of health care, the blessing is especially meaningful to physicians, nurses and other hospital staff. It provides a spiritual experience symbolically linking the art and science of healthcare. Those who participate reflect upon the interconnectedness of their own humanity and the privilege to provide holistic care to their patients,

The ceremony is open to anyone, religious or not, no matter his or her job description. Every person is responsible for the healing of every patient. Even if you are aren't religious, I just think that whatever you can do to help yourself feel better about helping people, you should do it. This gives one a sense of direction in my work-a little boost to keep me going through the day.

We have all heard the saying : Christ has no hands but our hands

Christ has no feet but ours

Christ no eyes but our eyes

Christ has no hearing but ours

Christ has no smell but ours

The objectives of having your hands blessed is to affirm your role of being the healing of Presence of Jesus that each one of us bring to St. Aloisius Medical Center

Pop John xx111 had this to say " Never hesitate to hold out your hand, never hesitate to accept the out-stretched hand to another person.

When taking a look at Scripture, you will find many area were Jesus touches the people to be heal, and I would like for you to look up the following scripture passages : Mark 1: 40-45, Luke 13: 10-13, Matthew 25: 31-40, Luke 4: 38-40, Luke 4: 18-19, Matthew 20:29-34, Luke 11:14, Matthew 9: 20-22, Mark 5: 35-42, and Matthew 9:35.

I hope you all will take a few minutes each day to look up these different readings that I mention.



**Saturday's Promise: Perspective**  
Though I might not understand why adversity happens, by my conscious choice I will find strength, compassion, and

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### St. Aloisius Medical Center CEO

Alfred was born and raised in Texas and made his way to North Dakota after he graduated from Texas Tech University with a Master's degree in Economics.



Alfred's first position in North Dakota was as the CFO and Assistant Administrator at St. Luke's Medical

Center in Crosby, ND. He joined the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation Health System in 2016 and believes that mission driven healthcare is at the center of our ability to deliver outstanding care to all who come to us in need. Alfred is proud to serve the Harvey area and lead the St. Aloisius Medical Center team as the CEO. Alfred enjoys outdoor activities year round with his wife and 3 young children.

### St. Aloisius August Anniversaries

- LeeAnn Krahler—41 years
- Sherri Filler—39 years
- Linda Uhlich—35 years
- Kathy Sieg—32 years
- Vickie Kukowski—26 years
- Dorothy Baltrusch—21 years
- Gail Grondahl—20 years
- Mary Beth Coombs—16 years
- Joe Fisher—16 years
- Dana Fitzgerald—7 years
- Mike Glennie—4 years
- Arthur Payawal—4 years
- Athena Buchmiller—3 years
- Gene Jackoviak—2 years
- Pam Melton—2 years
- Aynul Dean—1 year
- Tanner Thompson—1 year
- Keenan Davis—1 year
- Melanie Haugen—1 year
- Shelly Stafford—1 year

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### Reminder!

If you have medical St Aloisius, you have the option to set up payroll deductions to pay on these billings each pay period. Payments will automatically be taken from your paycheck and applied to your billings at our facility. It is an easy option to ensure payments are made timely. Please feel free to set this up with a quick visit with Laurie in the business office.



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## FORMATION MINUTE

*“To be saints is not a privilege for the few,  
but a vocation for everyone.” - Pope Francis.*

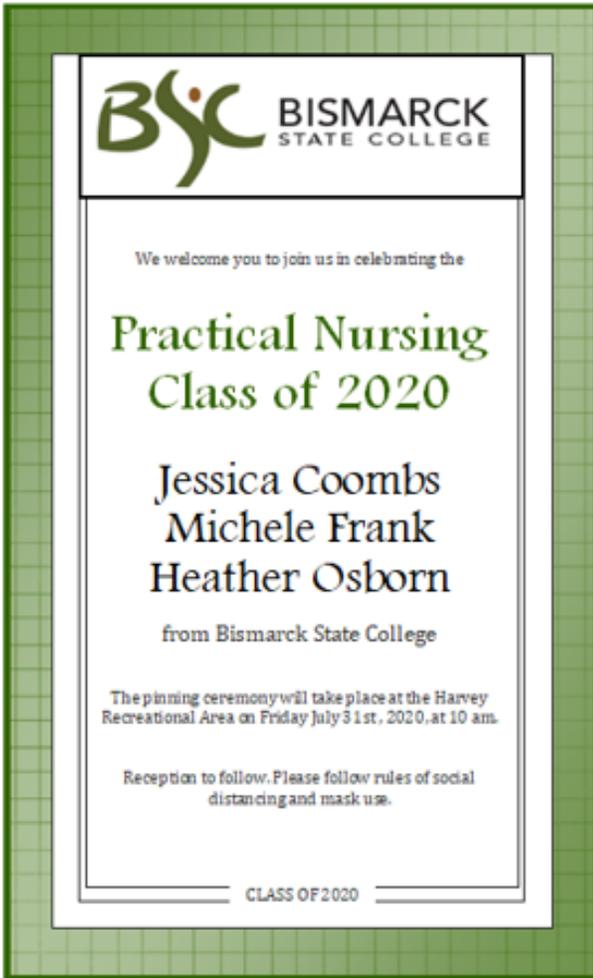
The *Code of Canon Law* of the Catholic Church, after laying out all of its specific rules and regulations, ends by reminding the reader that the “supreme law of the Church” is the salvation of souls. Everything that the Church does should have this as its ultimate goal. In the Church’s social ministries, such as Catholic health care, however, we can sometimes seem to lose sight of this. Our primary focus tends to be on the physical welfare and wellbeing of our patients and residents, and not their immortal souls. Nevertheless, there are a number of things we do and some things we ought to do which show our concern for the salvation of souls in our ministries.

One way in which we show this concern is in our understanding of holistic care. We often speak proudly of how we care for the whole person and not simply for their physical needs alone. This includes, among other things, the spiritual needs of our patients and residents. We have chaplains who minister in this capacity at all of our ministries; but to limit our understanding of holistic care and the salvation of souls to simply the pastoral care department, I think misses the point. One of the foundational principles of Catholic health care is that we strive to fulfill Jesus’ healing mission. When we say this, what we are really saying is that in all that we do, we are showing others what God’s love looks like. This is a rather bold statement, but it is what we believe. When others experienced Jesus’ love in his healing and care for them, it was a moment of grace in their lives. The physical healing led to a spiritual encounter. So, too, should our ministry be. I’m not saying that we are going around and making other people convert. (Conversion is the work of the Holy Spirit and it must be done freely and without coercion.) What I am saying is that the care we provide, and all that we do, ought to be a moment of grace for others.

But we are imperfect, sinful humans and that often gets in our way of showing Christ’s love to others. This is where it is important to remember that our work, especially as a ministry of the Church, is also a means to our own holiness and salvation. When we say in our mission statements that we fulfill the healing mission of Jesus, we aren’t simply talking about carrying on his legacy or being inspired by him, as we would any other historical figure. We believe that Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday and is still alive and at work in us and by what we do. The catch is, however, that Jesus won’t simply go where he isn’t invited. We need to ground our work in prayer and ask Jesus to be present in our ministry. In doing so, we can begin to rely not on our own strengths and talents but on him. As St. Paul says, “it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me” (Gal. 2:20). The more we allow Jesus into our, or rather, *his* ministry, the more we will begin to resemble him in a way unique to each one of us, which is exactly what becoming a saint is.

JT Kennelly  
VP of Mission and Formation

*I don't do big things.  
I do small things with big love.  
Mother Teresa*



**Human Resource Info**

St. Aloisius Medical Center wants you to join our team!

- RN – Cardiac Rehab (PT)
- Night Nurse (PRN Long Term Care)\*
- Registered Health Info Tech Supervisor -RHIT (FT)
- CNA (FT/PT)\*
- Radiology Technologist (FT)\*
- RN Charge Nurse (FT)\*
- Activities CNA (FT)\*
- Ward Clerk (PT Med Surg)
- Housekeeper (FT)\*
- Assistant Director – Daycare (FT)
- Daycare Caregiver (FT)

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Or email Ashley Van Dolah at:

[hr@stalouisius.com](mailto:hr@stalouisius.com)



Wells County Public Health will be hosting a Drive-thru COVID-19 testing event along with the ND National Guard.

**August 6, 2020 8 am—Fessenden Fair Grounds**

**August 6, 2020 1 pm—Harvey High School parking lot**

**Care 'N Share/R&R Committee.**

They are in need of members and are asking anyone who is interested to come to the **2nd Wednesday meetings at 2 pm in the Admin.**

**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**

**Sherry 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!**

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



Sheri Martin, Occupational Therapist

I am a registered occupational therapist with over 15 years of experience treating a multitude of different ages and diagnosis. I graduated in December 2004 from

University of Mary in Bismarck ND with my Masters degree. I was previously employed with Heart of America Medical Center in Rugby and provided OT contract services to St. Aloisius Medical Center and was very excited to become a permanent employee here. During my time as an OT I have worked in several schools along with providing OT services in the hospital and LTC settings. The current schools I serve include: Pingree/Buchanan, Kensal, Carrington, New Rockford, Oberon, Fort Totten and Fessenden. I live on a farm in Pettibone and when not at work I enjoy spending time with my friends and family going to dirt track races, concerts or traveling. I have 3 dogs, Layla, Lucy and Coco who definitely keep me busy! I have



Steve Lindemann is joining us as CFO. He can be found in Jessica Hanson's office. More information will be in next newsletter.

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### North Dakota Health Care Associations Issue Joint Letter Urging Covid-19 Precautions

The North Dakota Hospital Association, along with the North Dakota Medical Association, North Dakota Nurses Association and North Dakota Long Term Care Association, issued the following joint letter urging North Dakotans to take simple steps to stop the spread of the virus.

*Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, people have been urged to protect themselves, their neighbors, and their loved ones amidst the worst global health crisis in generations. After months of physical distancing and staying at home, infections and deaths began to decline across our country.*

*But in the weeks since states began reopening, some steps that were critical to the progress made were abandoned too quickly. We are now watching in real-time as a dramatic uptick in COVID-19 cases is erasing hard-won gains. In some states, hospitals are at or nearing their ICU capacity and shortages of personal protective equipment and testing supplies continue to pose a threat to health care workers and patients alike.*

*While North Dakota is not a high spread state, we want to do everything possible to keep it that way. This is why as physicians, nurses, long term care administrators, hospital and health system leaders, we urge North Dakotans to take the simple steps we know will help stop the spread of the virus: wearing a face mask, maintaining physical distancing, and washing hands. We are not powerless in this public health crisis, and we can defeat it in the same way we defeated previous threats to public health—by allowing science and evidence to shape our decisions and inform our actions.*

*Despite claims otherwise, the prolonged use of face masks when properly worn does not cause CO2 intoxication, oxygen deficiency, or any other harm to the wearer. Surgeons operate for hours wearing them. They don't have problems. For those who have been waiting for more data before accepting the practice, these findings make it clear: Masks work.*

*The toll of this pandemic is staggering, and it will take months, perhaps years, to truly understand its impact on our country and our way of life. But what is certain – and what the science and evidence tell us - is that COVID-19 is not behind us. Your actions are critical to stop the spread of COVID-19. We must remain vigilant and continue to take steps to mitigate the spread of the virus to protect each other and our loved ones.*

To those of you who are doing your part in helping turn the tide of this pandemic – thank you. There is only one way we will get through this – together.

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