



## **Saint Aloysius Catholic Church**

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*The Nativity of the Lord*

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### **WEEKEND EUCHARIST**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### **WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**

Monday 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.  
Friday 8:15 a.m.

### **SUNDAY BULLETIN**

Deadline for new items Tuesday 4:00 p.m.

### **HOLY DAYS**

Please check Parish Bulletin

### **SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 3:45 – 4:00 p.m. (or by appointment)

### **SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK**

The Church recommends this sacrament to all who are seriously ill or in danger of death. Please call the office.

### **SACRAMENT of BAPTISM**

Please contact Father Cullen for Baptismal Preparation.

### **SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE**

Couples planning marriage must meet with Father Cullen at least six months before your proposed date. Weddings will not be performed after 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

**VOCATION REFLECTION**

“A child is born for us; a son is given to us.” Are we willing to proclaim the tidings of great joy to our world?

**SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY**

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will meet on Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. *The meeting is one week earlier than usual as details for the Spaghetti Dinner need to be discussed.* All men of the parish are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Sal Pardi at [spardi1109@yahoo.com](mailto:spardi1109@yahoo.com), or call Anthony "Doc" Mareno at 481-4773 or Tony Cacioppo at 428-1727.

**SECOND COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND**

The second collection next weekend will be the monthly Building Fund collection.

**CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED**

The Church Offices will close at Noon on Friday, December 30 and be closed on Monday, January 2 in observance of New Year’s.

**RIDES FOR JESUS**

Saint Aloysius Parish has numerous members who are homebound or in nursing homes and are unable to attend Mass on a regular basis. Rides for Jesus, a new outreach ministry, needs volunteers to pick up homebound parishioners and bring them to Mass. If you can spare an hour on the weekends to bring individuals to our house of worship, please contact Kathy Tortorice at 426-1797 or 531-0930.

**RIDE TO CLINIC**

A parishioner needs transportation three days a week to the medical clinic. You will be compensated for your time and use of your vehicle. If you can give our parishioner a ride, please call 428-6104.

**FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

The Eucharist will be celebrated for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God on Saturday, December 31 at 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday, January 1 at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

He gave His whole life for us. Can we give one hour a month for Him? The parish's Eucharistic Adoration will be on Saturday, January 7 from 4:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. A sign-up list will be in the sanctuary to keep a record of who is attending Adoration and at what hour. For more information, please call Kathy Tortorice at 426-1797.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**December 24 – January 1**

**Christmas Eve**

Saturday ( 4:00 p.m.). . . . . + Annie A. Mareno

Saturday ( 6:30 p.m.). . . . . Tila Vaughan

**Christmas Day**

Sunday (10:00 a.m.). . . . .Saint Aloysius Parishioners

Monday. . . . . No Mass (Father Cullen away)

Tuesday. . . . . No Mass (Father Cullen away)

Wednesday. . . . . No Mass (Father Cullen away)

Thursday. . . . . No Mass (Father Cullen away)

Friday. . . . . No Mass (Father Cullen away)

Saturday ( 4:30 p.m.). . . . . + Julia Hagerty

Sunday ( 8:30 a.m.). . . . .Saint Aloysius Parishioners

Sunday (11:00 a.m.). . . . . + Alice Simonetti

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **David and Tanisha Canida**, who were married in the Catholic Church on December 15.

**FAITH FORMATION**

Faith Formation Classes, for students in grades 1-8 who are attending schools other than Catholic schools, are held on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. in the school. *There will be no Faith Formation classes on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day, due to the holidays. The classes will resume on Sunday, January 8.*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The Children's Liturgy of the Word, for children 4K through grade 2, continues on Sundays at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. *There will be no Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day, due to the holidays. Children’s Liturgy will resume on Sunday, January 8.*

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME BOARD**

The Holy Family Altar Guild is hosting a football fundraiser board for the Alabama–LSU National Championship game on Monday, January 9. Due to the holidays, the board will not be available in the church, but it can be brought to anyone who would like to purchase a square(s) or a guild member can pick a square for you. Squares are \$10.00 each and the winner will get \$125.00 per quarter. Make your check payable to Holy Family Altar Guild and mail it to:

Bonnie Farr  
135 Church Avenue  
Hueytown, AL 35023

For more information, please call Bonnie at 965-3102.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Offertory	\$6,988.12	\$337,217.25
Building Fund	\$ -0-	\$ 42,939.23

## SAINT ALOYSIUS CHOIR

Do you sing or play an instrument? Come, share your gift and join our ministry. *There will be no choir practice this week.* The next choir practice is on Wednesday, January 4 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the church. For more information, please contact Ellen Albright at 999-7297 or Michael Roddy at 410-4597 or [saintaloyuschoir@gmail.com](mailto:saintaloyuschoir@gmail.com).

## CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The parish has boxed children's offertory envelopes for those families who wish them. They are available after the weekend Masses in the Ministries Office or during the week in the Church Office. Please sign the list by the number of the box that you receive so we can properly credit the children who contribute.

## CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Saint Aloysius Parish offers children's bulletins designed for those in kindergarten through first grade. A bulletin made just for them can make Church a more special time. They incorporate the weekly Scriptures into activities to provide children a way to understand the stories of the Bible. The bulletins are located on the cabinet behind the baptismal font.

## LABELS AND PULL TABS

Please save Boxtops for Education coupons, Campbell's UPCs, and pull tabs from aluminum cans for our school to redeem items for the students. Place your labels and aluminum pull tabs in the wooden box on the bulletin table in the Narthex. *Nestle water labels are no longer being accepted.* Thanks for your help!

## REMINDER

The weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, religious education information, etc. are accessible on our parish website at [www.staloyuscc.org](http://www.staloyuscc.org).

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN**

Bill Bozzelli

(VA Tuscaloosa)

## Recently Discharged From Hospital

Vic Pocopanni

## Sick and Shut-in

This list is intended for homebound members of Saint Aloysius Parish. Those from our parish recently discharged from the hospital will be listed for two weeks. Individuals outside our parish community may be placed on this list for a two-week period only. All the sick are remembered weekly in our **General Intercessions.**

Carmelina Alfano; Maxine Antonio; Teresa Arnold; Margaret Mary Blake; Michael Blake; Barbara Bridges; Anthony "Chop" Cacioppo; Larry Calma; Gerald & Pat Clarke; Hazel Contorno; Sheila Hannigan; Georgie Krischke; Bobby Lee; Maria Schilleci Morrison; Theresa Mundi; Anne Parsons; Jeanette Ruffino; Tommy & Irene Tutten; Tila Vaughan; Martha Venez

## Nursing Homes

Clyde Fuller (*Golden Living Center-Meadowood*); Richard Pledger (*Golden Living Center-Hueytown*); Josephine Cusimano, Mary Ann Hasty, Jackie Russo (*Self*); Claudia Charmie, Gina Ivy, Bette Lamb, Jack McCann, Charles Pardi, Mike Speed, Carolyn Traina (*Plantation Manor Retirement*); Kathy Whited (*Tannehill Haven*); Michael Bellanca, Mary Agnes Purdy (*Woodlands Assisted Living*); Jessie Finocchio (*The Oaks on Parkwood*); Vita Lorino (*Lakeview Estates Assisted Living*); Frances Pardi (*Chateau Vestavia*); Arlena Sweat (*Little Elm, Texas*); Jack Roberts (*Minnesota*)

## SICK, SHUT-IN, AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

If a lay minister is not visiting you on a regular basis, please call the Church Office so we can make the proper arrangements.

## NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

If any parishioner knows of a nursing home resident who is Catholic and is not on the above list, please call the Church Office.

## VISITING HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES

Father Cullen would be happy to visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes if the person or family requests a visit.

### **SAINT ALOYSIUS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

As Catholic Christians and members of the Parish Family of Saint Aloysius Catholic Church, we are committed:

To provide all our members (adults and youth) opportunities for spiritual development through worship, prayer, religious education and social interaction.

To spread the Word of God and support our Parish Family with the gifts He has given us by using our time, talent, and treasure to His glory.

To strive continually to witness our faith as we journey toward the future that God has promised those who accept His Word.

To reach out to the larger community of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and the world.

### **NEW SCHOOL FUNDRAISING PROGRAM**

Saint Aloysius Catholic School is participating in a new fundraising program called Scrip. Scrip lets you contribute to the school through a percentage of sales on items that are purchased on a daily basis. Buy a cash card at the school from a retailer of your choice, purchase an item at that retailer, and a percentage of the sale goes to Saint Aloysius School! Information on this program is on the bulletin table.

### **ARE YOU NEW TO SAINT ALOYSIUS PARISH?**

Would you like to be a member of Saint Aloysius? We have families who are supporting the parish with their gifts who have not registered with us. It is difficult to track contributions if you are not on our computer. We cannot place you on our computer if you have not registered to become a member. Registration cards are located on the bulletin table in the Narthex. Please complete and place it in the collection basket.

### **ADDRESS CHANGES**

Are you moving in or out of the parish or changing your address or phone number? Please call the Church Office at 424-2984 or send an e-mail to [staloysius@bellsouth.net](mailto:staloysius@bellsouth.net) so we can keep our records updated.

### **PERPETUAL ROSARY**

To participate with many others in an online perpetual rosary, go to [www.comepraytherosary.org](http://www.comepraytherosary.org). Watch videos and view photos of the Holy Land while listening to the recitation of the rosary.

### **MOMMY AND ME TIME FITNESS**

Mommy and Me Boot Camp, an interactive workout for moms and their little ones, is held at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (1728 Oxmoor Road in Homewood) every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Children 4 months and older are welcome along with their moms at all fitness levels. Drop in for \$10.00 per class or sign up for a session of classes with an individualized nutrition plan. For more information, please contact Stacey Jernigan at 356-0374 or [www.mommyandmetime.com](http://www.mommyandmetime.com).

### **A DREAM DEFERRED: 44 YEARS LATER**

The Office of Black Catholic Ministry will host a Prayer Breakfast in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, January 7 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul's Life Center (2120 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North in Birmingham). A personal reflection will be given by Father Paul Whittington, O.P., Pastor of Saint Benedict the African-West Catholic Church in Chicago, Illinois. Tickets cost \$20.00 and are available by calling the Office of Black Ministry at 833-8313.

### **JOHN CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**

Are you interested in joining the John Carroll Catholic High School football team? Will you be a freshman at John Carroll in 2012? Come to an informational meeting for parents of students interested in playing football next season on Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium. For more information, please contact Coach Musso at [cmusso@jcchs.org](mailto:cmusso@jcchs.org).

### **RESPECT LIFE MASS AND MARCH FOR LIFE**

The United for Life Committee will hold a Pro Life Rally and March on Saturday, January 14 at 10:45 a.m. at Brother Bryan Park (22<sup>nd</sup> Street South at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in Birmingham). Bring your kids and come celebrate life! The rally is legal and peaceful and will be held rain or shine. Bishop Robert Baker will celebrate the Eucharist (Respect Life Mass) at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at 9:00 a.m. For more information, please contact 705-9158 or [www.birminghammarchforlife.com](http://www.birminghammarchforlife.com).

**A TASTE OF THE WORLD**

John Carroll Catholic High School will host A Taste of the World, an international food festival, on Sunday, January 29 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The festival will feature a menu from countries around the world of up to 35 authentic entrees, desserts, and drinks. Discount tickets are available in the John Carroll main office. Tickets cost \$25.00 which allows the purchase of \$30.00 worth of food or drinks the day of the event. All proceeds benefit the John Carroll Catholic High School Annual Fund. For more information, please contact John Deamer, Director of Advancement, at 940-2400 ext. 239 or [ideamer@jcchs.org](mailto:ideamer@jcchs.org).

**WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MEN**

Save the date: Father Frank Muscolino will lead a weekend retreat for men entitled, "Exploring the Spiritual Journey: Nourish Your Soul," at Saint Bernard Abbey Retreat Center in Cullman on February 17—19. More details to come later.

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for our military that have been deployed around the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

Army

Tyler Brasfield (Special Svcs.)  
Kevin Kelley  
Sam Alfano

Navy

Bret Manzella  
Pat Fry  
Paul Byrne  
Chris Kiker

Marines

Adam Howell  
Zach Lyon  
Adam Thompson  
Mike Garza  
Jonathan Wolverton  
Gabe Martinez  
Chris Bush  
Jordan Alexander

Donnie Hamilton  
Adam Creed  
James Lacanne  
Matt May  
Nick "Eddy" Edminson  
Justin Gaertner  
Jordan Thomas  
Shane Nabors

National Guard

Jason Allred  
Brett Turnbough

Intelligence

Daniel Thomas

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries:

December 28. . . . .Walter and Barbara Bridges  
December 29. . . . .Ronnie and Frances George  
December 30. . . . .John and Mary Sandra Virciglio

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

December 25. . . . . JESUS, Marcie Reid, Vicki Ballard,  
. . . . . Kelly Davis, Cathy Butt, Nadia Genio,  
. . . . . Christal McMeans  
December 26. . . . . Ken Hoffman, Hope Hodges,  
. . . . .Spencer Hodges, Payne Hodges, Patrick Bachmann,  
. . . . . Bernie Spidle  
December 27. . . . .Vickie Stoves, Sean Brazier,  
. . . . .Susan Kinney, Charlie Adcock  
December 28. . . . . Irene Tuten, Sunny Richards,  
. . . . .Shunna Cannon, Lee McKee, Pam Manzella  
December 29. . . . . Brandon Danna, Caroline Tamburello,  
. . . . .Kay Henson, Harold Dill  
December 30. . . . . Sandy Jolivette, David Wade,  
. . . . . Rita Williams  
December 31. . . . . Jeff Wren, Greg Plourde



*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive  
and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"  
which means "God is with us."*

Call the Church Office at 424-2984 or send an e-mail to [staloysius@bellsouth.net](mailto:staloysius@bellsouth.net) with the names of people and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

# CHRISTMAS

## *Schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day*

*Christmas Eve (Saturday, December 24).....4:00 p.m.  
(Carols begin at 3:30 p.m. with Saint Aloysius Choir)*



### *Children's Liturgy*



*Christmas Eve (Saturday, December 24).....6:30 p.m.  
(Carols begin at 6:15 p.m. with Accompanist & Cantor)*

*Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25).....10:00 a.m.  
(with Accompanist & Cantor)      No 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. Masses*

## *Schedule for Feast of Mary, Mother of God*

*Saturday, December 31, 2011.....4:30 p.m.*

*Sunday, January 1, 2012.....8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*



*Merry Christmas!*

*The parishioners and staff of Saint Aloysius Catholic Church wish you and your family a Merry Christmas. May God richly bless you this Christmas and always.*

## Christmas Flowers

Thank you to all those who so generously donated to our Christmas Flowers collection. The beautiful poinsettias decorating the church are in honor of and in memory of the following loved ones:

A. Anna  
A. Kath.  
A. Elizabeth  
Bart and Joe  
Billy  
My Grandmothers  
Jun and Sen  
Mom and Dad  
Clifford Allison  
Davey Allison  
Ed Allison  
Kittie Allison  
Rose and Natch Antonio  
Mary and Chris Artale  
Catherine Barnard  
Joyce and Buddy Barnes  
Joseph Batch, Jr.  
In Honor of Sarah Katherine Batch  
Eugenia Batts  
Jack and Lera Blake  
Jeff Blanchard  
Frances Blaglock  
Larry Blaglock  
Morgan Blaglock  
Ann Bozeman  
H. and S. Brooks  
Joe and Louise Butler  
Janie and Tony Cacioppo, Sr.  
Lena and Anthony Cacioppo  
Bobby and Bret Cannon  
Helen Cannon  
Reba Canull  
Jim Casey  
Lyle R. Clowdus  
Jerry Colburn  
Jody Colburn  
Johnny Colburn  
L. and B. Colburn  
Billie Contorno  
Louise Contorno  
Veto Contorno  
Mr. and Mrs. John Coughlin

In Honor of Father Pat Cullen  
Proprentner Erns  
Bubba Farr  
Frank and Mamie Fendley  
Margaret and Thomas Fisher  
Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Frye  
Jay Frye  
Roland Frye  
L.M. Gavin, Sr.  
Windfrey Gavin  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gilbert  
John Gurosky  
Etna Gutchus  
David Harris  
Mr. and Mrs. B. Hicks  
Edwin Hicks  
Mack Hicks  
Thomas Hicks  
Jerry and Joan Higginbotham  
Tanner Hill  
Josephine Hinds  
Margaret and Arthur Hinton  
William F. Hinton, Sr.  
Bobby Hogue  
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Holton  
Cooper and Alma Horton  
Konrad Jäger  
Constance Janendo  
Leo Janendo  
Lee Jones  
Bertie and Luther Knight  
In Honor of Georgie Krischke  
Robert Krischke  
Rainer Kuhn  
Conetta "Jennie" LaRussa  
Paul LaRussa  
Alicia Lawley  
Arthur Lensaigne  
Donna Lensaigne  
The Livingston Family  
Don and Evelyn Logan  
Marshall and Gladys Logan

Tony and Mary Lombardo  
Mary Lorino  
Bertha and John Loughran  
Joanne and Philip Lovoy  
Steve Lovoy  
Joyce Loyd  
Bobby W. McDowell  
Herman and Catherine McKinley  
Dr. John M. McMahon  
Norman Marino  
Paul Marino  
Rose Marino  
Patsy Martin  
Amelia Martinez  
Joyce Martinez  
Ray G. Martinez  
Rick Mashburn  
Thomas Scott Messina  
Sam Milazzo  
Grace Morris  
Joe Morris  
Norman Padalino  
James Nelson Parsons  
Claude Petix  
Maria Petix  
Sam Petix  
Vince Petix  
Vincent Petix

Edna and Frank Pruett  
Kenneth and Gussie Ramage  
Mary Julia Florenz Ramage  
Sam Renta  
Norzen Ross  
Frank and Josephine Russo  
Albert and Dolly Schober  
In Honor of Walter Schuecker  
In Honor of B.J. Short  
In Honor of Doug Short  
Dollie Sprouse  
Carroll and Irene Stuart  
Melvin Szmania  
Barbara Tanner  
Mr. and Mrs. David Tapper  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Terry  
Tony Tortoriei  
Josephine Tosto  
Sal Tosto  
Mr. and Mrs. Carver Venz  
Larry Webb  
Alga and Norman Wehby  
Joseph Wehby  
Billy Weldon  
Barbara White  
Gus Winstead  
Inez Winstead  
Richard Winstead  
Mrs. Joan Wyatt  
Norm Zauchin  
The Zito Family



# Spaghetti Dinner

Sat., Jan. 7: 5:00–7:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 8:  
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

\$8.00 Adults

\$4.00 Children

Take-outs Available

Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad,  
garlic bread, drinks, and dessert



Chicken Parmigiana  
(limited orders)  
\$10.00 per person

School Cafeteria  
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SAINT ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL