



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

751 Academy Drive

Bessemer, Alabama 35022-5276

Telephone: 205-424-2984 Website: www.staloyuscc.org

Office Hours: Monday and Friday, 10:00 am – Noon

Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

Sunday, February 1st, 2026 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ADMINISTRATOR

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CHURCH OFFICE

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HISPANIC COORDINATORS

Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169
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WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday (English) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday (Spanish) 12:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday (Father celebrates the mass privately for your intention)
Tuesday through Friday 12:00 p.m. Noon

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

For more info contact the Church Office for Baptismal Preparation English & Hispanic Coordinator for Spanish Baptism.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:00 p.m. (or before and after daily Mass except Sunday)

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage must meet with Father Reju at least six months before your proposed date. Weddings will not be performed after 2:00 p.m. or before 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

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 Church Office.

FUNERALS

In order to secure the services of a priest or the use of the Church, it is necessary to contact the Church Office *before* making arrangements with a funeral home. Father Reju is ready to help with funerals.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items

Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK
Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Mary Jones Sam Morris

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Nancy Franklin Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent	John V. Jones Jr. Meredith Jones Dot Herald Johana Findley

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS
<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u> Rudy Cooper Jean Sullivan

If you need any assistance for the spiritual needs of the sick or shut-in, or know someone who is well enough to be removed from this list, please contact the Church Office at (205) 424 2984, or email to: info@staloyuscc.org

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Pray for our military who are deployed throughout the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

<u>AIR FORCE</u> Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	<u>ARMY</u> Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella <u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u> Daniel Thomas
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Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to info@staloyuscc.org with the names of the military personnel and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

E-MAIL PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is powerful and we need all the prayer warriors that we can get. Sheila Zito e-mails prayer requests for the parish, Mother of Christ Altar Guild, and the Choir. If any parishioner has a prayer request or wishes to be notified of other people's requests, contact Sheila at fsz321@bellsouth.net.

MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 3rd - FEBRUARY 8th († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	February 3	(BD) Fr. Reju Pynadath J.
Wednesday 12 Noon	February 4	† Angelo Rivera Bayon
Thursday 9:00am	February 5	(S) Malinda Robbins
Friday 12 Noon	February 6	† Johny Schober
Saturday 4:30pm	February 7	(S) Mary Jones
Sunday 9:30am	February 8	Vickie Gavin

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE: MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are received weekly during office hours by phone, mail or in the office. You can also register on **Online Giving App** or website and request Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Tuesdays through Fridays at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to pray before mass begins. Confessions can also be heard during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or after daily Mass. No confessions will be heard on Sundays.

SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP

A group of parishioners (men and women) will now meet on **WEDNESDAY at 11:30 AM during adoration** to pray the Rosary. Everyone who wants to pray the Rosary is welcome.

FIRE OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Lord has blessed each of us abundantly by giving us the gift of His Holy Spirit. Come learn how He desires to work in your life every day. The group meets **every Thursday** of the month (**except the 2nd Thursday**) in the Church at **6:30 p.m.** Come join us in prayer and worship and release your gifts of the Holy Spirit! All are welcome. For more information, please contact Kathy Tortorice at (205) 531-0930 or kahytortorice@gmail.com.

ALOYSIUS CHOIR PRACTICES

The Choir started back to practice on **Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm** at the church. Anyone interested in joining the choir can contact Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845, or any choir member.

Make a Joyful Noise

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Charles Ellis, President
Vickie Gavin, Vice Chairperson
Michael Tomberlin, Secretary
Charles Tortorice
Phillip Galloway
Kellie Whitson
Eddie Blanco
Oliver Lopez
Ginna Lopez

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Gloria McDaniel, Chairperson
Mike Snelling, Vice Chairperson
Ray Mernaugh, Secretary
Gabriel Lopez

MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSON

Mother of Christ Altar Guild
Angie Cacioppo (205) 281 1901

Holy Family Altar Guild
Kellie Whitson (205) 296 3390

Knights of Columbus
Anthony Rupert (205) 428 6600

Men's Society
Charles Ellis (205) 365 5896
Jim Galloway (205) 516 1645

Music Ministry
Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845

FIRST SATURDAY OF ADORATION

Saturday February 7th, from 4:30 AM – 4:30 PM if you would like to commit to an hour for Eucharistic Adoration, please sign up on the schedule board located in the Narthex. For those who would like to come without signing up are welcome.

MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet **every second Monday** of the month. Next meeting is **Monday, February 9th**, at 11:30 a.m. in the church. For more information, please contact Angie Cacioppo, President (205) 281 1901.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of preparation for Easter, following the example of Jesus, who spent 40 days in the desert, not to mention other periods of 40 days or 40 years of great significance, such as the flood that lasted 40 days and 40 nights, the Israelites' 40-year journey through the desert, and the 40 days that Moses fasted on Mount Sinai, or Elijah on Mount Horeb.

On this day, priests place ashes in the shape of a cross on the foreheads of the faithful to symbolize their belonging to Jesus Christ and their repentance for their sins.

This year, **Ash Wednesday is February 18.**
It is not a holy day of obligation.

TRIP TO NASHVILLE

3 Days trip to Nashville, Tennessee on April 20 - 22, 2026. For more information contact:
Joe Lovoy at 205 230 1127, 205 477 9443
Marie Swift 205 960 2029, 205 956 6323.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 Contribution Statements have been mailed out. If you would also like a copy sent to you by email, please let *Jennifer Richardson (Bookkeeper)* know:

(256) 443-4407 call or text,
Email: finance@staloyusiuscc.org.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, Jan. 25				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,286.00	3,998.00	5,284.00	32,550.00
Building Fund	450.00	130.00	580.00	40,785.09
Parish School of Religion	135.00	30.00	165.00	986.50
Total	1,871.00	4,158.00	6,029.00	74,321.59
Total given this week: \$6,029.00				

Sunday, February 1st, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds,
he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute
you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely
because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."

The words of the Popes

The Beatitudes provide the "identity card" of Christians — this is our identity card — because they outline the face of Jesus himself, his style of living. (...) Moreover, the "mount" recalls Sinai, where God gave Moses the Commandments. Jesus begins to teach a new law: to be poor, to be meek, to be merciful.... These "new commandments" are much more than a set of rules. Indeed, Jesus does not impose anything but reveals the way of happiness — his way — by repeating the word "blessed" eight times. (...) But what does the word "blessed" mean? Because each of the eight Beatitudes begins with the word "blessed". The original term does not mean one with a full belly or one who is doing well, but rather it is a person who is in a condition of grace, who progresses in God's grace and progresses on God's path: patience, poverty, service to others, comfort.... Those who advance in these things are happy and shall be blessed.

(Francis - General audience, 29 January 2020)

[Gospel and Word of the Day - 01 February 2026 - Vatican News](#)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

February 8th, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Isaiah 58: 7-10

Psalms 112: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second First Corinthians 2: 1-5

Alleluia John 8: 12

Gospel Matthew 5: 13-16

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Birthday Blessings

February 3 . . . Fr. Reju Pynadath Johny, Angela Morris,
Denise Rozas, Nataly Anton

February 4 . . . Jerry Higginbotham, Lauren Galloway

February 5 . . . Ashley Arenas

February 7 . . . Jacob McGuire

February 8 . . . Mary Walker, Luna Jimenez

A DAY OF FORMATION FOR PARISH, SCHOOL, CATECHETICAL, AND MINISTRY LEADERS

"Embracing the Great Commission", hosted by the Augustine Institute in collaboration with St Peter the Apostle Church.

All parish, school, catechetical, faith formation, and ministry leaders are welcome to this day of formation that will help you fulfill the Great Commission.

- The day begins with Mass at 9:00 AM and concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 4:00PM.
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided, and there is no cost to attend.

St Peter the Apostle Church

2061 Patton Chapel Road, Hoover, AL 35216

Tuesday February 10th, 2026

9:00am (Mass) - 4:00pm

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate email me, Hilary Munger:

hilary.munger@augustineinstitute.org

To reserve your spot, please Register Here:

[Embracing the Great Commission - Hoover, AL](#)

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

A Mass marking World Marriage Day will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul, starting at 11 a.m. on Sunday, February 8th. The cathedral is located at 2120 3rd Avenue, North in Birmingham.