



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent

PASTOR

Rev. Gerald Holloway

Office: 205-424-2984

Home: 205-424-1839

(e-mail: staloysiuspastor@bellsouth.net)

WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday

4:30 p.m.

Sunday

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday

1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Mrs. Stephanie Gerson

205-424-2984

(e-mail: staloysiusre@bellsouth.net)

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday

5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

DIRECTOR of MUSIC

Mr. Tim Tipton

(texts & calls) 205-706-9500

(e-mail: staloysius4music@gmail.com)

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items

Tuesday 4:00 p.m.

CHURCH SECRETARY

Mrs. Judy Cacioppo

205-424-2984

(e-mail: staloysius@bellsouth.net)

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

(or by appointment)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Officer to be Elected

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.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Officer to be Elected

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Please contact Father Holloway for Baptismal Preparation.

HOLY DAYS

Please check Parish Bulletin

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.

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage must meet with Father Holloway 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.

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Memorare to Saint Joseph

O God, who by Thy ineffable Providence did vouchsafe
to choose Blessed Joseph for the spouse of
Thy most holy mother,
grant we beseech Thee, that he whom we venerate
as our protector on earth
may be our intercessor in Heaven. Amen

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION RESUMES

He gave His whole life for us. Can we give one hour a month for Him? Our parish's monthly Eucharistic Adoration will be on Saturday, March 6 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 205-531-0930.

CALENDAR DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting information in the March calendar is Tuesday, February 23.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Coffee and Donuts will not be served until further notice.

LADIES ROSARY GROUP

The Ladies Rosary Group has been canceled until further notice.

FIRE OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group is meeting online via Zoom. For more information, please call Kathy Tortorice at 205-531-0930.

JOB OPENINGS AT EWTN

EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions in Irondale: **Accountant, Temporary Fulfillment Center Associate, Donor Care Specialist, Legacy Giving Assistant, Custodian, HVAC Technician, Groundskeeper, Safety and Security Officer, and Producer.** Job requirements can be viewed at www.ewtn.com. E-mail cover letter, salary requirements, and résumé to humanresources@ewtn.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

February 20 – 28

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) † Billy Howard
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) † Albert Estes
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Monday Margie Lombardo
Tuesday † Virginia Guarino
Wednesday † Paul Hester
Thursday † Vera Jo Mundi
Friday † Ron Mudwilder
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) † Sherman & Martha Venz
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) Carlyn Smart
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners

SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Leonard Chiarella**, who is survived by his brother, Vincent (Donnis) Chiarella, nephew, Austin Chiarella, cousin, Jack (Bernadine) Chiarella, and other family members. Please keep this family in your prayers.

LENT 2021 PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING

Prayer: pray about seeking God's will in your own life.

Fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.

Almsgiving: during Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving."

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saint Aloysius Parish will celebrate Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at Noon and 6:30 p.m. On Good Friday, April 2, Stations will be celebrated at Noon only.

ONECARROLL, A VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER

John Carroll Catholic High School will host a virtual fundraiser on Saturday, February 27. There are two ways to support the school:

- Enter to win a 2020 124 Fiat Spider Classica at www.ONECARROLL.org (thru February 27)
- Online silent auction from February 19—27 (many great items and experiences to bid on)

On February 27 at 7:00 p.m., visit www.ONECARROLL.org for an important message from Father Bob Sullivan, President of JCCHS, and the announcement of the Fiat Spider winner!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

February 28 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$3,648.10	\$2,406.00	\$57,577.93
Building Fund	\$ 295.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 3,489.50
Sch. of Religion	\$ 294.10	\$ 205.00	

SAINT ALOYSIUS CHOIR

Saint Aloysius Parish's choir practice has been canceled until further notice.

CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Saint Aloysius Parish offers 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.

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.

PARISH WEBSITE

The weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, Online Giving link, religious education information, etc. are accessible on our parish website at www.staloyuscc.org. Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link:



You can also give via Text Message to 205-708-0221.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Ronnie George

(Medical West)

Ray Brasher

(Medical West)

Recently Discharged From Hospital

Jack Chiarella

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.

Myra Antonio	Mary Ann Graham	MaryAnna Schilleci
Ann Baker	Catherine Hagerty	Fonza Smith
Serene Bateh	Jerry Joiner	Stanley Szafransky
Barbara Bridges	John V. Jones, Jr.	Steve Tate
Johanna Findley	Meredith Jones	Powell Thompson
Nancy Franklin	Pat Lambert	Irene Tutton
Don Graham	Debbie Rupert	Suzanne
		Wannemuehler

Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u>	<u>The Woodlands at</u>
Rudy Cooper	<u>Tannehill</u>
	Jean Sullivan
<u>Plantation Manor</u>	Kathy Whited
Claudia Charme	

If you are or you know of someone on the shut-in list who's well enough to be removed from this list, please call the Church Office.

NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

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

VISITING HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES

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

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.

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

Chairperson (officer to be elected)

Eddie Blanco, Vice Chairperson

Felicia Boyd, Secretary

Micha McMeans

Phillip Galloway

Patricia Rector

Vickie Gavin

Chris Waits

ONLINE RETREATS

The Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Fort Mitchell, Alabama will hold the following online retreats:

- March 3: *Surviving for the Long Haul* with Sister Terry Bretthauer, M.S.B.T.
- March 5—6: *Woman to Woman, Sister to Sister...Shared Blessings* with Sue DeFerrari
- March 31: *Lenten Desert Day* with Sister Nancy Walsh, M.S.B.T.

For more information or to register, please call 1-334-855-4474 or email btsr@msbt.org.

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:

U.S. Intelligence

Daniel Thomas

Army

Joseph R. Chiarella

Zach Edmonds

Blake Seidel

Air Force

Daniel K. Hicks

Shea Hicks

James McKinney

Lance Rosser

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to staloysius@bellsouth.net with the names of people and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

February 23. Steve and Carol Tate (Happy 58th!!)

February 24. Robert and Glenda Geisen

February 25. Eddie and Penny Allison

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

February 21. Rev. Len Gavin, Jay Curry,

. Gabrielle Messer

February 22. Marin Radice, Judah Metcalf,

. David Dempsey, Mike Wesson, Tami Hill

February 23. Raul Rivera, Elizabeth Rivera,

. Sammy Mundi, Mia Thomas

February 24. Sharon Weathers, Bambi Alley,

. Nancy Perez, Glenda Mernaugh

February 25. Mike Snelling, Paulina Rivera,

. Xochitl Lomeli, Pablo Medina

February 26. Dr. Erline Patrick

February 27. Roger Hannah, Will Jones,

. Victoria Flores-Jimenez