



## ***Saint Aloysius Catholic Church***

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Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 p.m.)

May 22, 2022

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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### **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. Father Reju is ready to help with funerals.

### **WEEKEND EUCHARIST**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

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

Sunday 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

### **WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday through Friday 8:30 a.m.

### **SUNDAY BULLETIN**

Deadline for new items Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

### **SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

(or before and after daily Mass except Sunday)

### **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.

### **SACRAMENT of BAPTISM**

Please contact Stephanie Gerson in the Church Office for Baptismal Preparation.

### **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.

## **GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: JOHN 14:23-29**

### **❖ BREATHE IN PEACE; BREATHE OUT LOVE ❖**

■ Do you really love Jesus? If yes, what is the evidence? In John 14:23, Jesus says the evidence for the fact that you do love me is your obedience. It is a general fact we will obey out of fear of punishment and out of love. But Jesus makes it clear that the love of God is intrinsically related with obedience to the Word of God.

■ What is the Word of God, that you should obey? It is not only the Bible, but the whole person and life of Jesus Christ. If you do love Jesus, then you should follow the models of His life. You should be following His footsteps at every moment of life.

■ If you prove that you do love Jesus by obeying Him, then God will dwell with you. Your intimate companion will be God Himself. If God is with you always, then the rest follows automatically. You will be free of fear, you can experience peace and courage!

■ Ask yourself: do you really experience that peace and courage given by God? If you still experience fear, anxiety, etc. it all proves that you don't really love Jesus. Now it is important to seek, how can we experience this gift of peace in our daily lives?

■ Do you have a burdened heart? What is it that burdens you? Could it be your own sins? If so, come back to the loving God. Be repentant and sorry for your sins. Go to the confessional. Open up your heart to the Lord. Let your sins be taken by God. He is a merciful and ever-loving God, waiting for you in the confessional. Thereby you will experience the peace of God.

■ If your heart is burdened by someone else's actions then you may be feeling hurt, insecurity, fear, grudge, revenge...these all can keep peace away from your heart. The solution is to surrender yourself to God. Give Him complete control over your life. At the moments of 'offertory' in our Holy Mass, you have to offer all these hurts/wounds and feeling into the chalice. Our Eucharistic Lord will accept your offerings, and as the wine turns out to be the Precious Blood of Christ, you will be freed from all your burdens. Then you can experience peace, in every Mass, and throughout your life. The Peace of God be with you. Amen.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**May 21 – 29**

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . .† Sherman & Martha Venz  
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) . . . . .† Philip Antonio  
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) . . . . .Saint Aloysius Parishioners  
Monday . . . . .No Mass  
Tuesday (5:30 p.m.) . . . . .† Jack Keyes  
Wednesday . . . . .Jo Graven  
Thursday . . . . .† Bobby Campbell  
Friday . . . . .Sandra Dempsey  
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . .† Pat Gagliano  
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) . . . . .Saint Aloysius Parishioners  
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) . . . . .† Martin LaRussa

### **FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK**

*May 24:* Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians

*May 25:* Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

*May 26:* Saint Philip Neri, Priest

*May 27:* Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

### **SYMPATHY**

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Faye Adams**, who is survived by her brother, Gary (Mary) Adams, and other family members. Please keep this family in your prayers.

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays through Fridays at 8:00 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.

### **CALENDAR DEADLINE**

The deadline for submitting information in the June calendar is Tuesday, May 24.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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, June 4 from 4:30 a.m. until 4:30 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 contact Kathy Tortorice at 205-531-0930 or [kathytortorice@gmail.com](mailto:kathytortorice@gmail.com).

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

May 29 – The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53

### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$4,736.07	\$3,027.00	\$169,204.35
Building Fund	\$ 125.00	\$ -0-	\$ 48,310.12

### **SAINT ALOYSIUS MUSIC: A FEW NOTES**

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Masses will be spoken for the time being. Please follow along in the missalette for the Mass of Renewal in order to read aloud the Kyrie; Gloria; Holy, Holy; The Mystery of Faith; The Great Amen; and the Lamb of God. Due to our shortage of cantors at present, this seems a practical solution. As we continue to progress toward more normalcy, our hope is we will have additional cantors and choir members. Many thanks to our present cantors who are so diligent and generous. Please consider joining in music: choir, cantor or accompanist.

### **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](mailto:fsz321@bellsouth.net).

### **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.

### **PARISH WEBSITE**

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

Caroline Tamburello

(Aspire Rehab.)

### **Recently Discharged From Hospital**

Carl McDaniel

### **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.

Eddie Allison Myra Antonio Ann Baker George Bratton Joe Ciza Adeline Costabile Kathy Evans Jim & Nancy Franklin	Rev. Len Gavin Ronnie George George Gerson John V. Jones, Jr. Meredith Jones Ginger Russo Mosley	Debbie Rupert MaryAnna Schilleci Stanley Szafransky Steve Tate Powell Thompson Irene Tutten Marilyn West
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### **Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living**

<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u> Rudy Cooper Jean Sullivan	<u>Plantation Manor</u> Claudia Charme
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*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, NURSING HOMES, AND HOMES**

Father Reju would be happy to visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes if the person or family requests a visit. Father will also visit parishioners in their home with communion or hear confessions. Call the Church Office to schedule an appointment.

### **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**

Randy Clowdus, Chairperson  
Eddie Blanco, Vice Chairperson  
Secretary (position to be filled)  
Micha McMeans  
Phillip Galloway  
Patricia Rector  
Vickie Gavin  
Chris Waits

### **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Jim Keyes, Chairperson  
Mike Snelling, Vice Chairperson  
Sharon Weathers, Secretary

### **FIRE OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP**

**\*\* Note time change:** 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. Our Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group meets every Thursday of the month (except second 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 [kathytortorice@gmail.com](mailto:kathytortorice@gmail.com).

### **MAKING ROSARIES**

Parishioner Gloria McDaniel makes knotted cord Rosaries and needs help making them. If you would like to continue (or begin) making the knotted cord rosary, I am inviting you to attend the future classes. We are going to continue making these rosaries and give them to whomever needs a rosary, or give them to the Rosary Army who in turn gives them to the Armed Services.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the next meeting to make Rosaries will be on Tuesday, June 14 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the meeting room near the altar. To volunteer, please text or call Gloria at 205-515-5307.

### **SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP**

A group of parishioners (men and women) meet on Thursdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Day Chapel to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.



*Pray More Rosaries*

### **SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE NEAR**

The Italian American Heritage Society announces the opportunity for a \$500.00 scholarship based on the winning essay, "What My Italian Heritage Means to Me." To be eligible to participate, the applicant must have a relative who is a society member. Also, the person submitting the essay must be currently enrolled at the college level or a high school senior who has been accepted at a college. The deadline for submitting the essay is May 31 (must be postmarked no later than this date to be accepted). Two \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded. For more information and Guidelines, please visit [www.iahsbham.com](http://www.iahsbham.com).

### **40-HOURS DEVOTION AND EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

To kick-off the diocesan phase of the USCCB's three-year initiative, "Eucharistic Revival: My Flesh for the Life of the World," which invites all Catholics into renewal of our relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, all are invited to a 40-Hours Devotion at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (2120 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North in Birmingham) on Friday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m.. Culmination will be an evening Eucharistic Procession through downtown Birmingham on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 19.



### **JOB OPENINGS AT EWTN**

EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions in Irondale: **Front Desk Reception, Administrative Assistant, Cash Management Specialist, H.R. Generalist, Payroll Assistant, Marketing Support Manager, Printing and Mailing Specialist, Program Scheduling Assistant, IT Support Technician (Tiers 1 and 2), Senior Network and Systems Administrator, Traffic Assistant (Entry Level, will train), and Custodian.** Job requirements can be viewed at [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com). E-mail cover letter, salary requirements, and résumé to [humanresources@ewtn.com](mailto:humanresources@ewtn.com).

### **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](mailto: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 **Peter and Cassie Scafaru**, who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary on May 24.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

May 22. . . . . Glenda Geisen, Falencia Marshall,

. . . . . Valery Herrera

May 23. . . . . Rinda Stanley, Lisa Jones,

. . . . . Malkia Mugoya

May 24. . . . . Joseph Gerson, Marcus Mareno,

. . . . . Cayden McCormick, Alison Cruz, Lorenzo Perez

May 25. . . . . Nicole Wickman, Betty Rozas

May 26. . . . . Madison Contreras



May 27. . . . . Larry Jones, Amy Russo, Rose Tesney

May 28. . . . . Erin Weber, Hermelinda Ramirez

### **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Congratulations to **John London McCullough**, who received his first Sacrament of Reconciliation on May 7 through Nazareth House. Proud parents are John and Amanda McCullough. Pictured are John London (center left), his catechist, Maddie Duvall (center right), Father Patrick Cullen, and former catechist, David O'Brien (left).





## **Saint Aloysius Catholic Church**

Bessemer, Alabama



**I Love America Concert  
July 1, 2022 - 6:30 pm  
Our 8th Year**



Saint Aloysius Church will  
celebrate our country's  
independence with a patriotic  
concert on Friday, July 1 at  
6:30 p.m. Songs that form the  
foundation of the

United States of America—  
The Star Spangled Banner

America the Beautiful

God Bless America

God Bless the U.S.A.

and more—will be led by

members of the Saint  
Aloysius Choir and others—

Waylighters Gospel Quartet

- Voices of the South

Barbershop Chorus

- Harmony Hills Chorus

The Lake View  
American Legion Post 2011  
will present the Colors and  
Service Flags from each  
branch of the military,  
including the POW. Please  
accept this invitation to honor  
our country and our service  
men and women. Come join  
us for a fun, patriotic birthday  
celebration for our nation!

Saint Aloysius is  
located at 751 Academy Drive  
Bessemer, Alabama.

Audience participation invited  
as we sing our national songs.



Parishioners Bobby & Ana Yeager's  
Food Truck Will Be On Site  
For Our Patriotic Concert!!



St Aloysius Church Menu:  
July 1st 2022 4:30pm  
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Plates:

Include 2 sides:

Smoked Baby Back Rib \$16

Smoked Chicken Leg Quarter \$10

Sides:

potato salad,  
coleslaw, baked beans, vegetable Rice

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BBQ Pork Sandwich with chips \$10

BBQ Pulled Chicken with chips \$10

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BBQ Pork or Chicken Nachos \$10

Nachos with cheese only \$6

Drinks: \$1