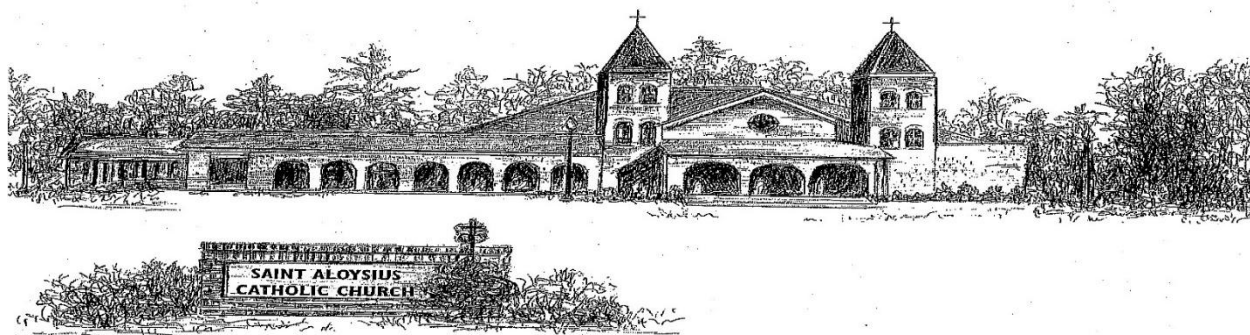




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Sunday, August 9th, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

6:30 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday

12:00 p.m. Noon

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For more information contact the Church Office or the priest for Baptismal Preparation.

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 the priest at least six months before your proposed date.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items

Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the *first Saturday of every month*, from 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK	
Larry Jones Mary Jones Jim Galloway MaryAnn Simonetti	

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 throughout the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

<u>AIR FORCE</u>	<u>ARMY</u>
Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella
<u>MARINE</u>	<u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u>
Grace Oldham	Daniel Thomas

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

AUGUST 10 – AUGUST 16 († = Deceased)		
Monday 6:30pm	August 10	† Irma Rose Bierman
Tuesday 12 Noon	August 11	† John S. Kane & extended family
Wednesday 12 Noon	August 12	† Corrine Thompson
Thursday 12 Noon	August 13	† Benji Scalise
Friday 12 Noon	August 14	Walker Casey
Saturday 4:30pm	August 15	† Grover McFerrin
Sunday 9:30am	August 16	Randy & Paula Clowdus

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.

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 kathytortorice@gmail.com.

ALOYSIUS CHOIR PRACTICES

The Choir is taking a summer break from practicing on Wednesday nights. The choir will resume Wednesday night practice on **September 9th**. Anyone interested in joining the choir can contact Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845, or any choir member.

SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP

All are invited to join the Rosary group on Wednesdays at 11:30 am during Adoration to pray the Rosary together.

Anyone who wishes to pray the Rosary is always welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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*All are welcome to spend time before
Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist.*

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Saturday, August 15; this year, it is not a holy day of obligation because it falls on a Saturday.

MINISTRY OF LECTORS

Have you ever considered proclaiming the Word of God at Mass? Our parish is seeking new lectors to serve this vital ministry. If you have a love for Sacred Scripture and a desire to serve the liturgy, we invite you to join us.

A Lector Training Session will be held on **Sunday, August 16**, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass and will last about one hour. Attendance at this training is mandatory for all current lectors and those interested in becoming a lector.

For more information, please contact the parish office or attend the training session. We look forward to welcoming you to this important ministry!

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Bishop Steven J. Raica will mark the 12th anniversary of his episcopal ordination on ***Friday, Aug. 28.***

NAZARETH HOUSE PROGRAM

Catholic high-school students are invited to a training workshop on ***Saturday, August 22***, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier School (Annex Building). This workshop prepares teens to serve as volunteer teachers in a Saturday morning religious-education program for children and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Greater Birmingham Area.

Those who participate as volunteer may receive service-hour credit for high-school and college scholarship requirements.

For more information contact:

Sarah Houser – sawisely@gmail.com –
205 612 6111

Fr. Patrick Cullen – Rathmines.Cullen@gmail.com
205 907 0287

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship August 2:	
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$10,070.00
Donations:	\$10,165.00
Difference:	\$95.00

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From the Gospel according to Matthew 14: 22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.

When it was evening he was there alone.

Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it.

During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea.

When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified.

"It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter said to him in reply,

"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

He said, "Come."

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.

But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

After they got into the boat, the wind died down.

Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying,

"Truly, you are the Son of God."

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/word-of-the-day/2026/08/09.html>

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

16 August 2026, Sunday

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

Psalm: Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8

Second: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

Alleluia: Matthew 4: 23

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

August 11 . . . Donna Ponder, Mirella González

August 12 . . . Craig McCoy, Jim Galloway

August 13 . . . Marcia McCullough

August 14 . . . Sheila Freeman

August 16 . . . James Patterson

May God's blessings fill
your life with joy, peace,
and endless love today
and always."

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Congratulations on your
Wedding Anniversary



August 15 *Tahir and Cathy Butt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATING ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH RECORDS

If you have not yet completed a registration form, whether to sign up for the first time or to update your details, please fill out the registration sheet found on the tables. Thank you.

TRIP TO CHARLESTON, SC

We are organizing a group bus trip to beautiful Charleston, South Carolina, from October 5 to 9, 2026.

If you are interested in participating or would like more details, please contact us for additional information.

Joe Lovoy (205) 230 1127, (205) 477 9443

Marie Swift (205) 960 2029, (205) 956 6323.

Everyone is welcome!

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

The Service Team of Mary, Woman of Faith, Chapter of Magnificat invites the women of the diocese to its Magnificat Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Aug. 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Elias' Parish Hall. Mary Margaret Rohling and her son, Frank, will be the guest speakers. Tickets are on sale through Aug. 23. A meal ticket is \$20 and includes a catered breakfast and can be purchased online at BirminghamMagnificat.org; by email at magnificat0296@gmail.com; by regular mail, please send a check payable to Magnificat to: Magnificat Tickets, C/O Jan Smith, 1367 Winola Lane, Birmingham, AL 35235 by Aug. 19; and are also available at Alpha Church Supply and Gifts and Holy Roses Flowers and Gifts. No tickets will be sold after Aug. 23 or at the door. Please call or text Jan Smith at 205-381-8481 if you have ticket questions or would like additional information. St. Elias is located at 836 8th Street South in Birmingham.