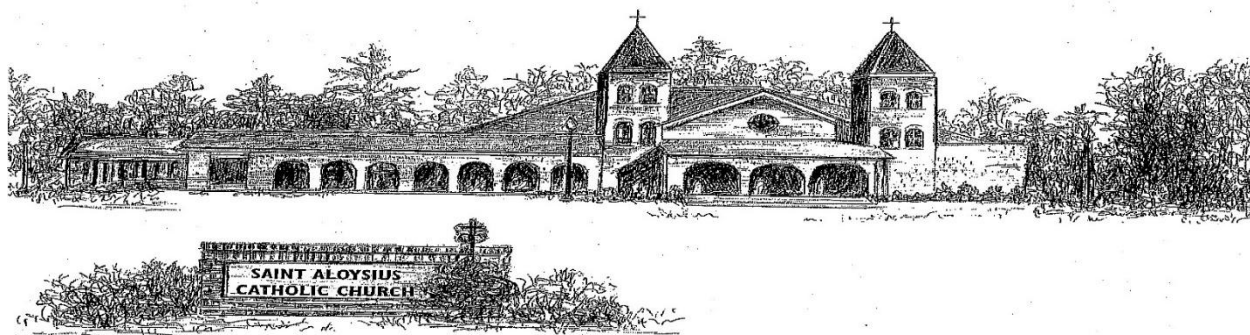




Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – Noon (closed for lunch), 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Sunday, June 14th, 2026

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

ADMINISTRATOR

Office: (205) 424 2984

We expect a new pastor in July. In the meantime, substitute priests will be celebrating mass for us on the weekends.

BOOKKEEPER

Jennifer Richardson

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(205) 424 2984

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(205) 424 2984

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 Jim Galloway	

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>	<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

JUNE 20 & JUNE 21 († = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	June 16	NO MASS
Wednesday	12 Noon	June 17	NO MASS
Thursday	12 Noon	June 18	NO MASS
Friday	12 Noon	June 19	NO MASS
Saturday	4:30pm	June 20	† Ruth Rupert
Sunday	9:30am	June 21	† Joe Simonetti

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 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 ROSARY GROUP

Please join the Rosary group on Wednesdays at 11:30am to pray the rosary. We will continue to meet this one day of the week until the new priest provides his schedule.

All those who wish to pray the Rosary are welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

*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

PATRIOTIC CONCERT

St. Aloysius Church will celebrate our country's independence on **Friday, June 26th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**



Songs that form the foundation of the United States of America will be led by members of the *St. Aloysius Choir* and the *Waylighters Gospel Quartet*.

Join us for a fun, patriotic celebration as we commemorate the 250th birthday of our great nation!

TRIP TO NASHVILLE

We are organizing a bus trip to Charleston, South Carolina, from October 5 to 9, 2026. If you are interested in participating, please contact us for more information:

Joe Lovoy at (205) 230 1127, (205) 477 9443
Marie Swift (205) 960 2029, (205) 956 6323.

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends its prayers and condolences to the family of **Grover L. McFerrin**, the only brother of *Rod McFerrin* (a parishioner of St. Aloysius)—who passed away last Saturday, May 23.

Also, with deep sadness, we share the passing of **William James Clowdus**, beloved grandson of our parishioners *Paula* and *Randy Clowdus*. *William*, of Alabaster, Alabama, entered eternal rest on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at just 16 years old. We hold Paula, Randy, and the entire Clowdus family in our prayers during this time of profound grief.

May He receive their souls and grant them peace in His Eternal Paradise.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Thank you all for your patience, understanding, and prayers during this time. We are grateful to God and for allowing us to continue gathering in worship.

Saturday, June 20th, 4:30PM English Mass – Fr. Manoj
Sunday, June 21st, 9:30AM English Mass – Fr. John Gardiner
12:00PM Spanish Mass – Fr. John Gardiner

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2026				
Sunday, May 31				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,408.00	5,403.00	6,811.00	154,996.28
Building Fund	430.00	1,155.00	1,585.00	93,050.54
Parish School of Religion	113.00	290.00	403.00	6,773.94
Total	1,951.00	6,848.00	8,799.00	254,820.76
Total given this week: \$8,799.00				

Sunday, June 14th, 2026

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

From the Gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

*"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned*

you have revealed them to little ones.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father,

and no one knows the Father except the Son

and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.*

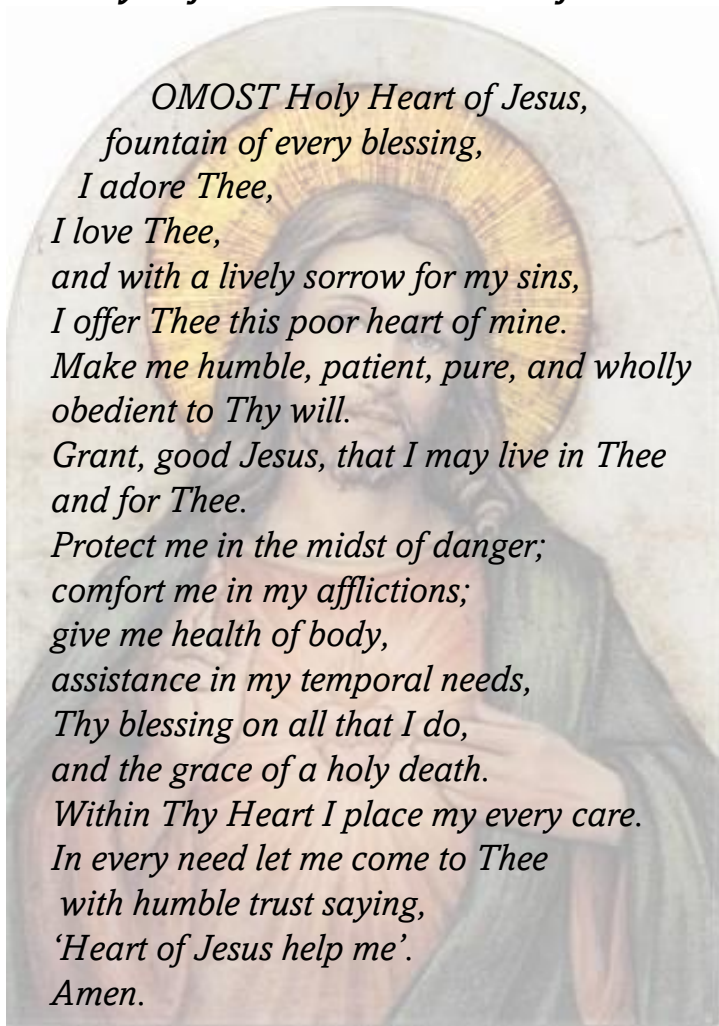
*Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;*

and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

[Gospel and Word of the Day - 12 June 2026 - Vatican News](#)

Prayer of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



OMOST Holy Heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing,
I adore Thee,
I love Thee,
and with a lively sorrow for my sins,
I offer Thee this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly
obedient to Thy will.
Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in Thee
and for Thee.
Protect me in the midst of danger;
comfort me in my afflictions;
give me health of body,
assistance in my temporal needs,
Thy blessing on all that I do,
and the grace of a holy death.
Within Thy Heart I place my every care.
In every need let me come to Thee
with humble trust saying,
'Heart of Jesus help me'.
Amen.

[Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus | Traditional Catholic Prayers](#)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

June 21st, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 10-13

Psalm: Psalms 69: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

Second: Romans 5: 12-15

Alleluia: John 15: 26b, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

June 15 . . . Mayra Martinez

June 18 . . . Christopher Lopez, Sammie Tamburello,
Patti Dreveny, Oliver Cordova

June 19 . . . Georgene Addison

June 21 . . . Valeria Flores Merced, Ana Quintilla Plata

Birthday Blessings



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



*Congratulations on your
Wedding Anniversary*



David and Paula Mabrey * June 16

Jimmy and Lena Johnson * June 17

SPECIAL COLLECTION - MISSION COOPERATIVE PLAN

Our annual Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) campaign is approaching—scheduled for the weekend of June 20–21—and I am filled with gratitude for your unwavering spirit of generosity.

Each year, the Diocese of Birmingham's Mission Office receives requests from missionary groups and dioceses. These groups present their missionary causes and ask for the prayers, sacrifices, and financial support of the faithful. Let us join forces to ensure that this year's MCP campaign stands as a testament to our commitment to being missionary disciples. Your donations reflect the love and hospitality of the divine banquet to which we are all invited.

With my prayers and blessings for you and your families!

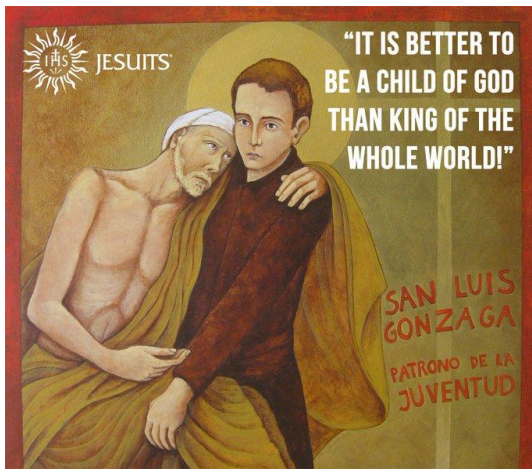
THANK YOU

As announced, we look forward to the arrival of our new priest, Fr. Jose B. Chacko. He comes to us from St. James Catholic Church in Gadsden, AL.

On July 1st, Fr. Chacko will celebrate his first Mass at St. Aloysius at the regular time of 12:00 noon.

In the meantime, substitute priests will celebrate Mass for us on weekends only.

**Thank you all for your patience and support.
Please continue to pray for our priests,
May God bless you all!**



June 21 is the Feast Day of St. Aloysius Gonzaga

The Lord can make saints anywhere, even amid the brutality and license of Renaissance life. Florence was the “mother of piety” for Aloysius Gonzaga despite his exposure to a “society of fraud, dagger, poison, and lust.” As a son of a princely family, he grew up in royal courts and army camps. His father wanted Aloysius to be a military hero.

At age 7 Aloysius experienced a profound spiritual quickening. His prayers included the Office of Mary, the psalms, and other devotions. At age 9 he came from his hometown of Castiglione to Florence to be educated; by age 11 he was teaching catechism to poor children, fasting three days a week, and practicing great austerities. When he was 13 years old, he traveled with his parents and the Empress of Austria to Spain and acted as a page in the court of Philip II. The more Aloysius saw of court life, the more disillusioned he became, seeking relief in learning about the lives of saints.

A book about the experience of Jesuit missionaries in India suggested to him the idea of entering the Society of Jesus, and in Spain his decision became final. Now began a four-year contest with his father. Eminent churchmen and laypeople were pressed into service to persuade Aloysius to remain in his “normal” vocation. Finally, he prevailed, was allowed to renounce his right to succession, and was received into the Jesuit novitiate.

Like other seminarians, Aloysius was faced with a new kind of penance—that of accepting different ideas about the exact nature of penance. He was obliged to eat more, and to take recreation with the other students. He was forbidden to pray except at stated times. He spent four years in the study of philosophy and had Saint Robert Bellarmine as his spiritual adviser.

In 1591, a plague struck Rome. The Jesuits opened a hospital of their own. The superior general himself and many other Jesuits rendered personal service. Because he nursed patients, washing them and making their beds, Aloysius caught the disease. A fever persisted after his recovery and he was so weak he could scarcely rise from bed. Yet he maintained his great discipline of prayer, knowing that he would die three months later within the octave of Corpus Christi, at the age of 23.

As a saint who fasted, scourged himself, sought solitude and prayer, and did not look on the faces of women, Aloysius seems an unlikely patron of youth in a society where asceticism is confined to training camps of football teams and boxers, and sexual permissiveness has little left to permit. Can an overweight and air-conditioned society deprive itself of anything? It will when it discovers a reason, as Aloysius did. The motivation for letting God purify us is the experience of God loving us in prayer.



PATRIOTIC CONCERT



St. Aloysius Church will celebrate our
250 country's independence on
Friday, June 26th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

	I LOVE AMERICA CONCERT	Our 12th year Saint Aloysius Catholic Church Bessemer, Alabama	JUNE 26, 2026 6:30 PM
St. Aloysius Church will celebrate our country's independence with a patriotic concert on <i>Friday, June 26th, at 6:30 p.m.</i> Songs that form the foundation of the United States of America: <i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> <i>This Is My Country</i> <i>God Bless America</i> <i>God Bless the U.S.A.</i> and more will be led by members of the St. Aloysius Choir and the Waylighters Gospel Quartet.		The Hueytown American Legion Post 1228 will present the Colors and Service Flags from each branch of the military, including the POW. Presentation of Arms by the Bessemer City High School JROTC. Please accept this invitation to honor our country and the brave men and women who serve it. Join us for a fun, patriotic celebration as we commemorate the 250th birthday of our great nation! Audience participation invited as we sing our national songs.	
	Saint Aloysius Parish 751 Academy Dr. Bessemer, AL, 35022.		

Everyone is welcome!