

Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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

Sunday, August 3rd, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ADMINISTRATOR

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HISPANIC COORDINATORS

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Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169
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WEEKEND EUCCHARIST

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

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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

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 Reiu is ready to help with funerals.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK	
Robert Geisen Kathleen Jones Sheila Zito Carl McDaniel	

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@staloyiuscc.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:

AIR FORCE	ARMY
Daniel K. Hicks	Blake Seidel
Shea Hicks	Brandan Engel
James McKinney	Luke Thomas
Lance Rosser	Joseph R. Chiarella
Gabriel Petix	U.S. INTELLIGENCE
	Daniel Thomas

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to info@staloyiuscc.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 5 - AUGUST 10		
(† = Deceased)		
Tuesday	12 Noon	August 5
Wednesday	12 Noon	August 6
Thursday	12 Noon	August 7
Friday	12 Noon	August 8
Saturday	4:30pm	August 9
Sunday	9:30am	August 10
		† Rita Minor † Renea Mareno

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.

EUCARISTIC 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 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 3rd. Anyone interested in joining the choir can contact Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845, or any choir member.

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.

*There will be **NO Mass** from August 5th to 8th.*

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary. For a Catholics it's an obligation day. We will have 3 masses during the day as follows:

Mass 12:00 Noon (English)
Mass 6:00 p.m. (English)
Mass 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this coming weekend, August 10th, is the monthly collection for the **Parish School of Religion**. The funds from this collection will cover the costs of Faith Formation classes and ensure the maintenance of the facilities.

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY FROM ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH (NEW DATES)

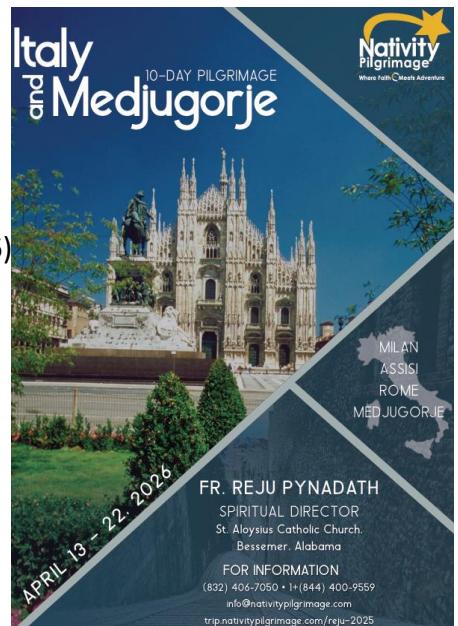
We are pleased to announce that everyone is invited to the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Father Reju on **April 13, 2026**.

Last day to reserve
your seats:

December 30, 2025.

(Easter: April 5, 2026)

For More Info call:
(832) 406-7050, or
1-844-400-9559,



Email:
info@nativitypilgrimage.com,

Website:
<https://trip.nativitypilgrimage.com/reju-2025>

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, July 27				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,182.00	3,804.47	4,986.47	186,869.60
Building Fund	290.00	143.00	433.00	60,501.50
Parish School of Religion	0.00	20.00	20.00	9,312.91
Total	1,472.00	3,967.47	5,439.47	256,684.01

Total given this week: **\$5,439.47**

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

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

Sunday, August 3rd, 2025
From the Gospel according to Luke 12:13-21

FOCUS ON REALLY REAL & NOT on VANITY

Today, Jesus is inviting us to a much deeper 'awareness.' We should be cautious about vanity and should be able to focus on reality. This world with all its wonder and richness, is like our simple breath.

During winter if we get out and exhale a breath, then we may see the breath coming out like a mist. It would be visible for a while and then it disappears forever. It simply vanished.

All the wealth we may have today and will be accumulating tomorrow, is like that simple breath! Nothing on this Earth is permanent. Everything keeps on changing. Philosophy would say even change is not permanent!

There is only one thing that is permanent, and that is God. In the first reading from The Book of Ecclesiastes Qoheleth says all things are vanity!

We all work so hard for this vanity. The great misfortune would be to leave all these vanities to someone else who never labored for them. We should identify the real and work for that.

St Paul, in today's second reading, advise us to put to death the parts of us that are earthly including evil desires, greed, idolatry and lying etc. He is telling us "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."

In today's Gospel Jesus is warning us against 'greed.' We all need material things on earth to live a better life. Neither Jesus nor the Word of God is against the possession of material things, but against greed and selfishness. And it is here that, if we don't share with others, it becomes a sin. For whatever we have, is from the Grace of God.

Let us put to death our own greed, avarice and selfishness. Leaving what is here on earth, let us focus on what is above, the Heaven. God may help us all, Amen.

Fr Reju Pynadath Johny

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading *Wisdom 18: 6-9*

Psalms 33: 1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

Second Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19 or 11: 1-2, 8-12

Alleluia: Matthew 24: 42a, 44

Gospel Luke 12: 32-48

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

August 4 . . . Anthony Antonio, Kathleen Jones

August 7 . . . Tony Manzella, Milton Weathers, Anthony Artale, Pat Arnett, Maria Montoya, Lynn Howard, Pam Davidson, Edgar Canul, Robert Wilson, Rickey Kornegay, Kevin Hudson

August 9 . . . Eric Rozell, Marie Johnson

August 10 . . . Love-Light Niyongabo

A Big Thanks to you all!!

MISSION APPEAL INDIA

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

From the depths of my heart, I extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to each one of you for the gracious and wholehearted welcome we extended to my beloved Bishop Pauly from India, during his recent visit to St. Aloysius family.

Your prayerful presence, generous contributions and joyful spirit of service made the day truly memorable not only for the Bishop, but also for our entire community. From: the decorations, liturgies, to the music, hospitality, food after Spanish Mass, and all the behind-the-scenes work - you came together as one body in Christ. The Indian Malayalam speaking community, the Spanish speaking community and the host- the English-speaking community we all together made St Aloysius a real International Home of Love.

My beloved bishop Pauly himself expressed how deeply moved he was by your faith, unity and love.

Thank you one and all for being a living testimony of our parish's warmth and dedication. May the Lord bless you all abundantly for your goodness.

With gratitude and prayerful blessings,

Fr Reju Pynadath Johny

Administrator

St Aloysius Catholic Parish, Bessemer.

Italy and Medjugorje

10-DAY PILGRIMAGE



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APRIL 13 - 22, 2026

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