



# *Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish*

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

## Sunday, June 7th, 2026

# *The Body and Blood of Christ Solemnity*

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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

### **BOOKKEEPER**

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### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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### **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:**

<b>OUR SICK</b>
Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Mary Jones Jim Galloway

<b>HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN</b>	
Nancy Franklin Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent	John V. Jones Jr. Meredith Jones Dot Herald Johana Findley

<b>NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS</b>
<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](mailto: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:

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

*Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to [info@staloyuscc.org](mailto: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](mailto:fsz321@bellsouth.net).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>JUNE 13 &amp; JUNE 14</b> († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	June 9	NO MASS
Wednesday 12 Noon	June 10	NO MASS
Thursday 12 Noon	June 11	NO MASS
Friday 12 Noon	June 12	NO MASS
Saturday 4:30pm	June 13	Kristen Conkle
Sunday 9:30am	June 14	† Donald A. Neeley

**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](mailto: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

### 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.*

### IMPORTANT NOTES

**Friday, June 12**

### The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

In accordance with no. 58 of the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar and no. 374 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, in all Roman Catholic churches, chapels, and oratories of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama where Sunday Mass is celebrated with members of the faithful present, The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is to be transferred for this year only from Friday, June 12 to Sunday, June 14. The anticipated Mass in the late afternoon or evening on Saturday, June 13 should also be that of the Sacred Heart.

### PATRIOTIC CONCERT

St. Aloysius Church will celebrate our country's independence on **Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 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!*

### 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: <b>\$8,799.00</b>				

**Sunday, June 7th, 2026**

**The Body and Blood of Christ Solemnity**

*A reflection of the Gospel Reading according to John 6: 51-58  
Jesus says, "I am the living bread."*

This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called Corpus Christi, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/most-holy-body-and-blood-of-christ-a-sunday-connect/>

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

June 14th, 2026

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading:** Exodus 19: 2-6a

**Psalm:** Psalms 100: 1-2, 3, 5

**Second:** Romans 5: 6-11

**Alleluia:** Mark 1: 15

**Gospel:** Matthew 9: 36 - 10: 8

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**



June 7 . . . William Neely

June 10 . . . Mary Paule Brennan, Hector Cruz

June 11 . . . Eddie Blanco, Jamie Arroyo

June 12 . . . Janie Joiner, Alyssa Barnes

June 13 . . . Yadira Hurtado-Lopez



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**



**Congratulations on your  
Wedding Anniversary**



**Tilly and Nancy Bryant \* June 8**

**Victor and Myrna Merced Flores \* June 9**

**Tim and Kellie Whitson \* June 10**

**THANK YOU**

Father Reju has returned to India after serving as our parish priest for five years. *Please continue to pray for him.* 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!***

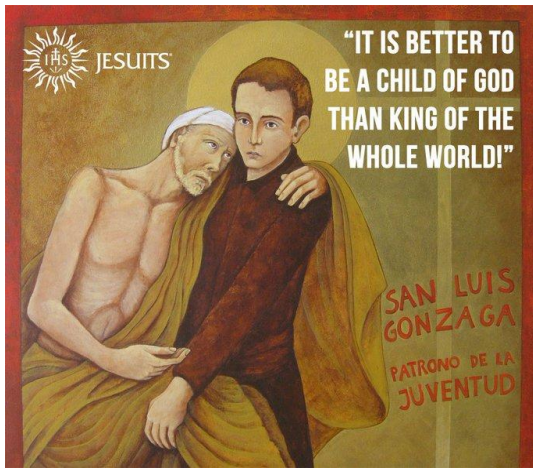
**MASS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE**

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 13th, 4:30PM English Mass – Fr. Manoj

Sunday, June 14th, 9:30AM English Mass – Fr. John Paul Stepnowski.

12:00PM Spanish Mass – Fr. Manoj



## 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

	<b>I LOVE AMERICA CONCERT</b>	<i>Our 12<sup>th</sup> year</i>	<b>JUNE 26, 2026 6:30 PM</b>	
<p><b>St. Aloysius Church</b> will celebrate our country's independence with a patriotic concert on <i>Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>Songs that form the foundation of the United States of America:</p> <p><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></p> <p>and more will be led by members of the St. Aloysius Choir and the Waylighters Gospel Quartet.</p>		<p><b>Saint Aloysius Catholic Church</b> <small>Bessemer, Alabama</small></p> 	<p>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.</p> <p><i>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!</i></p> <p><i>Audience participation invited as we sing our national songs.</i></p>	
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## Everyone is welcome!