



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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

Sunday, January 11th, 2026

Baptism of the Lord Feast

ADMINISTRATOR

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Gabriel Lopez

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WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday

Sunday (English)

Sunday (Spanish)

4:30 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday (Father celebrates the mass privately for your intention)

Tuesday through Friday

12:00 p.m. Noon

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 Reju is ready to help with funerals.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK
Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Mary Jones Sam Morris

<i>HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN</i>	
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>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u>
	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

JANUARY 13 – JANUARY 18 († = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	January 13	NO MASS
Wednesday	12 Noon	January 14	NO MASS
Thursday	9:00am	January 15	NO MASS
Friday	12 Noon	January 16	NO MASS
Saturday	4:30pm	January 17	(BD) Curtis Stoves
Sunday	9:30am	January 18	† Rita Minor

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 kahytortorice@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 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

THANK YOU

The Parish wishes to thank all the parishioners who decorated the church so beautifully for the Christmas season and who cleaned it afterward.

We are very grateful to you:

Charles Ellis	Marilyn Ellis
Geoff Bull	Vickie Gavin
Cindy Galloway	Phillip Galloway
Cathy Wittman	Brian Wittman
Donna Ponder	Frances Sanders
Glenda Mernaugh	Ray Mernaugh
Kathleen Jones	Billy Jones
Paula Clowdus	Randy Clowdus

MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet **every second Monday** of the month. Next meeting is **Monday, January 12th**, at 11:30 a.m. in the church. For more information, please contact *Angie Cacioppo, President* (205) 281 1901; or email to *Bernadette McFerrin, Secretary* at bmc3608@bellsouth.net

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of *Johnny Schober*, of Hueytown, Alabama, who passed away on December 30, 2025, leaving to mourn family and friends.

Please keep this family in your prayers.

TRIP TO NASHVILLE

3 Days trip to Nashville, Tennessee on April 20 - 22, 2026. For more information contact:

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

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 Contribution Statements are being mailed out. If you would also like a copy sent to you by email, please let *Jennifer Richardson (Bookkeeper)* know:

(256) 443-4407 call or text,
Email: finance@stalloysiuscc.org.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2026				
Sunday, Jan. 4				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	811.00	6,865.00	7,676.00	7,676.00
Building Fund	320.00	1,731.00	2,051.00	2,051.00
Parish School of Religion	25.00	45.00	70.00	70.00
Total	1,156.00	8,641.00	9,797.00	9,797.00
Total given this week: \$9,797.00				

Sunday, January 11th, 2026

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS.

In the deep waters of life; Jesus is with us!

Gospel of Matthew chapter 3 gives us detailed description of the baptism given by John in the rivers of Jordan. Who all came to be baptized by John? Mt 3:7 they were "brood of vipers" wanted to "flee from the coming wrath!" They are the people, now in the waters of Jordan, to be baptized. Their background is characterized by sinful track histories and varieties of struggles and sufferings, and we may try to keep a distance from them!

Mt 3:13 "Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him." 3:16 "He came up from the water..." This statement confirms that Jesus 'entered the water' with other people. He identified himself one with those sinners. When we struggle in our lives Jesus would stand with us. When we fall into our lives he will not abandon us. Baptism of Jesus teaches me of His solidarity with me; confirms His identity with every one of us.

In the waters of Jordan, Jesus stands with the sinners that we may stand where He is. Jesus is son of God. He is truly holy. But in baptism He is not keeping a distance from the sinners. True holiness is not distancing from the other, even from those who offend you. True holiness consists in being close to all, being equal to the lowly. Is there anyone, from whom you would like to keep a distance?

Waters of Jordan, in this scene, represents a place where all those who need salvation is gathered together. There are criminals, sinners, sick, lonely, orphans and people suffering in manifold ways in that water. They all need a savior and salvation from their situations of life. They represent every one of us. Today, Jesus is not keeping a distance from us. He enters into the waters where we are in. Jesus enters our confusions, struggles, our incapacities, and our sufferings.

Dear friends Jesus would like to save us. We maybe drown in the waters of life and its struggles. Jesus is not merely standing at the riverbanks giving us instructions as to how to swim and save oneself! Instead, Jesus is coming down to the waters to be with us and save us. Today Jesus saves us by entering the waters with us. We must ask ourselves: What is my Jordan today? From where do I want Jesus to come and save me?

After the baptism, the heaven was opened, a voice from heaven was heard and the Holy Spirit came down upon Jesus. With baptism there happens a beautiful rejoining of Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. When we decide to enter the waters of other people's struggles, then we can open heaven for that other person. Baptism consists in repairing the broken relations. We must come down to the level of the lowly and downtrodden; we must make ourselves equal to the other, be at the same footing to open heaven for others.

Let us celebrate Baptism of the Lord, by putting it into practice in our lives.

God Bless you all, Amen
Father Reju Pynadath J.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

January 18th, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

Psalms 40: 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Second First Corinthians 1: 1-3

Alleluia: John 1: 14a, 12a

Gospel: John 1: 29-34

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

January 6 . . . Nina Jones, Caleb Colburn

January 8 . . . Kathy Tortorice, Cesar Ruiz

January 10 . . . Jason McDonald, Chris Franklin, Kim McCoy

January 11 . . . Allen Antonio, Zac Whitson

January 13 . . . Charles Tortorice, Deb Bailey, Amanda Catherine McCullough, Judith Ruiz

January 14 . . . Michael Woods

January 17 . . . Joyce Schreiber



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary

January 12 * *Anthony and Debbie Rupert*

RESPECT LIFE MASS

Mass for Life at St. Paul's Cathedral, Birmingham, on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil on Planned Parenthood, at 10:45 AM. *Rain or Shine.*

In 2025, 50 Planned Parenthood businesses closed/halted abortions in the USA, and 20 independent abortion businesses closed/halted, and more & more abortion workers continue to quit.

This is due to PRAYER, first & foremost, and to PRESENCE on the public sidewalks by abortion sites.

We trust that our Lord is truly using the Novenas of Masses to bring an end to these places of human destruction, and to convert abortion workers...

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO - FOR THEIR LIVES!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 28

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, Dec. 28				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	6,466.00	13,296.00	19,762.00	350,606.99
Building Fund	2,055.00	80.00	2,135.00	99,056.76
Parish School of Religion	0.00	30.00	30.00	22,694.01
Total	8,521.00	13,406.00	21,927.00	472,357.76
Total given this week: \$21,927.00				