



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Office Hours: Monday and Friday, 10:00 am – Noon

Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

Sunday February 9th, 2025 *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

ADMINISTRATOR

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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

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	
Robert Geisen Gloria McDaniel Kathleen Jones Joe Wright Pete Mangione	

HOMEBOUNDED SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Bernardine Chiarella 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> Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	<u>ARMY</u> Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella José Emmanuel García Kristopher Snelling
<u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u> Daniel Thomas Dulce Rivera	

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

FEBRUARY 11 - FEBRUARY 16 († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12:00 Noon	February 11	† Priscilla Graven
Wednesday 12 Noon	February 12	(R) Pauline Ellis
Thursday 12 Noon	February 13	† Renea Mareno
Friday 12 Noon	February 14	† Alice & Joe Simonetti
Saturday 4:30pm	February 15	† Charlene Mareno
Sunday 9:30am	February 16	(BD) Kellie Whitson † Rita Minor

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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 the Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

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. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

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.

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 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

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are in the final stages of the process for our new church directory. Please verify your information after masses Feb. 8-9 and Feb. 15-16 or get by the church office before Feb. 19 to verify your information.

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

We recently mailed out 2024 Contribution Statements. Afterward, we discovered some of the donations that were given in the month of December were left off. If you need a corrected statement, please email finance@staloyiuscc.org and I will mail you one as soon as possible. I apologize for the inconvenience! You may also call or text me at 256-443-4407.
Jennifer Richardson, Bookkeeper

INDIAN MASS

Every third Saturday of the month Father Reju celebrates the Holy Mass in the Indian language. Next Indian (oriental) Mass will be February 15th, at 11:00a.m. All are welcome to come and learn about this Holy Mass and it's culture. Please consider joining us for Indian meal following the Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is the monthly **Parish School of Religion** collection. Funds from this collection will take care of costs associated with Faith Formation classes in addition to ensuring our former school buildings are maintained for future use.

MASS OF CELEBRATION OF LIFE

We will be celebrating the life of Richard Lynn Brasfield, who passed away last Tuesday, November 19, on **February 22, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.** at St. Aloysius Church.

Please keep this family in your prayers.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday - Jan 26				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,246.00	2,958.67	4,204.67	23,953.27
Building Fund	215.00	170.00	385.00	5,059.31
Parish School of Religion	75.00	45.00	120.00	1,361.31
Total	1,536.00	3,173.67	4,709.67	30,373.89
Total given this week:		\$4,709.67		

Sunday February 9th, 2025
"Here I Am, Send Me!"

Luke 5:1-11
Father Reju Pynadath J.

In today's first reading we have the details of the call of prophet Isaiah. At the presence of the Divine, Isaiah acknowledges his unworthiness. He confesses that he is a man of unclean lips and living among a people of unclean lips. But the Lord, not counting his merits, removes his wickedness and purges his sin. Then Isaiah says "Here I am send me!"

In the second reading we have the confession of Paul. He confesses that he persecuted the Church of God and is not fit to be called an Apostle. And then we have the very famous statement from St Paul: "By the grace of God I am what I am."

In the gospel of the day we have Peter confessing his own unworthiness. He says "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." But Jesus strengthens him saying "Do not be afraid;" and he follows Jesus.

In all these three incidents the common pattern is that God does not count the merits of the human person; the human person is confessing his unworthiness; God strengthens the human and the human person follows the Lord.

Through baptism we are called by God not because we had any merits. We need to be aware of and confessing our unworthiness. It is the grace of God that has made us His ministers.

Jesus called Paul, Peter and other apostles during their daily life routines. They were not highly spiritual people spending time in the synagogue! They were called to be active ministers and not to be cloistered. We have to be very vigilant to discern the call of God during our daily life routines. We have to be proud of our unworthiness and corresponding, strengthening grace of God.

Trusting on God's grace we have to be able to respond to the One who is calling us "Here I am, Lord, send me!"

God may guide you all, Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

February 16, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Jeremiah 17: 5-8

Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Second First Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Alleluia Luke 6: 23ab

Gospel Luke 6: 17, 20-26

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

*We celebrate those who are present,
and we remember in prayer those who have gone ahead ☩.*

February 10 . . . Cameron Galloway, Elizabeth Phillips

February 12 . . . Brenda Hinton

February 13 . . . Jonathan Smith, Je'Nae Washington

February 14 . . . Rachael Small, Tyler Bunn, Crystal Lopez, Juan Diego Ramirez

February 15 . . . Kellie Whitson, Teresa Smith, Richard Koehler

February 16 . . . Cody Richardson, Epifania Arenas

REPARATION NOVENA VIGIL



**9-WEEKS OF
COMMUNION OF
REPARATION VIGILS**

St. Aloysius Church
751 Academy Dr.,
Bessemer, AL 35022

7:30 PM	Holy Mass
8:15	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St. John Paul II Consecration Inspirational Talk
8:40	Scriptural Rosary (Joyful & Luminous)
9:10	Consecration Prayers
9:20	Scriptural Rosary (Sorrowful)
9:50	Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart
11:50	Scriptural Rosary
12:20	Eucharistic Procession Rosary (Glorious)
12:50	Benediction Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1:00 AM	Holy Mass

PLEASE JOIN US
EVERY FRIDAY - SATURDAY
FROM FEB. 14-15, 2025 TO
APRIL 11-12, 2025

In light of the current
global challenges and
peace in the world,
Our Lord and Our Lady
urge us to respond to Their
**URGENT CALL for
PRAYER and PENANCE.**

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:
February 14 -15, 2025
February 21 - 22, 2025
February 28 - March 1, 2025
March 7-8, 2025
March 14 -15, 2025
March 21- 22, 2025
March 28 - 29, 2025
April 4 - 5, 2025
April 11-12, 2025