



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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

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

Sunday, May 24th, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Reju Pynadath Johny Office: (205) 424 2984

e-mail: rijupynadath@gmail.com

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

BOOKKEEPER

Jennifer Richardson (256) 443 4407

Email: finance@staloyuscc.org

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Ginna Lopez (205) 424 2984

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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:

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:

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

MAY 30 & MAY 31 († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	May 26	NO MASS
Wednesday 12 Noon	May 27	NO MASS
Thursday 12 Noon	May 28	NO MASS
Friday 12 Noon	May 29	NO MASS
Saturday 4:30pm	May 30	† Len Gavin
Sunday 9:30am	May 31	Beth Russo

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**

EUCHARISTIC 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 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.

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

The altar flowers will be in memory of **†Leonard Gavin**, on the third anniversary of his passing on May 31, 2023.
May he rest in peace.

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends its prayers and condolences to the family of **Pete Gagliano**, a former parishioner of St. Aloysius, who passed away last Thursday, May 14th.

Please keep his family in your prayers.

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 last weekend, we look forward to the arrival of our new priest, Fr. Jose B. Chacko, on July 1st. He comes to us from St. James Catholic Church in Gadsden, AL.

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 MAY

We are happy to share the good news that all Saturday Masses will continue as normally scheduled. We have been blessed to secure a priest to celebrate the Masses moving forward.

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.

We look forward to celebrating the Holy Mass with all of you each Saturday. Your love and support for our parish community are truly appreciated.

May God continue to bless you and your families.

Saturday, May 30th, 4:30PM English Mass – Fr. Manoj
Sunday, May 31st, 9:30AM English Mass – Fr. Muscolino
12:00PM Spanish Mass – Fr. Manoj

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2026				
Sunday, May 17				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,349.00	6,176.00	7,525.00	142,347.98
Building Fund	525.00	190.00	715.00	91,012.54
Parish School of Religion	110.00	502.00	612.00	6,205.94
Total	1,984.00	6,868.00	8,852.00	239,566.46
Total given this week: \$8,852.00				

Sunday, May 24th, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

Gospel according to John 20:19-23

*On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the doors were locked,*

where the disciples were,

for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood in their midst

and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this,

he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this,

he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,

and whose sins you retain are retained."

The words of the Popes

Today, the Solemnity of Pentecost, the Gospel takes us to the Upper Room, where the apostles had taken refuge after the death of Jesus (Jn 20:19-23). On the evening of Passover, the Risen One presents himself precisely into that situation of fear and anguish and, breathing on them, says: "Receive the Holy Spirit" (v. 22). In this way, with the gift of the Spirit, Jesus wishes to free the disciples from fear, from this fear that keeps them holed up at home, and he frees them so that they may be able to go out and become witnesses and proclaimers of the Gospel. Let us dwell a little on what the Spirit does: he frees from fear. The disciples had closed the doors, the Gospel says, "for fear" (v. 19). The death of Jesus had shocked them, their dreams had been shattered, their hopes had vanished. And they had closed themselves inside. Not only in that room, but within, in the heart. I would like to underline this: closed inside. How often do we too shut ourselves in? How often, because of some difficult situation, because of some personal or family problem, because of the suffering that marks us or the evil we breathe around us, do we risk slipping slowly into loss of hope and lack the courage to go on? (...) However, the Gospel offers us the remedy of the Risen One: the Holy Spirit. He frees

us from the prisons of fear. (...) Because this is what the Spirit does: he makes us feel God's closeness, and thus, his love casts out fear, illuminates the way, consoles, sustains in adversity. Faced with fears and closure, then, let us invoke the Holy Spirit for us, for the Church and for the whole world: let a new Pentecost cast out the fears that assail us and revive the flame of God's love.

(Pope Francis, Regina Caeli, 28 May 2023)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

May 31st, 2026

The Holy Trinity Solemnity

1st Reading: Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9

Psalm: Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Second: Second Corinthians 13: 11-13

Alleluia: Revelation 1: 8

Gospel: John 3: 16-18

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Birthday Blessings

May 27 . . . Larry Jones, Amy Russo, Rose Tesney

May 28 . . . Erin Weber, Hermelinda Ramirez

May 29 . . . David Vazquez, Roxana Alvarado Andino

May 30 . . . Joseph Culver, Don Schmalz, Jerry Wages

May 31 . . . Jacob Hughes



PRIESTHOOD ORDINATIONS



WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD,
THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA
JOYFULLY ANNOUNCES THAT

JOHN STEPHEN GARDINER
JOHN PAUL STEPNOWSKI
ANDREW GRESHAM VICKERY

HAVE BEEN CALLED TO THE
SACRED ORDER OF THE PRIESTHOOD AND
WILL BE ORDAINED A PRIEST FOREVER
THROUGH THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS AND
THE INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BY THE

MOST REVEREND STEVEN J. RAICA
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

SATURDAY, THE THIRTIETH OF MAY
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL
2120 3RD AVENUE, NORTH
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203