



# *Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish*

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*Office Hours: Monday and Friday, 10:00 am – Noon  
Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)*

Sunday, August 10th, 2025

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ADMINISTRATOR

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## **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

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## CHURCH OFFICE

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#### **USCRANIC COORDINATORS**

**HISpanic COORDINATORS**  
Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169  
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WEEKEND EUCHARIST

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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

**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:**

<b>OUR SICK</b>
Robert Geisen Kathleen Jones Sheila Zito Carl McDaniel

<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@staloyiuscc.org](mailto: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:

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

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>AUGUST 12 - AUGUST 17</b>			
(† = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	August 12	Carol Bruser
Wednesday	12 Noon	August 13	† Angelo Rivera Bayon
Thursday	12 Noon	August 14	† Don Meadows
Friday	12 Noon 6:00pm	August 15	† Rosalee Mareno Pocopanni † Bernadine Chiarella
Saturday	4:30pm	August 16	† Thomas Dempsey
Sunday	9:30am	August 17	† Ira Cobb Sr.

**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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

## 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

## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

### OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>** 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)

## FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS

August 23, 2025, from 9AM – 2PM at St. Thomas the Apostle. Learn strategies, models, guidelines, and practical ways to implement O.C.I.A. for adults and youth in your parish. RSVP with QR code.



## **(NEW DATES)**

### JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

#### FROM ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH

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



Email:

[info@nativitypilgrimage.com](mailto:info@nativitypilgrimage.com),

Website:

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

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday - August 3				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,011.00	7,785.50	8,796.50	195,666.10
Building Fund	280.00	1,570.50	1,850.50	62,352.00
Parish School of Religion	0.00	170.00	170.00	9,482.91
Total	1,291.00	9,526.00	10,817.00	267,501.01
Total given this week: \$10,817.00				

**Sunday, August 10th, 2025**  
**From the Gospel according to Luke 12:32-48**

*Jesus said to his disciples:*

*"Do not be afraid any longer, little flock,  
for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.  
Sell your belongings and give alms.  
Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out,  
an inexhaustible treasure in heaven  
that no thief can reach nor moth destroy.  
For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.*

*"Gird your loins and light your lamps  
and be like servants who await their master's return from a  
wedding,  
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.  
Blessed are those servants  
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.  
Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,  
have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.  
And should he come in the second or third watch  
and find them prepared in this way,  
blessed are those servants.*

*Be sure of this:*

*if the master of the house had known the hour  
when the thief was coming,  
he would not have let his house be broken into.  
You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come."*

*Then Peter said,*

*"Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?"*

*And the Lord replied,*

*"Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward  
whom the master will put in charge of his servants  
to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?  
Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing  
so.*

*Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant  
in charge of all his property.*

*But if that servant says to himself,  
'My master is delayed in coming,'*

*and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants,  
to eat and drink and get drunk,  
then that servant's master will come  
on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour  
and will punish the servant severely  
and assign him a place with the unfaithful.*

*That servant who knew his master's will  
but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will  
shall be beaten severely;*

*and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will  
but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating  
shall be beaten only lightly.*

*Much will be required of the person entrusted with much,  
and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with  
more."*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**August 17, 2025**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading** Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

**Psalms** 40: 2, 3, 4, 18

**Second** Hebrews 12: 1-4

**Alleluia:** John 10: 27

**Gospel** Luke 12: 49-53

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

*August 11 . . . Donna Ponder, Christopher Diego*

*August 12 . . . Craig McCoy, Jim Galloway*

*August 13 . . . Marcia McCullough, Cathy Morris,  
Michelle Jimenez*

*August 14 . . . Marian Dodson, B.J. Short, Sheila  
Freeman*

*August 15 . . . Matthew Bradley*

*August 16 . . . James Patterson, Ivan Almazan*

*August 17 . . . Colleen Woods, Mandy DeSantis, Suzy  
Hall, Scott Dahlke, Apolonio Romero*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

***Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary***

***August 15 \* Tahir and Cathy Butt***

**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 Johnny*

Administrator St Aloysius Catholic Parish, Bessemer.

# Italy and Medjugorje

10-DAY PILGRIMAGE



MILAN  
ASSISI  
ROME  
MEDJUGORJE

APRIL 13 - 22, 2026

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