



## **Saint Aloysius Catholic Church**

751 Academy Drive

Bessemer, Alabama 35022-5276

Telephone: 205-424-2984

Fax: 205-426-5753

E-Mail: [staloysius@bellsouth.net](mailto:staloysius@bellsouth.net)

Website: [www.staloysiuscc.org](http://www.staloysiuscc.org)

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 p.m.)

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

### **PASTOR**

Rev. Gerald Holloway

Office: 205-424-2984

Home: 205-424-1839

(e-mail: [staloysiuspastor@bellsouth.net](mailto:staloysiuspastor@bellsouth.net))

### **WEEKEND EUCHARIST**

Saturday

4:30 p.m.

Sunday

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday

1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

### **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

Mrs. Stephanie Gerson

205-424-2984

(e-mail: [staloysiusre@bellsouth.net](mailto:staloysiusre@bellsouth.net))

### **WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**

Monday

5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

### **DIRECTOR of MUSIC**

Mr. Tim Tipton

(texts & calls) 205-706-9500

(e-mail: [staloysius4music@gmail.com](mailto:staloysius4music@gmail.com))

### **SUNDAY BULLETIN**

Deadline for new items

Tuesday 4:00 p.m.

### **CHURCH SECRETARY**

Mrs. Judy Cacioppo

205-424-2984

(e-mail: [staloysius@bellsouth.net](mailto:staloysius@bellsouth.net))

### **SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION**

Saturday

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

(or by appointment)

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON**

Officer to be Elected

### **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 office.

### **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON**

Officer to be Elected

### **SACRAMENT of BAPTISM**

Please contact Father Holloway for Baptismal Preparation.

### **HOLY DAYS**

Please check Parish Bulletin

### **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.

### **SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE**

Couples planning marriage must meet with Father Holloway 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION—THIS WEEKEND**

The second collection this weekend is the monthly Building and Grounds Fund collection.

**SECOND COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND**

The second collection next weekend will be the annual Christmas Flowers collection. This collection is to help offset the cost of decorating the church with beautiful flowers and poinsettias.

**ONLINE GIVING**

If you are sick and unable to attend Mass, Online Giving is a convenient option to continue to support your church and its mission. Go to [www.staloyuscc.org](http://www.staloyuscc.org) and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy! You can also give via Text Message to 205-708-0221.

**SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY**

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will not meet in December.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The **Knights of Columbus Council #2631** will not meet in December.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS**

Coffee and Donuts will not be served until further notice.

**LADIES ROSARY GROUP**

The Ladies Rosary Group has been canceled until further notice.

**FIRE OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP**

The Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group is meeting online via Zoom. For more information, please call Kathy Tortorice at 205-531-0930.



*Second Sunday of Advent*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**December 5 – 13**

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . . Franny Albano & Family  
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) . . . . . † Debra Albright  
Sunday (10:00 a.m.) . . . . . Saint Aloysius Parishioners  
Monday . . . . . † Jack Rice

**The Immaculate Conception**

Tuesday (8:30 a.m.) . . . . . † Rigoberto Colon  
Tuesday (Noon) . . . . . Saint Aloysius Parishioners  
Tuesday (6:30 p.m.) . . . . . † Tillie Barnhill  
Wednesday . . . . . † Jimmy Hudgins  
Thursday . . . . . † Betty MacPherson  
Friday . . . . . † Pauline Virciglio  
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . . † Nancy Reynolds  
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) . . . . . Saint Aloysius Parishioners  
Sunday (10:00 a.m.) . . . . . † Gus Winstead

**SYMPATHY**

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the following families: **J. T. Land**, who is survived by his son, Junior (Lisa) Land, numerous grandchildren, and other family members; **Betty Hill**, who is survived by her sister, Ann McMahan, and other family members; and **Billy Monte**, who is survived by his wife, Theresa, children, Sarah (Joe) Caiola and Phyllis (Rickey) Hubbard, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other family members. Please keep these families in your prayers.

**WELCOME**

The Saint Aloysius Parish Community welcomes **James and Dr. Christa Sligh** as new members.

**TOURS AND SHADOW DAYS AT JOHN CARROLL**

John Carroll Catholic High School is currently scheduling tours and student Shadow Days for the month of December. Eighth graders and prospective transfer students are invited to experience the value of a John Carroll education. To schedule your Tour or Shadow Day, please contact Tina Wos, Admissions Director, at [twos@jcchs.org](mailto:twos@jcchs.org) or 205-940-2400.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

December 13 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$2,812.34	\$1,744.00	\$313,747.42
Building Fund	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 26,729.84

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Thank you for returning your Catholic Charities pledge card. Our response thus far is as follows:

Number of Pledge Cards Returned to Parish. . . . .	8
Amount of Pledges Returned to Parish. . . . .	\$ 3,040.00
Amount of Pledges Sent to Diocese. . . . .	<u>16,844.00</u>
	\$19,884.00
Parish Goal. . . . .	\$35,000.00
Difference. . . . .	– \$15,116.00

**SAINT ALOYSIUS CHOIR**

Saint Aloysius Parish’s choir practice has been canceled until further notice.

**CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Saint Aloysius Parish offers boxed children's offertory envelopes for those families who wish them. They are available after the weekend Masses in the Ministries Office or during the week in the Church Office. Please sign the list by the number of the box that you receive so we can properly credit the children who contribute.

**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).

**PARISH WEBSITE**

The weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, Online Giving link, religious education information, etc. are accessible on our parish website at [www.staloyuscc.org](http://www.staloyuscc.org). Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link:



You can also give via Text Message to 205-708-0221.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN**

**Recently Discharged From Hospital**

**Sick and Shut-in**

This list is intended for homebound members of Saint Aloysius Parish. Those from our parish recently discharged from the hospital will be listed for two weeks. Individuals outside our parish community may be placed on this list for a two-week period only. All the sick are remembered weekly in our **General Intercessions.**

Myra Antonio	Nancy Franklin	Debbie Rupert
Ann Baker	Don Graham	MaryAnna Schilleci
Serene Bateh	Mary Ann Graham	Stanley Szafransky
Margaret Blake	Jerry Joiner	Steve Tate
Ray Brasher	John V. Jones, Jr.	Powell Thompson
Barbara Bridges	Meredith Jones	Irene Tutton
Jack Chiarella		Suzanne Wannemuehler

**Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living**

<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u> Rudy Cooper	<u>The Woodlands at Tannehill</u> Jean Sullivan
<u>Plantation Manor</u> Claudia Charme Catherine Hagerty	Kathy Whited

*If you are or you know of someone on the shut-in list who’s well enough to be removed from this list, please call the Church Office.*

**NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS**

If any parishioner knows of a nursing home or assisted living resident who is Catholic and is not on the above list, please call the Church Office.

**VISITING HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES**

Father Holloway would be happy to visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes if the person or family requests a visit.

**SICK, SHUT-IN, AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

If a lay minister is not visiting you on a regular basis, please call the Church Office so we can make the proper arrangements.

**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**

- Chairperson (officer to be elected)  
Eddie Blanco, Vice Chairperson
- Felicia Boyd, Secretary
- Micha McMeans
- Phillip Galloway
- Patricia Rector
- Vickie Gavin
- Chris Waits

**JOB OPENINGS AT EWTN**

EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions in Irondale: **PT Donor Care Specialist, Data Hygiene Specialist, Email Marketing Coordinator/Manager, Sustainer Program Manager, Grant Writer, Legacy Giving Assistant, Legacy Giving Officer, Marketing Support Manager, Custodian, Safety and Security Officer, and View Services Representative (full-time and part-time).** Job requirements can be viewed at [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com). E-mail cover letter, salary requirements, and résumé to [humanresources@ewtn.com](mailto:humanresources@ewtn.com).

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for our military that have been deployed around the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

U.S. Intelligence

Daniel Thomas

Army

Joseph R. Chiarella

Zach Edmonds

Blake Seidel

Air Force

Daniel K. Hicks

Shea Hicks

James McKinney

Lance Rosser

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to [staloysius@bellsouth.net](mailto:staloysius@bellsouth.net) with the names of people and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries:

December 9. . . . . Jerry “Curly” and Lena Tramell

December 11. . . . . Reggie and Kacie Rosser

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

December 6. . . . . Jena Shourds, Sheila Weaver

December 7. . . . . Tina Nabors

December 8. . . . . Robert Geisen, Frank Aguiar,

. . . . . Brandon Hurst, Kelly Tortorice

December 10. . . . . Brian Boyd, Mary Ann Simonetti,

. . . . . Don Graham, Lesli Higuera, Nancy Flores

December 11. . . . . Nancy Bryant, Randy Clowdus,

. . . . . Mike McCandless

December 12. . . . . Maria Bohannon, Earnest Brown