

Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

751 Academy Drive

Bessemer, Alabama 35022-5276

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

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, March 15th, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent

ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Reju Pynadath Johny Office: (205) 424 2984
e-mail: rijupynadath@gmail.com Cell: (205) 829 5933

BOOKKEEPER

Jennifer Richardson (256) 443 4407
Email: finance@staloyuscc.org

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Ginna Lopez (205) 424 2984
e-mail: st.aloyus24@outlook.com

CHURCH OFFICE

e-mail: info@staloyuscc.org (205) 424 2984

HISPANIC COORDINATORS

Gabriel Lopez (205) 434 7169
Gabriel Arellano (205) 765 2936

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 Sam Morris Kathy Whited

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:

<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>MARINE</u>	<u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u>
Grace Oldham	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

MARCH 17 – MARCH 22			
(† = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	March 17	† Viktoria Cobb
Wednesday	12 Noon	March 18	(S) Lisa Lorino
Thursday	12 Noon	March 19	† Peter Ransom
Friday	12 Noon	March 20	(S) Glenda Geisen
Saturday	4:30pm	March 21	(S) George Gerson
Sunday	9:30am	March 22	† Paul La Russa † Todd Sloan

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



February 20th March 13th
February 27th March 20th
March 6th March 27th

EVERY FRIDAY, after 12noon Holy Mass.

English 12:00 Noon
Indian 6:45 P.M.
Spanish 7:00 P.M.

FOOT WASHING DISCIPLES

As we begin the sacred journey of Holy Week, we cordially invite you to participate on Holy Thursday, April 2nd, in a significant act of discipleship: the washing of feet. On this night, we remember Jesus kneeling before his disciples, offering a powerful example of humility, love, and service.

In that same spirit, we offer this opportunity to all men and women of our parish over the age of 18.

Let us gather with open hearts, ready to serve and be served, as we follow Christ's example and prepare for the solemn beauty of the days to come.

If you wish to register, there will be a registration form in the narthex, or you can go to the office.

CANDY DONATIONS

We are collecting candy and eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt (regular size that fits in an egg carton, no chocolates please). Please bring them to the office.

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 have been 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@staloyuscc.org.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2026				
Sunday, March 8				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,869.00	3,720.65	5,589.65	72,491.51
Building Fund	1,290.00	360.00	1,650.00	66,472.24
Parish School of Religion	50.00	638.00	688.00	2,695.14
Total	3,209.00	4,718.65	7,927.65	141,658.89
Total given this week: \$7,927.65				

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Gospel according to John 9:1-41

From Blindness to Light: a journey of a heart.

Today's Gospel of John gives us a beautiful story of a poor man born blind; it is not only about a miracle of the eyes; but more about a miracle of the heart. Jesus meets a man who was born blind. His disciples raises the traditional question: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" It is to be noted with keen attention that Jesus rejected that proposal. He says: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible."

God can turn our suffering into His glory:-

Without exemption we all suffer in different ways. Sickness, loneliness, being accused by others, being victim of natural incidents, feeling depressed, problems with high pressure and stress..... Yes, we all suffer in manifold ways. And we may have the questions: Why did this happen to me? Why this sickness? Why this problem? But today let us listen to Jesus. He says, suffering is not always punishment. Sometimes it's an occasion where God pours out His grace upon us. Sometimes God makes use of our sufferings as occasions to reveal His glory. It is said: "God does not waste our wounds; He transforms them into witnesses." The man born blind, once healed, bears witness to God's glory.

Simple things for greater ends.....

Jesus uses very simple things to perform today's miracle. He spits on the ground, makes clay, put it on the man's eyes and the blind man washes it in the pool of Siloam. God uses simple things to do great works. Simple water becomes the pond of baptism, ordinary bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Christ, simple words of a priest becomes Words of Absolution forgiving sins! God's miracles often begin with ordinary things and extraordinary obedience. Do you think you are not talented to be a witness to the Lord, you are not capable of doing anything great, you don't know how to speak in public..... Just let God make use of you. He needs simple instruments like you and me.

Suffering is the manure of Faith:

The man born blind suffered a lot for long time in his life. Today he is healed and ironically he begins to see clearly not only with his eyes, but also with his heart. And in the description John says his faith in Jesus grows step by step: First he says: "The man called Jesus healed me." Then he says, "He is a prophet." And finally he declares, "Lord, I believe." So in and through all our sufferings, God helps us grow in our faith. Through suffering faith grows gradually.

Your destiny is to bear witness!

The blind man once healed, is now under high pressure. His neighbors, Pharisees, even his own parents question him and pressurizes him. He is even cast out of the community. But he stands firm and says: "One thing I

know, I was blind, and now I see." This could be a great model for us. We may not have the talent of public speaking, may not know how to answer every theological question. But we can say with confidence: once I thought of giving up completely, but here I am today; Once I was lost, but now I found Christ; Once I was seriously ill, but today God's grace keeps me alive; Once I was blind, but now I see.

Do you have sight?

Who is really blind in this story? The pharisees knew everything about the law. They believed that they were so close to God. We also think that we go to church every Sunday, we know many prayers, we read the Bible, we do works of charity and we are better or average Christians! But if our hearts are closed to love, compassion and humility; we still could be spiritually blind. A retreat preacher once noted: "The worst blindness is not the blindness of the eyes, but the blindness of the heart." The pharisees were really blind.

What about us: Do we really see? It is good to ask ourselves: Do we see the blessings God has given us? the sufferings of the people around us? the needs of our own family? the presence of God working quietly in our life? We have to see with heart and that is faith.

God may gives the real sight! Amen

By Rev. Reju Pynadath J.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

March 22nd, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Third Scrutiny of the Elect

1st Reading Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Psalms Psalms 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Second Romans 8: 8-11

VBG John 11: 25a, 26

Gospel John 11: 1-45

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Birthday Blessings

*March 16 . . . Josephine Culver, Alana Hughes,
Jerry Ragusa*

March 18 . . . Brent Morris, Wilyn Lucas

March 19 . . . Monica Washington

March 20 . . . Alison Tomberlin

March 22 . . . Andrew Farr, Abigail Arellano

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



*Congratulations on your
Wedding Anniversary*



*March 16 * Curtis and Vickie Stoves*

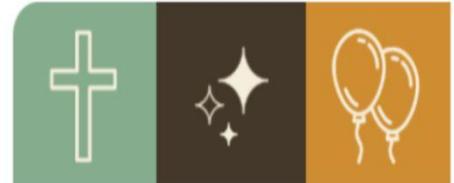
*March 17 * Johnny and Mary Curry*

*March 20 * Paul and Carol Boykin*

*March 20 * LTC Brian & Cathy Wittman*



Join us for our Easter charity event!



**ST ALOYSIUS
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

EASTER CELEBRATION



Ribs & Chicken Sale

BABY BACK RIBS \$35 each

Season to perfection,
Fresh right out of the
smoker. Falling off the
bone. BEST RIBS EVER!

&

G.R's Smokehouse

Smoked Chicken Breast \$10 each

Smoked Chicken Leg Q \$8 each

Deadline for ordering March 30th

ORDER NOW

Scan QR code



PICKUP

St Aloysius Church
parking lot on

Sunday April 5th
Baby Back Ribs & Chicken
pick-up 10:30am & 11:30am

Faster service we will have our
Drive-thru and Walk up pick-up option available

WWW.GRSMOKEHOUSE.COM
205-881-7010

 751 Academy Drive, Bessmer, AL 35022

