



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

<b>OUR SICK</b>	
Kathleen Jones Sheila Zito Carl McDaniel Larry Jones	
<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@staloysiuscc.org](mailto:info@staloysiuscc.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@staloysiuscc.org](mailto:info@staloysiuscc.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>OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 12</b>			
(† = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	October 7	† Paul Estep
Wednesday	12 Noon	October 8	† Francis Petway
Thursday	12 Noon	October 9	† Dot Keyes
Friday	12 Noon	October 10	† Maria R. de Franco
Saturday	4:30pm	October 11	(S) Sam Morris
Sunday	9:30am	October 12	(BD) Myra Antonio (S) Sheila Zito

**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 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

## CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE) is an international nonprofit ministry dedicated to marriage preparation. Marriage Encounter is a weekend experience designed to renew the couple's relationship after several years of marriage; Engaged Encounter, in contrast, is designed specifically for engaged couples.

Our motto is "A wedding is a day; a marriage is a lifetime." Think of all the preparation taken for the wedding day. Most people spend months planning, and hundreds, if not thousands of dollars preparing for the wedding. But how much time and effort is actually spent preparing for a Lifetime of Togetherness?

A Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend is a weekend experience which provides the engaged couple the opportunity to discuss with each other their future together in the Sacrament of Matrimony. The goal is to deepen a couple's relationship through reflection and dialogue. After each presentation, the engaged couples will have the opportunity to concentrate exclusively on each other and discuss their thoughts generated from each presentation.

For more information, go to:

[www.birminghamcee.org](http://www.birminghamcee.org)

## WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The parish community expresses its deepest condolences to the family of ***Elizabeth Ann Baker***, who passed away last Wednesday, September 17th. She is survived by her husband Charles Baker; her daughter, Lisa Boyd; and other relatives.

Also, our Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of Dot Keyes. She passed away peacefully with her family at her side on September 20, 2025.

*Please keep these families in your prayers. Merciful Father, receive their souls and grant them eternal peace in your Paradise. May the promises of Christ comfort Mary and all who mourn. Praise be to you, Lord, for your saving grace.*

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, Sept. 28				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	926.00	4,794.25	5,720.25	245,944.03
Building Fund	200.00	300.00	500.00	71,393.26
Parish School of Religion	0.00	35.00	35.00	14,229.91
Total	1,126.00	5,129.25	6,255.25	331,567.20
Total given this week: <b>\$6,255.25</b>				

## Sunday, October 5th, 2025

From the Gospel according to Luke 17:5-10

### FAITH IN YOUR BRETHREN

We all 'think' that we are Christians; we are all believers. Do we really believe in God? Do we have faith? Today's Gospel passage begins with the prayer of the Apostles "Increase our faith." They were not ashamed to confess their lack of faith. They experienced the lack of faith at many times in their own lives. When the disciples failed to cure the lunatic boy (Mt 17:21-24); they asked Jesus "Why could we not drive it out? Jesus said to them because of your little faith..." At the event of multiplication of loaves, the disciples expressed their lack of faith (little faith.) Even at the moment of arrest of Jesus; on the way to Mount Calvary the disciples abandoned Jesus and ran for life.

The disciples were aware of their lack of faith. They accepted it and confessed it. They prayed to the Lord to increase their faith. This is our model. Let us acknowledge our lack of faith. Together with the disciples let us ask the Lord: 'Increase our faith.' Jesus assured them a helper and on the day of Pentecost He sent the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their faith. 'Faith in whom?'; should be the basic question to raise today. Primarily, we may think it is the faith in God. But not so. The preceding verses would help us to place this prayer in its proper context.

Lk 17:3&4 "Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he wrongs you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times saying, 'I am sorry,' you should forgive him." In order to practice this saying of the Lord, one should have that much faith/ confidence in the goodness of the other. We should believe in his capacity to correct himself and be good. If someone wrongs you seven times in a single day, we may think he is not a person of integrity; we may not believe him anymore. And so in verse 5 the disciples pray to the Lord 'Increase our faith.' It could very well be understood in this context as 'Increase our faith in our brethren.' This kind of faith in our brethren presupposes much more stronger faith in God.

Then Jesus continues, to give us a parable. The duty of a servant is to fulfill the wishes of his master by serving him. Even after serving the master through his hard work for the whole day, still, he may have to continue to serve the master at the table! This servant

cannot expect appreciation or gratitude from the master. We are all servants of God our Master. Here on earth our duty is to serve the Master without expecting anything in return. We are unprofitable servants.

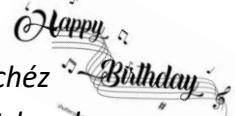
The request of the disciples to increase their faith, shows us that, faith is something to be developed. If we want to grow a plant, then it should be provided with care, manure, water etc. In the same way, every now and then we should be asking ourselves: Did I take any serious effort to grow my faith? Have I ever grown in my faith? Do I have faith in my brethren?

Lord, increase our faith! Amen

Father Reju Pynadath J.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

October 6 . . . Sam Stough, Hector Sánchez



October 7 . . . Kimberly Bierman, Don Schmalz

October 9 . . . Leonardo Hinojosa, Alejandro Anton

October 10 . . . Kate Driscoll

October 11 . . . Brian Wannemuhler, Alan Cruz,

October 12 . . . Phyllis Coates, Yuriana Perez

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations  
on your Wedding Anniversary*

October 7 \* **Don and Marian Giglio**

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**12 October 2025**

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st Reading** Second Kings 5: 14-17

**Psalms** 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3c-4

**Second** 2 Timothy 2: 8-13

**Alleluia:** First Thessalonians 5: 18

**Gospel:** Luke 17: 11-19

### THANK YOU

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Keyes, a lifelong member of St. Aloysius. The Keyes family donated her funeral flowers to the church.

Vickie Gavin made floral arrangements out of the funeral sprays. Thanks the Keyes family and Vickie Gavin and Paula Clowdus.

The flowers are much appreciated and a wonderful tribute to remember a remarkable woman.