



Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Office Hours: Monday and Friday, 10:00 am – Noon

Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

Sunday March 2nd, 2025 *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

ADMINISTRATOR

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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

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 Reju is ready to help with funerals.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK
Robert Geisen Gloria McDaniel Kathleen Jones Joe Wright

HOMEBOUNDED SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Bernardine Chiarella 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> Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	<u>ARMY</u> Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella José Emmanuel García Kristopher Snelling
<u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u> Daniel Thomas Dulce Rivera	

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 4th - MARCH 9th († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12:00 Noon	March 4	† Richard Brasfield
Wednesday 12 Noon	March 5	† Charlene Mareno
Thursday 12 Noon	March 6	† Lorraine Taylor
Friday 12 Noon	March 7	† Renea Mareno
Saturday 4:30pm	March 8	(S) Mary Jones
Sunday 9:30am	March 9	† Mel Evans

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 the Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

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. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

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.

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

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

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Peter N. "Pete" Mangione**, 90, who passed away on February 18, 2025, in Bessemer, Alabama. Pete is survived by his sister Josephine Cahill (Robert), daughter Maria Stokes, son Tony Mangione (Betty), seven grandchildren, and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Please keep this family in your prayers.

MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet **every second Monday** of the month. Next meeting is **Monday, March 10th**, at 11:30 a.m. in the church.

DONATIONS

We appreciate donations of clothing or other items brought to the church, unfortunately at the moment we will not be receiving more as we do not have the space to store them. We will let you know when we will receive them again. THANK YOU

CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE

(High Land Memorial Gardens)

3115 18th Ave. North, Bessemer, AL 35020

We have four plots in the Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery at the Catholic Section, near to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, available for sale. They are lot – 69D SP 1, 2, 3 and 4.

If anyone is interested, please contact the church office at (205) 424 2984.

SAVE THE DATE

John Carroll High School Class of 1985

40 YEAR REUNION

Saturday, July 19, 6 – 11PM

Dread River Distilling Co

2400 7th Ave South

Birmingham, AL 35233

SAVE THE DATE!

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday - Feb 23				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	971.00	5,241.20	6,212.20	40,567.94
Building Fund	533.00	255.00	788.00	8,584.91
Parish School of Religion	135.00	105.00	240.00	2,772.91
Total	1,639.00	5,601.20	7,240.20	44,685.56

Total given this week: **\$7,240.20**

Sunday, March 2nd, 2025

Blind is he who has Sight but sees only what he wants to!!

Father Reju Pynadath Johny

From the Gospel according to LUKE 6:39-4.

Once I went to a mall for shopping. I noticed an older woman struggling hard to push her cart to the checkout point. I, as a priest, out of charity, decided to step forward to help her. I rushed to her and pushed her cart to the checkout point by myself. But when I looked back for the lady, for my surprise, I saw her 'stand still' where she was. I went back to her and asked why. She replied; "I was using that cart as a support to hold on, for my walking, as I left my walking stick in my car!!!!.

Yes, I failed to see her Reality. I was blind to her Real situation. I saw only what I wanted to see. I was prejudiced. Jesus could be calling me a hypocrite when I gossip, when I judge or criticize others. Jesus says:" from the fullness of heart the mouth speaks." As we enter the season of great Lent, let us take a strong decision to 'Control our Mouth.'

A blind person cannot guide another blind person for both of them may trip and fall. One of my friends in India had a problem with losing hair from his head. He tried all the possible means, but for no use. Now somebody advised him to go to a herbal doctor who provides some kind of natural/ herbal medicine for hair loss. They warned my friend to wash off his hands after applying the medicine on his head unless, even on the palms hair would grow! That medicine seemed to be so powerful and effective. My friend was so excited. He went to consult that doctor. But for his surprise he noticed that, the doctor himself was not having a single hair on his head!!! Without saying a single word my friend escaped from the doctor's office!

Yes friends, we can give only what we have. We all want to go to heaven and that is our ultimate goal of life. During this season of Lent, let us be cautious to make sure that whomever we may follow, including social media platforms, are having the Light of Christ. If they are void of that Light of Christ our fate would be that of a blind person guiding another blind!

May God guide us all in this Lent, Amen

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

March 2nd, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Psalms 91: 1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Second Romans 10: 8-13

Verse Before the Gospel Matthew 4: 4b

Gospel Luke 4: 1-13

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

We celebrate those who are present, and we remember in prayer those who have gone ahead ☩.

March 3 . . . Ann Squires, Mike Bailey, Ofelia Herrera, Will Galvez

March 4 . . . Stephen Tramell, Erick Ernesto Orellana, Nicolas Gonzalez

March 5 . . . Ian Smart, Adam Doss

March 6 . . . Kelby Barnes, Mary Lee Thompson

March 7 . . . Peyton Criss, Carl Herring

March 8 . . . Quintila Becerril

March 9 . . . Priscilla Winstead, Isabella Donaldson, Bret Manzella, Taurino Jimenez

THANK YOU NOTE

Gloria and Carl McDaniel wish to thank all those who visited, sent Mass cards, get well cards, food, and prayers while we were recuperating from surgery. Carl was discharged from hospital in June 2024. Gloria was discharged from hospital in December 2024. We are both improving. Thank you again and God bless you all!

REPARATION NOVENA VIGIL



In light of the current global challenges and peace in the world, Our Lord and Our Lady urge us to respond to Their **URGENT CALL for PRAYER and PENANCE.**

St. Aloysius Church
751 Academy Dr.,
Bessemer, AL 35022

7:30 PM Holy Mass
8:15 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St. John Paul II Consecration
Inspirational Talk
8:40 Scriptural Rosary (Joyful & Luminous)
9:10 Consecration Prayers
9:20 Scriptural Rosary (Sorrowful)
9:50 Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart
11:50 Scriptural Rosary
12:20 Eucharistic Procession
Rosary (Glorious)
Benediction
12:50 Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1:00 AM Holy Mass

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:
February 14 -15, 2025
February 21 - 22, 2025
February 28 - March 1, 2025
March 7-8, 2025
March 14 -15, 2025
March 21- 22, 2025
March 28 - 29, 2025
April 4 - 5, 2025
April 11-12, 2025