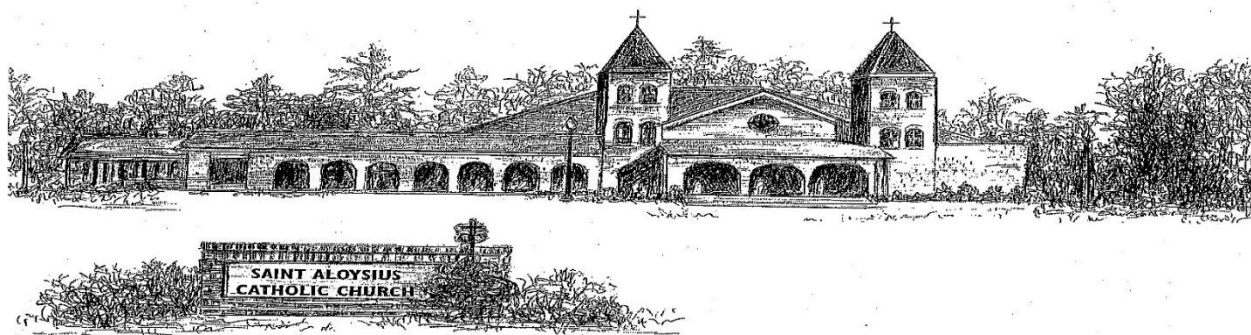




Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Sunday, September 13th, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

6:30 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday

12:00 p.m. Noon

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For more information contact the Church Office or the priest for Baptismal Preparation.

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 the priest at least six months before your proposed date.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Church recommends this sacrament to all who are seriously ill or in danger of death. Please contact the Church Office or Fr. Jose.

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.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items

Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the *first Saturday of every month*, from 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK
Larry Jones Mary Jones Jim Galloway MaryAnn Simonetti

<i>HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN</i>	
Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent John V. Jones Jr.	Meredith Jones Dot Herald Johana Findley

<i>NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS</i>	
<u><i>The Oaks on Parkwood</i></u>	
Jean Sullivan	Rudy Cooper
<u><i>Encompass Rehabilitation Center</i></u>	
Eddie Allison	

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 throughout the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

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

SEPTIEMBRE 13 – SEPTEMBER 19 († = Deceased)			
Sunday	9:30am	Sept. 13	† Donald A. Neely
Monday	6:30pm	Sept. 14	Christina Jimenez
Tuesday	12 Noon	Sept. 15	† Gary Lambert
Wednesday	12 Noon	Sept. 16	† William Clowdus
Thursday	12 Noon	Sept. 17	† Mary Curry
Friday	12 Noon	Sept. 18	† James Callahan, III
Saturday	4:30pm	Sept. 19	† Mary Catherine Manasco

*Sunday, September 20th, †Dot Keyes

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 a Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

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 ROSARY GROUP

All are invited to join the Rosary group on Wednesdays at 11:30 am during Adoration to pray the Rosary together. *All are welcome to pray the Rosary.*

PRAYER

Merciful Father, I praise you for your patience, compassion, and forgiveness. Keep me from holding tightly to anger or seeking revenge. When I remember the wrongs done to me, help me also remember the far greater mercy you have shown me. Give me a heart that can forgive sincerely, while granting wisdom to act with justice and peace. May Christ, who is Lord of the living and the dead, reign over my thoughts, words, and relationships. Teach me to love as he has loved, and to become an instrument of your healing mercy. Amen.

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* (205) 365 5896

Vickie Gavin, *Vice Chairperson* (205) 451 5318

Michael Tomberlin, *Secretary* (205) 260-8821

Charles Tortorice (205) 965 4066

Phillip Galloway (205) 213 4314

Kellie Whitson (205) 296 3390

Eddie Blanco (205) 432 9615

Oliver Lopez (205) 283 9169

Ginna Lopez (205) 370 3500

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Gloria McDaniel, *Chairperson* (205) 515 5307

Mike Snelling, *Vice Chairperson* (205) 213 0647

Ray Mernaugh, *Secretary* (615) 972 6554

Gabriel Lopez (205) 434 7169

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

VOLUNTEER FAITH FORMATION TRAINING

The Diocese is offering a faith formation training session for anyone interested in volunteering to teach or assist with classes for our parish. The training will take place on **Saturday, September 19, 2026**, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hoover.

Whether by offering your time or sharing your talents, you will make a significant difference in the lives of our children. For more *information stop by the office.*

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

A sign-up sheet will be available in the foyer for parents who wish to register their children for **First Communion** or **Confirmation**.

If you feel called to serve, we encourage you to sign up; we need volunteers for **Faith and Formation** and **Children's Church** to make these initiatives a reality.

EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH: OCIA CLASSES

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic, or simply want to deepen your understanding of the Church?

You are warmly invited to join us for OCIA (The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes. OCIA is a welcoming opportunity to explore the Catholic faith, ask questions, learn about the teachings and traditions of the Church, and discover what it means to live a life of faith.

Classes are held every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., starting on September 1st.

Whether you are considering becoming Catholic, preparing to receive the Sacraments, or simply curious about the Catholic faith, all are welcome! Contact the church office, 205-424-2984, for further information.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship Sept 6:	
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$10,070.00
Donations:	\$10,938.45
Difference:	\$868.45

September 13 th , 2026	
Families registered in the parish	286 / 500
Spanish Religious Education	18/18/100

Please keep the accessible entrance clear; do not park in the driveway during Masses

Thank you.

Sunday, September 13th, 2026

Reflection

Scripture places our anger beside the mercy of God and asks us to see the difference. We are warned against cherishing resentment, while the Lord is praised as slow to anger, rich in compassion, and willing to remove our sins as far as east is from west. Jesus makes this mercy concrete in the servant whose enormous debt is forgiven. Yet the same servant, having received compassion, refuses to show it to someone who owes him far less.

The parable reveals that forgiveness is not an isolated gift we receive; it must shape the way we belong to one another. We live and die for the Lord, and Christ, who died and rose to be Lord of all, claims our relationships as part of his kingdom. Forgiving "from the heart" does not deny that wounds are real or that justice matters. It means refusing to let anger become our master, remembering the mercy by which we ourselves stand before God. The practical beginning may be a prayer for the grace to release one grievance, speak without retaliation, or stop rehearsing another person's debt. Love grows when the mercy we have received is allowed to pass through us.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

September 20th, 2026, Sunday

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9

Psalm: Psalms 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Second: Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a

Alleluia: Acts 16: 14b

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16a

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS 🎂

September 13 Gary Williams

September 14 Angie Cacioppo, Cruz Martin

September 16 Jimmy Freeman

September 18 Theresa Monte

September 19 Jennifer Gardner

May God's blessings fill
your life with joy, peace,
and endless love today
and always."



**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**



September 15 * Jerry and Janie Joiner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet every second Monday of the month. Next meeting is Monday, **September 14**, at **11:30 a.m.** in the church.

For more information, please contact Angie Cacioppo, President (205) 281 1901.

All meetings will begin at 11:30 am!

INTERESTED IN FOOD, FRIENDSHIP AND GAMES?

There is a proposal to organize a monthly social gathering featuring a potluck-style meal after the noon Mass. If you are interested in participating, you will find a sign-up sheet in the church vestibule. Please indicate which day of the week works best for you and which games you prefer (cards, dominoes, backgammon, checkers, etc.); this will help determine if there is sufficient interest, as well as help decide the meeting day and which games will be offered.

If you have any questions, please contact **Paula Clowdus** at 205-382-0845.

PARISH CARE LIST UPDATE

We are updating our parish list of the homebound, sick, and shut-in, as well as parishioners residing in nursing homes, retirement homes, or assisted living facilities. If you have any names to add or remove, please stop by the parish office or send an email to info@staloyiuscc.org. Your help ensures that our community members receive the prayer, support, and pastoral care they deserve.

TRIP TO CHARLESTON, SC

We are organizing a group bus trip to beautiful *Charleston, South Carolina*, from October 5 to 9, 2026.

If you are interested in participating or would like more details, please contact us for additional information.

Joe Lovoy (205) 230 1127, (205) 477 9443

Marie Swift (205) 960 2029, (205) 956 6323.

Everyone is welcome!