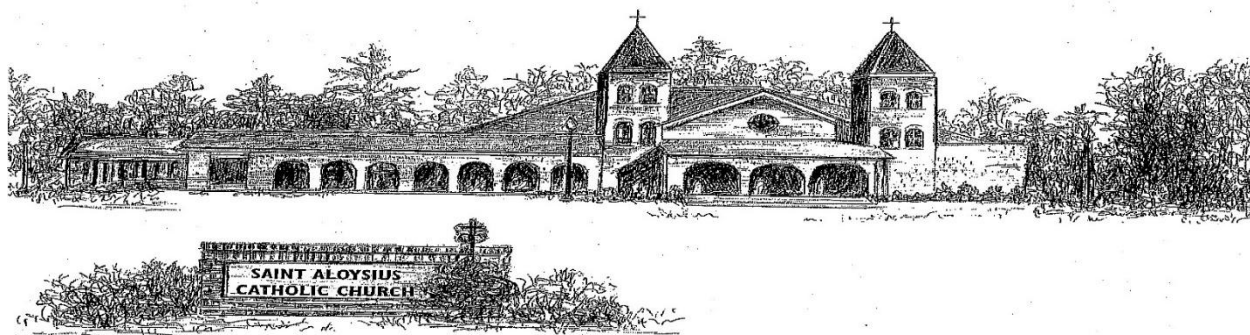




Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Sunday, August 16th, 2026

Twentieth 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.

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	

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
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 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

AUGUST 17 – AUGUST 23 († = Deceased)		
Monday 6:30pm	August 17	† Ira Cobb Sr.
Tuesday 12 Noon	August 18	† Dot Keyes
Wednesday 12 Noon	August 19	† William Clowdus
Thursday 12 Noon	August 20	(S) Dixie Lenseigne
Friday 12 Noon	August 21	(S) Winifred Bratton
Saturday 4:30pm	August 22	† Mary C. Manasco
Sunday 9:30am	August 23	(BD) Jazmin Densmore

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.

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 is taking a summer break from practicing on Wednesday nights. The choir will resume Wednesday night practice on **September 9th**. Anyone interested in joining the choir can contact Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845, or any choir member.

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.

Anyone who wishes to pray the Rosary is always welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

*All are welcome to spend time before
Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist.*

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

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.

More information in the attached flyer.

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 to make these initiatives a reality.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Bishop Steven J. Raica will mark the 12th anniversary of his episcopal ordination on ***Friday, Aug. 28.***

NAZARETH HOUSE PROGRAM

Catholic high-school students are invited to a training workshop on ***Saturday, August 22***, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier School (Annex Building). This workshop prepares teens to serve as volunteer teachers in a Saturday morning religious-education program for children and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Greater Birmingham Area.

Those who participate as volunteer may receive service-hour credit for high-school and college scholarship requirements.

For more information contact:

Sarah Houser – sawisely@gmail.com –
205 612 6111

Fr. Patrick Cullen – Rathmines.Cullen@gmail.com
205 907 0287

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship August 9:	
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$10,070.00
Donations:	\$9,782.00
Difference:	-\$288.00

Sunday, August 16th, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Gospel according to Matthew 15: 21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out,

"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!

My daughter is tormented by a demon."

But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her.

Jesus' disciples came and asked him,

"Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us."

He said in reply,

"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me."

He said in reply,

"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps

that fall from the table of their masters."

Then Jesus said to her in reply,

"O woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish."

And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/word-of-the-day/2026/08/16.html>

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

23 August 2026, Sunday

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 22: 19-23

Psalm: Psalms 138: 1-2a, 2bc-3, 6, 8

Second: Romans 11: 33-36

Alleluia: Matthew 16: 18

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

August 17 . . . Colleen Woods

August 18 . . . Kel Barnes, Joe Lovoy

August 19 . . . Tim Whitson

August 21 . . . Jasmine Densmore, Heather Lawley

August 22 . . . Caitlin Walker, Juana D. Matias

August 23 . . . Angel Farias, Hap Purnell, Terri Bello

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALARM SYSTEM & ACCESS UPDATE

We continue to improve our parish through repairs and upgrades, including enhancements to the sound and alarm systems.

We kindly ask ministry leaders who assist by opening the church doors to stop by the parish office to receive new instructions regarding the alarm system.

We appreciate your patience. Thank you

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!

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

The Service Team of Mary, Woman of Faith, Chapter of Magnificat invites the women of the diocese to its Magnificat Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Aug. 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Elias' Parish Hall.

Mary Margaret Rohling and her son, Frank, will be the guest speakers. Tickets are on sale through Aug. 23.

A meal ticket is \$20 and includes a catered breakfast and can be purchased online at

BirminghamMagnificat.org; by email at magnificat0296@gmail.com; by regular mail, please

send a check payable to Magnificat to: Magnificat Tickets, C/O Jan Smith, 1367 Winola Lane, Birmingham, AL 35235 by Aug. 19; and are also available at Alpha Church Supply and Gifts and Holy Roses Flowers and Gifts. No tickets will be sold after Aug. 23 or at the door.

Please call or text Jan Smith at 205-381-8481 if you have ticket questions or would like additional information. St. Elias is located at 836 8th Street South in Birmingham.