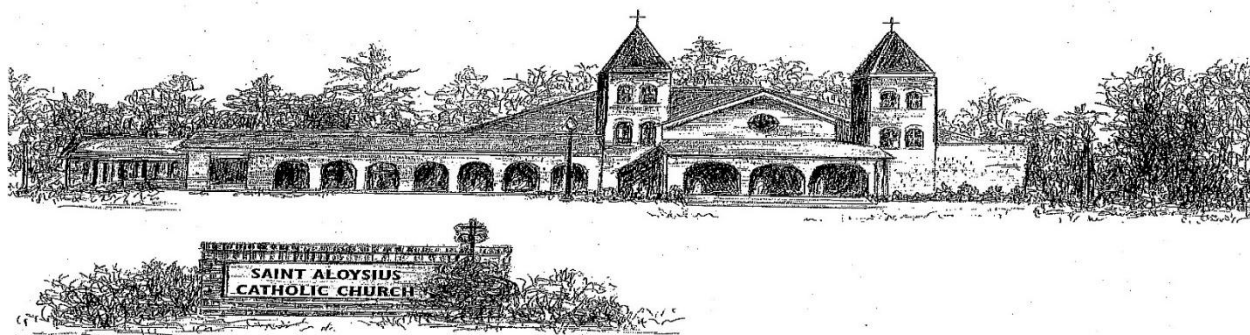




Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Sunday, September 27th, 2026

Twenty-Sixth 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

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS
<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u> Jean Sullivan Rudy Cooper
<u>Encompass Rehabilitation Center</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 27 – OCTUBRE 3 († = Deceased)			
Sunday	9:30am	Sept. 27	MaryAnn Simonetti
Monday	6:30pm	Sept. 28	
Tuesday	12 Noon	Sept. 29	† John Claiborn
Wednesday	12 Noon	Sept. 30	Family of Bobby Clum
Thursday	12 Noon	Oct. 1	Jordan Snelling
Friday	12 Noon	Oct. 2	† Mary Curry
Saturday	4:30pm	Oct. 3	(S) Braegan Popee

*Sunday, October 4th, Beth Russo

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, remember your compassion and lead me in your truth. When I resist your word or fail to love as I should, give me the grace to repent sincerely and begin again. Help me hear the voice of Christ, my Shepherd, and follow him through humble service. Free me from pride, contention, and concern for myself alone. Shape my heart according to the mind of Jesus, who became a servant and obeyed you faithfully. May my actions speak the yes that my lips profess, and may your mercy guide me into the way of life. 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

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Eddie Blanco (205) 432 9615

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GINNA LOPEZ (205) 370 3500

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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

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Parents can register their children for Faith Formation classes, including **First Communion** and **Confirmation** preparation, signing the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

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.

Whether you are considering becoming Catholic, preparing to receive the Sacraments, or simply curious about the Catholic faith, all are welcome!

Classes are held every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30p.m. Contact the church office 205-424-2984, or Phil Neely, pneely@j-neely.com for further information.

RED MASS

The diocese will hold the annual Red Mass on **Thursday, October 1st**, at the Cathedral of St. Paul, beginning at 6 p.m. and followed by a reception. The Red Mass is a tradition within the Catholic Church dating back to the 13th century, when it officially opened the term of the court. The cathedral is located at 2120 3rd Avenue, North, in Birmingham.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship Sept 20:	
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$10,070.00
Donations:	\$9,748.02
Difference:	-\$321.98

September 13 th , 2026	
Families registered in the parish	297 / 500
Spanish Religious Education	20/18/100

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

Thank you.

Sunday, September 27th, 2026

Reflection

God does not judge us by the promises we once made, but by the direction our lives finally take. One son refused his father's command yet repented and went to the vineyard; the other spoke obediently but did not act. Scripture gives us hope here: turning away from sin is truly possible, and the Lord receives the person who changes course. His mercy does not excuse injustice but opens a way back to life. The psalm's prayer, "Remember your mercies," becomes our own prayer as we ask God to teach us his paths and guide us in truth.

That change of heart must become concrete obedience. We hear the Shepherd's voice by allowing his word to correct us, then putting it into practice. Christ shows the shape of this obedience: he emptied himself, became a servant, and humbled himself even to the cross. His humility challenges our desire to defend ourselves, win arguments, or place our interests first. A repentant heart learns to serve, to seek another's good, and to return to the Lord through action. The Father's vineyard is before us today; our response is shown by what we do.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

October 4th, 2026, Sunday

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7

Psalm: Psalms 80: 9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

Second: Philipians 4: 6-9

Alleluia: John 15: 16

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS 🍰

September 27 . . . Phillip Galloway, Jean Sullivan

September 29 . . . David Sanders, Ezequiel Vizcarra Jr.

September 30 . . . Manuel Aguilar

October 1 . . . Cesar Martinez, Ian Vizcarra

October 2 . . . Rufino Herrera

October 3 . . . David Mabrey, Susan Combs, John Combs

October 4 . . . Matthew McCullough



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



October 2 * Tony and Lesa Manzella;

October 3 * Junior and Lisa Land

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARMOIRE FOR SALE

Wardrobe for sale, please contact Fr. Jose if interested. Dimensions: 66.85" H x 36.3" D (available to view in the church, bought for him originally but the dimensions didn't work out).

OKTOBERFEST GERMAN DINNER

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Parish in Cullman will hold its annual Oktoberfest German Dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 4-7 p.m. in the parish's Family Life Center, featuring traditional German food and Bratwurst by Brickyard Meats. Plates are \$15 each and are available for dine-in or drive-thru/take-out. The church is located at 205 3rd Avenue, Southeast. For more information, please call 256.734.3730.

INTERESTED IN FOOD, FRIENDSHIP AND GAMES?

Stay tuned for our monthly social gathering, a potluck meal following the noon Mass, featuring card games, dominoes, backgammon, checkers, and more. Further details to come...

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

PARISH CARE LIST UPDATE

We are updating our parish list of 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@stalloysiuscc.org. Your help ensures that our community members receive the prayer, support, and pastoral care they deserve

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

Hosted by the "Mary, Woman of Faith" chapter, Saturday, October 24, 2026. Guest speaker: Lynn Pepe. Join us for breakfast from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Doors open at 9:10 a.m. The Rosary will be prayed at 8:45 a.m. in an adjoining room.

Location: St. Elias Maronite Catholic Church, In the parish hall: 836 8th Street S. Birmingham, AL 35205.

The parish hall parking lot is located next to the church, with access from 8th Street.

Do not park on 9th Avenue S.