

## *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 February 16th, 2025** *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

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### **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

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### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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### **HISPANIC COORDINATORS**

Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169  
Gabriel Arellano 205 765 2936

### **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:**

<b>OUR SICK</b>	
Robert Geisen Gloria McDaniel Kathleen Jones Joe Wright Pete Mangione	

<b>HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN</b>	
Bernardine Chiarella 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@staloyuscc.org](mailto: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:

<b><u>AIR FORCE</u></b> Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	<b><u>ARMY</u></b> Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella José Emmanuel García Kristopher Snelling
<b><u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u></b> Daniel Thomas Dulce Rivera	

*Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to [info@staloyuscc.org](mailto: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](mailto:fsz321@bellsouth.net).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>FEBRUARY 18 - FEBRUARY 23</b> († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12:00 Noon	February 18	NO MASS
Wednesday 12 Noon	February 19	NO MASS
Thursday 12 Noon	February 20	NO MASS
Friday 12 Noon	February 21	NO MASS
Saturday 4:30pm	February 22	† Maria Rosalia de Franco
Sunday 9:30am	February 23	† Len Gavin † Anne Wren (BD) Jim Pinto

**NO MASS ON WEEKDAYS**

**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](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

### **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

### **THERE WILL NO BE MASS ON WEEKDAYS FROM FEBRUARY 18 - 21**

The flowers on the altar for the weekend of February 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> are in memory of:

† Len Gavin  
† Vincent Petix  
† Richard Brasfield

### **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

We are in the final stages of the process for our new church directory. Please verify your information before Feb. 19.

### **MASS OF CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

We will be celebrating the life of Richard Lynn Brasfield, who passed away last Tuesday, November 19, 2024, on **February 22, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.** at St. Aloysius Church.

*Please keep this family in your prayers.*

### **WORDS OF SYMPATHY**

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of Kimberly Diane Keyes, mother of Elizabeth Beard, daughter of Jim and Berneice Keyes, sister of Kelly Van Arsdale, Mandy Jones (Evan), Katie Fondren (Trent), granddaughter of Dorothy Keyes, aunt of Jack Jones; who passed away on February 7, 2025. Visitation will be at Prince of Peace on February 17, 2025, at 10am followed by funeral Mass at noon.

*Please keep this family in your prayers.*

### **2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

We recently mailed out 2024 Contribution Statements. Afterward, we discovered some of the donations that were given in the month of December were left off. If you need a corrected statement, please email [finance@staloyuscc.org](mailto:finance@staloyuscc.org) and I will mail you one as soon as possible. I apologize for the inconvenience! You may also call or text me at 256-443-4407. Jennifer Richardson, Bookkeeper

### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday - Feb 9				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,499.00	5,426.00	6,925.00	28,541.54
Building Fund	680.00	865.00	1,545.00	7,274.31
Parish School of Religion	60.00	20.00	80.00	1,447.31
Total	2,239.00	6,311.00	8,550.00	
Total given this week:			<b>\$8,550.00</b>	

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**SERMON ON THE PLAIN**

**Two Ways of Life to Choose**

**Luke 6:17, 20-26**

*Today's first reading is from prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah lived approximately from 650 - 570 BCE. Invasion of Jerusalem by Babylon and the following Babylon Exile happened in 587 BCE. Jeremiah knows Jerusalem prior to and after this invasion. Prior to this invasion Jerusalem relied heavily upon its own military strength and economic and diplomatic powers. After this invasion, prophet Jeremiah says that the one who trusts in human beings and whose heart is away from the Lord is a cursed person. This is a way of life. And that is the fate of Jerusalem.*

*The second way of life is that of the blessed one. He is the one who trusts in the Lord and the Lord will always foster him.*

*In the second reading St. Paul also speaks of two ways of life. One is life of faith; believing in Jesus and in His Resurrection. Those who choose this way of life will have eternal life. Second way of life is that of a non-believer; denying Jesus and His Resurrection. And they would inherit death.*

*In today's Gospel again, Jesus is speaking about two ways of life. One could be living relying solely on material comfort, human resources and temporary /worldly satisfactions. According to Jesus they are the cursed ones, for their fortune would be overturned in the Kingdom. Wealth, position, success, good fortune etc are not evil in themselves. But they caution us against placing our trust in them instead of God.*

*On the other side, blessed are those who place their trust in God. Those are the people relying on God. And God will foster them.*

*Thus, all these three readings of the day, present before us a basic truth of life on earth: 'It is a choice between either way of life.' We all could be trusting either on human beings and this worldly temporary satisfactions or on God. Our destiny depends upon our own choices. Jesus has made it clear in Matthew 6:24 that "No one can serve two masters;" therefore a choice is a must.*

*God may help and guide us to place our trust upon Him that we all may inherit Heaven, Amen!*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**February 23, 2025**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading** First Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

**Psalms** 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

**Second** First Corinthians 15: 45-49

**Alleluia** John 13: 34

**Gospel** Luke 6: 27-38

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

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

February 17 . . . Kimberly Hunter

February 18 . . . Charles Miranda, Oscar Patricio  
Martinez, Luis Alvarado

February 19 . . . Connie MacPherson, Melinda Turner,  
Tim Whitson

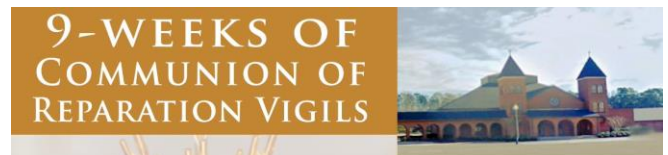
February 20 . . . Frank Zito, Jocelyn Zamora, Breisy  
Garcia Araujo, Jared Stoves, Juana Garcia

February 21 . . . Jay Curry

February 22 . . . Marin Radice, David Dempsey, Tami  
Hill

February 23 . . . Sammy Mundi, Mia Thomas

**REPARATION NOVENA VIGIL**



**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

**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.**

- 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