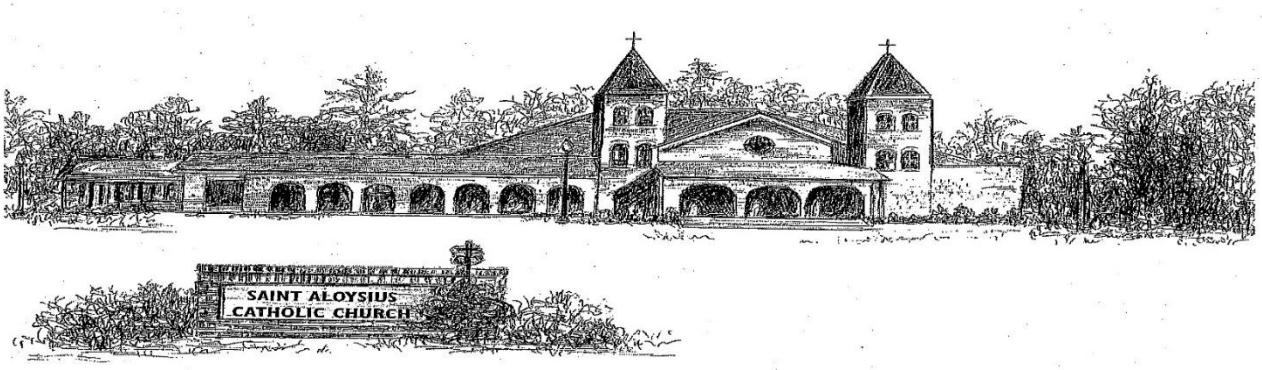

Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Telephone: 205-424-2984 Website: www.staloysiuscc.org
Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday, October 18th, 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 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

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	
The Oaks on Parkwood	
Jean Sullivan	Rudy Cooper
Encompass Rehabilitation Center	
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@staloysiuscc.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@staloysiuscc.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

OCTOBER 18 - OCTOBER 24
(✞ = Deceased)

Sunday 9:30am	Oct. 18	✞ Viktoria Cobb ✞ Concetta LaRussa
Monday 6:30pm	Oct. 19	
Tuesday 12 Noon	Oct. 20	✞ Henry M. Andrejewski
Wednesday 12 Noon	Oct. 21	✞ Joan Margaret ✞ Thankamma Jacob
Thursday 12 Noon	Oct. 22	✞ Esther Louise Kane
Friday 12 Noon	Oct. 23	Justin Kane family
Saturday 4:30pm	Oct. 24	✞ Jack Keyes

*Sunday, October 25th, ✞ *William Clowdus,* ✞ *Bernard LaRussa*

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 practices on **Wednesdays** at **6:00 p.m**. at the church. Anyone who wants to join the choir can contact *Paula Clowdus* at (205) 382-0845 or talk to 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.
All are welcome to pray the Rosary.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

October 25th, 2026, Sunday

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: *Exodus 22: 20-26*

Psalm: *Psalms 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51*

Second: *First Thessalonians 1: 5c-10*

Alleluia: *John 14: 23*

Gospel: *Matthew 22: 34-40*

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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Angie Cacioppo *(205) 281 1901*

Holy Family Altar Guild
Kellie Whitson *(205) 296 3390*

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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*

FIRST POTLUCK SOCIAL & FELLOWSHIP DAY

Join us for a day of prayer, fellowship, and fun on Friday, October 30th, starting at 11:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Holy Family Altar Guild and Parish Council will be sponsoring a food drive for the Holiday Season!

We will have reusable grocery bags to bring your donations back to church. Please take one tote bag per family.

Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 29th.

Thank you for your support!



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship Oct. 11:	
Weekly Budget Needs:	$10,070.00
Donations:	$11,357.60
Difference:	$1,287.60

October 11th, 2026	
Families registered in the parish	*305 / 500*
Spanish Religious Education	*FC 30 / C 26*



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be requested for deceased loved ones, for those in need of healing and health, to celebrate birthdays, or for other special intentions. You may request a Mass intention at the parish office, online at https://osvhub.com/st-aloysius-church/giving/funds, or by emailing info@staloysiuscc.org. The customary stipend is a $10 donation, which includes a Mass card.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Sponsor a sanctuary candle in honor of a loved one. A donation of $5.00 is suggested, and you may include a tag with a loving message.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



October 22 . . . Nick Whitson,
Cathy Wittman, Zac Metcalf
October 23 . . . . . McKenzie Thompson
October 24 . . . . . Chris Rogers

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary

October 19 * Gary and Mary Adams

October 20 * Bobby & Ana Maria Yeager

PRAYER

Lord God, you alone are sovereign, and every nation and authority remains within your providence. Give me wisdom to fulfill my responsibilities faithfully without allowing anything in this world to claim the place that belongs to you. Through the Holy Spirit, make the Gospel powerful in my life. Shape my faith into generous work, my love into patient service, and my hope into endurance. Teach me to give you my whole heart and to proclaim your goodness by the way I live. May my life shine with the word of life and lead others to your glory.
Amen.

ONLINE GIVING LINK

We gratefully accept online donations through **www.osvhub.com**. Simply scan the QR code or visit the website to make your donation. You will only need an email address to complete the process.

Scan the QR code to give online.
If you need assistance, please call the parish office.
Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.