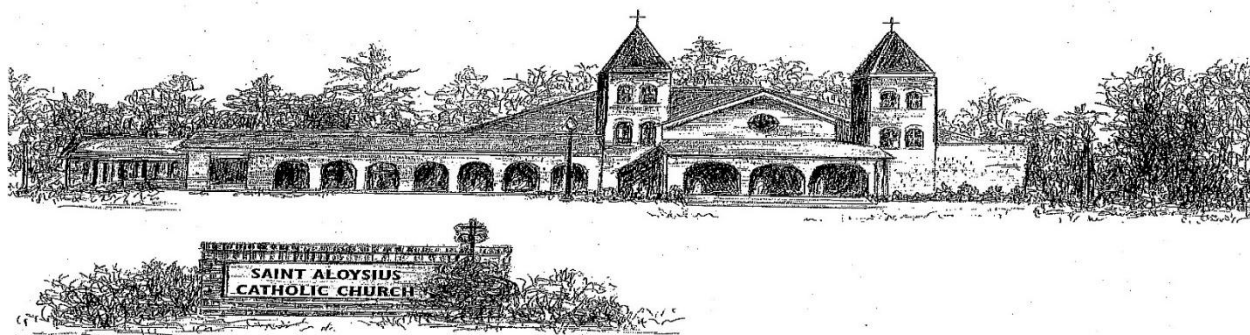




Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Sunday, October 4th, 2026

Twenty-Seventh 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

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>	
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@staloyusiuscc.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@staloyusiuscc.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 4 - OCTOBER 10 († = Deceased)			
Sunday	9:30am	Oct. 4	Beth Russo (s) Laura Tidwell
Monday	6:30pm	Oct. 5	
Tuesday	12 Noon	Oct. 6	Marie
Wednesday	12 Noon	Oct. 7	† Esther Louise Kane
Thursday	12 Noon	Oct. 8	† Becky Colpack
Friday	12 Noon	Oct. 9	† Nancy Franklin
Saturday	4:30pm	Oct. 10	† Maria de Franco

*Sunday, October 11th, † Rita Minor

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.

PRAYER

Lord God, you have planted and cared for your vineyard with patient love. Turn your face toward us and revive what has grown neglected within us. Through Jesus Christ, the cornerstone, make our lives fruitful in justice, mercy, holiness, and faithful service. Guard our hearts with your peace when we become anxious and teach us to bring every need before you with thanksgiving. Help us receive your messengers with humility and recognize the authority of your Son. May our thoughts and actions give you a harvest that endures. 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

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Eddie Blanco (205) 432 9615

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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

UNBOUND VISIT October 10-11, 2026

Next weekend, please welcome Rev. Rene Constanza C.S.P. who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 16 developing countries.

To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

PRIESTS' RETREAT

Priests serving in the diocese will travel to St. Bernard Abbey on Monday-Thursday, Oct. 12-15 to attend the annual retreat for priests. Please keep the priests in your prayers.

Mass schedule:

MONDAY October 12, 8:00AM MASS

TUESDAY October 13 - THURSDAY 15 - NO MASS

FRIDAY October 16 - 12Noon Mass

FIRST POTLUCK SOCIAL & FELLOWSHIP DAY

Join us for a day of prayer, fellowship, and fun! All parishioners are invited to gather in the parish hall for our first community potluck social on Friday, October 30th, starting at 11:00 a.m.

Schedule:

11:00 am – 12:00 pm: Confessions and Adoration

12:00 pm: Mass

12:30 pm: Community lunch and games (cards, checkers, backgammon, and more)

Bring your favorite dish to share and join fellow parishioners to enjoy the food, card games, checkers, backgammon, and conversation. If you have any questions, please contact **Paula Clowdus** at 205-382-0845. See you there!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship Sept 27:	
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$10,070.00
Donations:	\$8,030.50
Difference:	-\$2,039.50

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

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

Thank you.

Sunday, October 4th, 2026

Reflection

God's vineyard is carefully planted, protected, and entrusted to human hands. He has done everything necessary for it to flourish, yet he finds wild grapes instead of the fruit he desires: justice has been replaced by iniquity, and the servants sent to gather the harvest are rejected. In the Gospel, this rejection reaches its height in the killing of the son. Christ is the stone rejected by the builders, yet God makes him the cornerstone.

These readings speak seriously about responsibility. Faith is not possession or privilege kept for ourselves; it is a trust that should produce visible fruit. The fruit God seeks is formed through lives shaped by what is true, just, holy, and worthy of praise. When the vineyard appears damaged, the psalm gives us the right response: "Turn again, O God of hosts." Prayer does not excuse unfaithfulness; it opens us to conversion and to the peace of Christ, which guards our hearts as we begin again. Joined to the rejected and risen cornerstone, we can become a people who offer God the harvest he desires..

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

October 11th, 2026, Sunday

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10a

Psalm: Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Second: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

Alleluia: Ephesians 1: 17-18

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS 🎂

October 5 . . . Roberto Vasquez

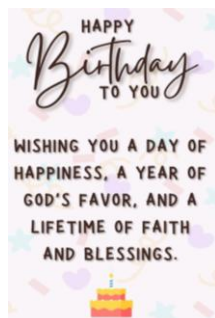
October 6 . . . Sam Stough

October 7 . . . Kimberly Bierman

October 8 . . . Ezequiel Vizcarra

October 9 . . . Alejandro Anton

October 11 . . . Brian Wannemuhler



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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).

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.