

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK	
Robert Geisen Gloria McDaniel Kathleen Jones Sheila Zito Carl McDaniel	
HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Nancy Franklin 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@staloyiuscc.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:

AIR FORCE	ARMY
Daniel K. Hicks	Blake Seidel
Shea Hicks	Brandan Engel
James McKinney	Luke Thomas
Lance Rosser	Joseph R. Chiarella
Gabriel Petix	U.S. INTELLIGENCE
	Daniel Thomas

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to info@staloyiuscc.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

JULY 8 – JULY 13			
(† = Deceased)			
Tuesday	12 Noon	July 8	No mass
Wednesday	12 Noon	July 9	No mass
Thursday	12 Noon	July 10	No mass
Friday	12 Noon	July 11	No mass
Saturday	4:30pm	July 12	† Cherlene Mareno (BD) Jack Mareno
Sunday	9:30am	July 13	† Thomas J. Maguire

*There will be **NO Mass** during the week of **July 8-11**.
Father Reju will be out of the town.*

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.

EUCARISTIC 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.

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. Everyone who wants to pray the Rosary is welcome.

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 3rd. Anyone interested in joining the choir can contact Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845, or any choir member.

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

THANK YOU

Special thanks to the participants and volunteers of the St. Aloysius Choir who made this great concert possible.



JOHN CARROLL CLASS OF 1970

55th Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 2nd in the library of John Carroll Catholic High School. The class of 1970 cordially invites members of JCHS classes of 1969 and 1971 to attend our reunion.

For more info email: mikegraffeo@mac.com

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY FROM ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH (NEW DATES)

We are pleased to announce that everyone is invited to the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Father Reju on **April 13, 2026**.



Last day to reserve your seats:

December 30, 2025.

(Easter: April 5, 2026)

For More Info call:

(832) 406-7050, 1-844-400-9559,

Email:

info@nativitypilgrimage.com,

Website:

<https://trip.nativitypilgrimage.com/reju-2025>

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of Bernadine Chiarella. Bernadine passed away peacefully on June 28, 2025, at the age of 94. She is survived by her children, Sam A. Chiarella and Frank Chiarella (Phyllis); her grandchildren, Lauren Chiarella Johnson (Zack) and Allison Chiarella Savela (Matthew); and her great grandchildren, Reagan Martin, Caleb Johnson, Abby Jo Johnson, Riley Savela, Olivia Savela, and Hallie Savela. *Merciful Father, receive Bernadine's soul and grant her Your Eternal Peace in Your Paradise. May the Promises of Christ comfort Mary and all who mourn. Praise and Glory to You, Lord, for Your Saving Grace.*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday - June 22				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,586.00	3,756.50	5,342.50	159,548.03
Building Fund	310.00	50.00	360.00	54,505.25
Parish School of Religion	135.00	20.00	155.00	7,909.41
Total	2,031.00	3,826.50	5,857.50	221,962.69
Total given this week: \$5,857.50				

Sunday, July 6th, 2025
YOU ARE THE MESSENGER
LUKE 10:12, 17-20

In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah 66: 10-14 we read, "as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you." Here is one of the rare descriptions of God in the Bible that 'God is the mother.' It exposes the feminine side of God. This God, our mother would provide us with comfort and abundant peace as she did for Jerusalem.

In the Gospel today, Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples on a mission. It is interesting to note in the Original Hebrew Bible, Book of Genesis, chapter 10, the number of the known nations in the world at that time, were seventy-two! Therefore, all the nations on the earth were considered by Jesus.

Jesus is instructing the seventy-two to pray to the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest. Prayer is a must for any messenger. Prayer helps us to be focused, to be inspired, and to be ever trusting in the providence of God. Jesus makes it very clear that the harvest is already there and in plenty. The question would be as a laborer do we identify the harvest for us?

There was a young man who was struggling to find the purpose and meaning of his life. He felt lost and aimless. One day he met an old Master. This Master listened to the young man patiently and replied, "You know, the world doesn't need more people who are waiting to be told what to do. It needs more people who see a need and simply start doing something about it." The young man spends long time thinking about this. Later that week, he noticed a persistent problem in his neighborhood: litter. Instead of waiting for the city, or a social group, he, all alone, simply started picking it up himself! At first it felt too small, insignificant. But slowly, others noticed. Some joined him. Eventually the neighborhood started to look cleaner, and a sense of pride began to emerge. He realized that the 'harvest' was there all along; he just needed to be a 'laborer'!

Do we recognize the harvest needs around us? There are souls hungry for comfort, for reconciliation, for peace, for healing and for different needs. Do we see them? Or are we waiting for someone else to step up? We cannot be waiting for someone else to be the laborer, because we are the laborers sent by Jesus to the family, to the spouse, to the children, to the workplace etc.

The laborer must be a man of simplicity and have absolute Trust in God. Jesus does not demand any qualifications to be His laborer. Whatever limitations we may have, it's all okay with Him. The One who is sending us is all powerful and we must trust in Him. Jesus is telling us "GO," go with what you have, what you are and trust that God will work through you.

The seventy-two returned to Jesus with joy. Their simplicity and trust in God bore abundant fruit. Let us also go forth from this Eucharistic Table, trying our best to recognize the harvest around us and be willing to take the steps for that. Let us be trusting messengers of God's love and peace to a world in need of laborers.

God may guide us, Amen.

With lots of concern & prayers
Father Reju Pynadath Johny

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

July 13th, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading Deuteronomy 30: 10-14
Psalms 69: 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or
Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11
Second Colossians 1: 15-20
Alleluia: John 6: 63c, 68c
Gospel Luke 10: 25-37

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

July 7... Lena Tramell, Yasmin Farias-Barajas, Karla Aguilar, Clyde Sellers, Rogelio Diego
July 8... Zach McDuff, Ivania Williams, Doug Williamson
July 9... Sharon Waits, David Agan, Jim Wells
July 10... Hannah Troncalli, Axel Cruz, Nelda Patterson
July 11... Jack Marenco, Marina Gutierrez, Sergio Zarate

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary
July 10—Brian and Marie Johnson

THANK YOU

I am filled with gratitude for your unwavering spirit of generosity. By contributing, you participate directly in the Church's missionary activities, extending a hand of fellowship to the farthest reaches of our world and ensuring that everyone knows that Christ leaves no one behind, nor does He forget anyone. Your gifts echo the love and hospitality of the divine banquet to which we are all invited.

For those who still would like to donate to the missions, please make checks payable to Father Reju.

With prayers and blessings to you and your families!

Italy to Medjugorje

10-DAY PILGRIMAGE



APRIL 13 - 22, 2026

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