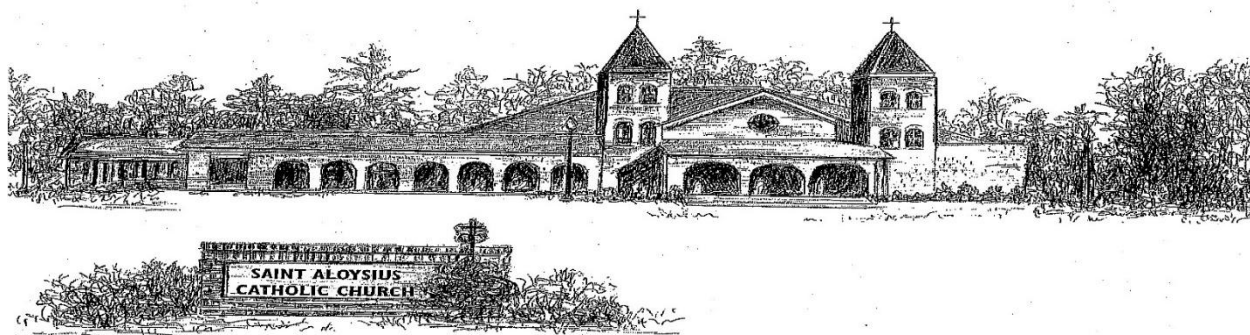




Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Sunday, August 2nd, 2026

Eighteenth 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.

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	
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@staloyuscc.org

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Pray for our military throughout the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

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

AUGUST 3 – AUGUST 9 († = Deceased)			
Monday	6:30pm	August 3	† Harry Burgoyne & extended family
Tuesday	12 Noon	August 4	† Pete Gagliano
Wednesday	12 Noon	August 5	(BD) London Jones
Thursday	12 Noon	August 6	† William Clowdus
Friday	12 Noon	August 7	† Kimberly Keyes
Saturday	4:30pm	August 8	† Mary Curry
Sunday	9:30am	August 9	† Russell H. Bull

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.

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 9th**. Anyone interested in joining the choir can contact Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845, or 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.

Anyone who wishes to pray the Rosary is always welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

*All are welcome to spend time before
Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist.*

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
Gabriel Lopez

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

INSTALATION MASS

*We joyfully announce that he **will celebrate his Installation Mass on August 9 at 9:30 am**, with **Bishop Raica presiding**. This special liturgy marks Father Jose's formal installation as pastor and is an important moment for our parish community.*

All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to attend and join in prayer as we welcome and support Father Jose in his pastoral ministry.

The monthly Sunday breakfast was rescheduled to coincide with the installation Mass, taking place in the parish hall immediately following the mass.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a holy day of obligation this year due to it falling on a Saturday.

MINISTRY OF LECTORS

Have you ever considered proclaiming the Word of God at Mass? Our parish is seeking new lectors to serve this vital ministry. If you have a love for Sacred Scripture and a desire to serve the liturgy, we invite you to join us. A Lector Training Session will be held on **Sunday, August 16**, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass and will last about one hour. Attendance at this training is mandatory for all current lectors and those interested in becoming a lector.

For more information, please contact the parish office or attend the training session. We look forward to welcoming you to this important ministry!

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF IN VENEZUELA

The earthquakes in Venezuela have caused great loss of life, and many people remain missing. The Diocese of Birmingham has sent \$20,000 to Catholic Relief Services for emergency support.

✦ A second collection will be held on weekend, August 8 and 9. Funds will replenish the Disaster Relief Fund, and anything over \$20,000 will be sent to Venezuela. Please mark: *"earthquake relief in Venezuela."*

We thank you for your generosity and invite you to join in prayer for the victims, their families, all those affected, the First Responders, and everyone working to bring comfort and healing.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship July 26:	
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$10,070.00
Donations:	\$7,293.00
Difference:	-\$2,777.00

Sunday, August 2nd, 2026

From the Gospel according to Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said,

"This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves."

Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away;

give them some food yourselves."

But they said to him,

"Five loaves and two fish are all we have here."

Then he said, "Bring them here to me,"

and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven,

he said the blessing, broke the loaves,

and gave them to the disciples,

who in turn gave them to the crowds.

They all ate and were satisfied,

and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full.

Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

***The words of the Pope Leo XIV,
Homily, 22 June 2025***

Precisely when the day is ending and hunger sets in, as the Apostles themselves ask him to dismiss the crowds, Christ surprises us with his mercy. He feels compassion for those who are hungry and he invites his disciples to provide for them. Hunger is not foreign to the preaching of the Kingdom and the message of salvation. On the contrary, it speaks to us of our relationship with God. At the same time, five loaves and two fish seem completely inadequate to feed the people. The disciples' calculations, apparently so reasonable, reveal their lack of faith. For where the Lord is present, we find all that we need to give strength and meaning to our lives.

Jesus responds to the appeal of hunger with the sign of sharing: he raises his eyes, recites the blessing, breaks the bread, and feeds all present (...)

The Lord's example is a yardstick that should guide our actions and our service: we are called to share our bread, to multiply hope and to proclaim the coming of God's Kingdom.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/word-of-the-day/2026/08/02.html>

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

9 August 2026, Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: First Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a

Psalm: Psalms 85: 9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Second: Romans 9: 1-5

Alleluia: Psalms 130: 5

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

August 4 . . . Kathleen Jones

August 7 . . . Tony Manzella, Anthony

Artale, Pat Arnett, Robert

Wilson, Rickey Kornegay, Kevin Hudson

August 8 . . . Cleymi Lucas

*May God's blessings fill
your life with joy, peace,
and endless love today
and always."*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATING ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH RECORDS

If you have not yet completed a registration form, whether to sign up for the first time or to update your details, please fill out the registration sheet found on the tables. Thank you.

TRIP TO CHARLESTON, SC

We are organizing a group bus trip to beautiful Charleston, South Carolina, from October 5 to 9, 2026.

If you are interested in participating or would like more details, please contact us for additional information.

Joe Lovoy (205) 230 1127, (205) 477 9443

Marie Swift (205) 960 2029, (205) 956 6323.

Everyone is welcome!

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Bishop Steven J. Raica will mark the 12th anniversary of his episcopal ordination on Friday, Aug. 28.

NAZARETH HOUSE PROGRAM

Catholic high-school students are invited to a training workshop on Saturday, August 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier School (Annex Building). This workshop prepares teens to serve as volunteer teachers in a Saturday morning religious-education program for children and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Greater Birmingham Area.

Those who participate as volunteer may receive service-hour credit for high-school and college scholarship requirements.

For more information:

Sarah Houser – sawisely@gmail.com – 205-612-6111

Fr. Patrick Cullen – Rathmines.Cullen@gmail.com –

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