



## *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 March 9th, 2025** *First Sunday of Lent*

#### **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:**

OUR SICK	
Robert Geisen Gloria McDaniel Kathleen Jones	

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Bernardine Chiarella 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](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**

MARCH 11 <sup>th</sup> - MARCH 16 <sup>th</sup> († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12:00 Noon	March 11	† George Carlin
Wednesday 12 Noon	March 12	† Renea Mareno
Thursday 12 Noon	March 13	† Karen Snelling
Friday 12 Noon	March 14	† Kimberly Keyes
Saturday 4:30pm	March 15	† Charlene Mareno
Sunday 9:30am	March 16	† Rita Minor <i>Wedding Anniversary Curtis &amp; Vickie Stoves</i>

**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

### MOTHER OF CHRIST ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Mother of Christ Altar Guild will meet every second Monday of the month. Next meeting is **Monday, March 10th**, at **11:30 a.m.** in the church.

### SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY

The Saint Aloysius Men's Society will meet on **Monday, March 10th**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the church. All men of the parish are welcome. For more information, please call Charles Ellis, President (205) 365 5896, or Jim Galloway, Vice President (205) 516 1645.

### DONATIONS

*We appreciate donations of clothing or other items brought to the church, unfortunately at the moment we will not be receiving more as we do not have the space to store them. We will let you know when we will receive them again. THANK YOU*

### CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE

(High Land Memorial Gardens)

3115 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. North, Bessemer, AL 35020

We have four plots in the Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery at the Catholic Section, near to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, available for sale. They are lot – 69D SP 1, 2, 3 and 4.

If anyone is interested, please contact the church office at (205) 424 2984.

### SAVE THE DATE

John Carroll High School Class of 1985

40 YEAR REUNION  
Saturday, July 19, 6 – 11PM

Dread River Distilling Co  
2400 7<sup>th</sup> Ave South  
Birmingham, AL 35233

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON**



### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2025				
Sunday, March 3				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,611.00	5,522.00	7,133.00	47,700.94
Building Fund	805.00	2,276.43	3,081.43	11,666.34
Parish School of Religion	25.00	105.00	130.00	2,902.91
Total	2,441.00	7,903.43	10,344.43	62,270.19
Total given this week: <b>\$10,344.43</b>				

Sunday, March 9th, 2025

**From the Gospel according to Luke**

**Luke 4:1-13**

*Filled with the Holy Spirit,  
Jesus returned from the Jordan  
and was led by the Spirit  
into the desert for forty days,  
to be tempted by the devil.  
He ate nothing during those days,  
and when they were over he was hungry.  
The devil said to him,  
“If you are the Son of God,  
command this stone to become bread.”  
Jesus answered him,  
“It is written, One does not live on bread alone.”  
Then he took him up and showed him  
all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant.  
The devil said to him,  
“I shall give to you all this power and glory;  
for it has been handed over to me,  
and I may give it to whomever I wish.  
All this will be yours, if you worship me.”  
Jesus said to him in reply,  
“It is written  
You shall worship the Lord, your God,  
and him alone shall you serve.”  
Then he led him to Jerusalem,  
made him stand on the parapet of the temple,  
and said to him,  
“If you are the Son of God,  
throw yourself down from here, for it is written:  
He will command his angels concerning you,  
to guard you,  
and:  
With their hands they will support you,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.”  
Jesus said to him in reply,  
“It also says,  
You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.”  
When the devil had finished every temptation,  
he departed from him for a time.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

March 11 . . . Jose Alfredo Garcia  
March 12 . . . Raegan Nichols, Julian Perez, Liliana Perez  
March 13 . . . Blane Vines, Ryan O’Neal, Yolanda Ruiz  
March 14 . . . Stan Hudson, Steve Tate, Andrew Cagle,  
Myrna Merced, Tim Rozas, Alison Stevens  
March 16 . . . Josephine Culver, Alana Hughes, Jerry  
Ragusa, Brandy Zito Frost

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

*Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary*

March 14 \* *Craig and Kim McCoy*

March 16 \* *Curtis and Vickie Stoves*

*1 Corinthians 13:4-5*

*“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs.”*

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**1st Reading Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18**

**Psalms 27: 1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14**

**Second Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1 or 3: 20 - 4: 1**

**Verse Before the Gospel Matthew 17: 5**

**Gospel Luke 9: 28b-36**

**WORDS OF SYMPATHY**

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Peter N. "Pete" Mangione**, 90, who passed away on February 18, 2025, in Bessemer, Alabama. Pete is survived by his sister Josephine Cahill (Robert), daughter Maria Stokes, son Tony Mangione (Betty), seven grandchildren, and numerous great- and great-grandchildren. *Please keep this family in your prayers.*

**REPARATION NOVENA VIGIL**

Adoration begins with a Holy Mass at **6:30pm.**

Every Friday until April 11<sup>th</sup>.

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.**

