



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 October 20th, 2024 *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

ADMINISTRATOR

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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 (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.

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 |
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| Robert Geisen Gloria McDaniel Kathleen Jones Joe Wright |

| HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN | |
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| Bernardine Chiarella Nancy Franklin Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent | John V. Jones Jr. Meredith Jones Dot Herald Charlene Mareno Johana Findley |

| NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS | |
|---|---|
| <u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u> Rudy Cooper Jean Sullivan | <u>Plantation Manor</u> Claudia Charme |

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 who are deployed throughout the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

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| <u>AIR FORCE</u> Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix | <u>ARMY</u> Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella José Emmanuel García Kristopher Snelling |
| <u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u> Daniel Thomas Dulce Rivera | |

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

| OCTOBER 22 – OCTOBER 27 († = Deceased) | | | |
|--|---------|------------|-------------------|
| Tuesday | 12 Noon | October 22 | (S) Mary Adams |
| Wednesday | 12 Noon | October 23 | |
| Thursday | 12 Noon | October 24 | (S) Joe Wright |
| Friday | 12 Noon | October 25 | † Steve Tate |
| Saturday | 4:30pm | October 26 | † Robert Geisen |
| Sunday | 9:30am | October 27 | † 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 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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Sunday, 27 October 2024, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Psalms 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Second: Hebrews 5: 1-6

Alleluia Second Timothy 1: 10

Gospel Mark 10: 46-52

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
Gabriel Lopez
Phillip Galloway
Eddie Blanco
Kellie Whitson

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Gloria McDaniel, Chairperson
Mike Snelling, Vice Chairperson
Ray Mernaugh, Secretary

MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSON

Mother of Christ Altar Guild
Diane McDowell (205) 902 5468
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

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is called "Month of the Rosary" mainly because of the Feast of "Our Lady of the Rosary" which is celebrated on October 7th. Some of the benefits of praying the Rosary, as revealed by the Blessed Virgin Mother, include Protection (the rosary is a powerful weapon against hell); Praying the Rosary ensures deliverance from purgatory and provides the help of the Blessed Mother in all your needs, etc. Let us try to pray the rosary as much as we can.

CLEANING DAY

It's that time of the year to spruce the Church for the holidays. Please come Saturday November 9th, at 9:00AM to polish the pews and wooden furniture and vacuum the pews. Polish, cloths and water provided. Vacuum cleaners with upholstery attachments needed. For more information, please contact Paula Clowdus at (205)382 0845. Thank you

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER'S MANDATORY TRAINING

We would be having a One Hour Training for all (Existing & Aspiring) Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This training is Mandatory for all, and is valid for Three years.

November 17, Sunday,
Time. : 8.00am - 9.00 am

Make up day:

December 7, Saturday
Time : 5.30- 6.30 PM.

***Training would be held in our Church.
All are welcome!!!***

WORLD MISSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Today is World Mission Sunday. We join Catholics around the globe in supporting the mission of the Church in places where the faith is young, growing, or facing particular challenges. Your generous contributions today will make a significant impact on the lives of many and help spread the Gospel message to all corners of the world. Thank you for your prayers and support." Sunday After World Mission Sunday (October 27th).

ONLINE GIVING LINK

You can make your contribution at www.osvhub.com. Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link. This requires you to have an available email address.

You can also give via Text Message
to (205)708-0221.

Please call the office for assistance.



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MARY IN THE BIBLE
LUKE and 2 Samuel 6

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WORLD MISSION: Our Missionary Legacy

As we approach World Mission Sunday on October 20th, it's important to remember the legacy of missionary work. The Church in the United States was once mission territory, supported by the generosity of Catholics worldwide. Today, we continue this legacy by supporting the Pontifical Mission Societies, ensuring that the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth.

Our contributions help build and sustain communities of faith in places where the Church is still growing or facing persecution. This mission is a testament to our faith in action, reflecting the universal call to share Christ's love. As we reflect on this year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us recommit to supporting our global Church family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

We celebrate those who are present, and we remember in prayer those who have gone ahead ☩.

October 21 Emma Ratcliffe

October 22 Nick Whitson, Zac Bush, Claire Cagle,
Cathy Wittman

October 23 Mary Ann Graham, McKenzie
Thompson, Sarah Brasfield, Tom
Berryman, Santiago Medina

October 24 Chris Rogers

October 27 Jerry Robinson

ALOYSIUS CHOIR PRACTICES

Psalm 89 vs 2

The favors of the LORD I will sing forever, through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Join us in November 1 – 3, 2024 to enrich and renew your relationship by attending a Marriage Encounter Experience at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL. you will learn the tools to restore communication, renew your commitment and rekindle the Joy of your Sacrament. For more info visit the website: wwwme.org, email: Barney.Kathy.Bellard@wwme.org, or call: Barney (225) 270 8625, Kathy (225) 892 4782

NINE CONSECUTIVE NIGHT VIGILS

Pope Francis has invited all of humanity to urgently unite in prayer and fasting for world peace. Beginning October 18th and ending December 13th, we will have a Holy Mass in English at 6:30 pm; Adoration, Recitation of the four complete rosaries (English, Spanish and Latin) and we will conclude with the Holy Mass in Spanish at 12:05 am. All are welcome.

Let us make a true sacrifice and penance for world peace!

PARISH STEWARSHIP

| Parish Stewardship 2024 | | | | |
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| Sunday - Oct 13 | | | | |
| Fund | Online Giving | Sunday Collection | Total By Fund | Jan - Oct |
| General Fund | 1,376.00 | 4,508.21 | 5,884.21 | \$ 343,468.40 |
| Building Fund | 475.00 | 245.00 | 720.00 | \$ 110,585.86 |
| Parish School of Religion | 180.00 | 405.21 | 585.21 | \$ 19,277.46 |
| | 2,031.00 | 5,158.42 | \$7,189.42 | \$ 473,331.72 |
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October 2024

Pope's urgent call for Fasting & Prayers:

Pope Francis invited the entire humanity to be united in prayers and fasting for the peace in the world. Pope Francis explicitly requested prayers for an end to the war in the Middle East, specifically calling for a day of prayer and fasting on October 7th, marking the one-year anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel, to invoke peace through the intercession of the Virgin Mary.

The pope's call for prayers is primarily focused on the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza strip. Pope says that "in this dramatic hour of our history, while the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and Nations," the Christian community is reminded of its call to, Pope says, "I ask everyone to take part in a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the world."

We join together to pray for the victims of natural calamities, especially in Florida. And we pray for peace in our country and everywhere in the world.

With all these Special Intentions we would be having NIGHT VIGIL Services for the upcoming NINE Consecutive Fridays, starting with October 18 through December 13.

We will start with Holy Mass in English at 6:30 p.m., Adoration, Recite Four complete Rosaries (English, Spanish and Latin) and conclude with Holy Mass in Spanish at 12:05 a.m.

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