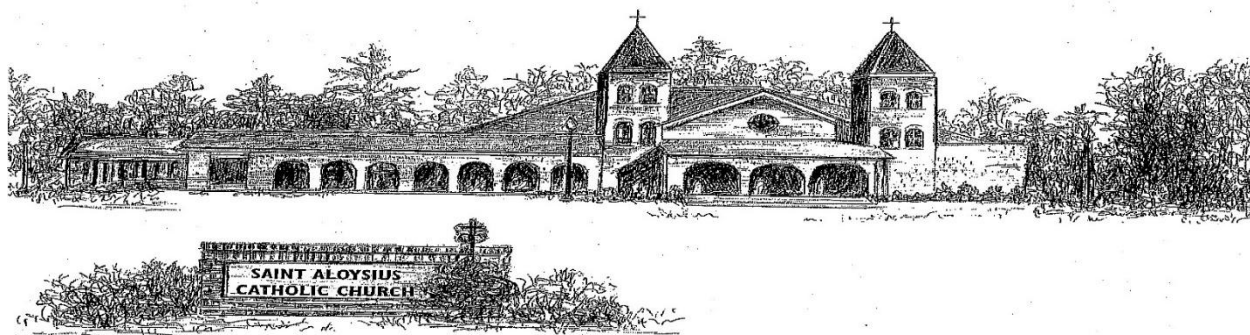




Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

751 Academy Drive

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Telephone: 205-424-2984 Website: www.stalloysiuscc.org

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – Noon (closed for lunch), 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Sunday, June 21st, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ADMINISTRATOR

Office: (205) 424 2984

We expect our new pastor in the 1st of July. In the meantime, substitute priests will be celebrating mass for us on the weekends.

BOOKKEEPER

Jennifer Richardson (256) 443 4407

Email: finance@stalloysiuscc.org

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Ginna Lopez (205) 424 2984

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CHURCH OFFICE

Yolanda Ruiz (205) 424 2984

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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 (the priest celebrates the mass privately)

Tuesday through Friday 12:00 p.m. Noon

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For more info 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 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.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK	
Carl McDaniel Larry Jones Mary Jones Jim Galloway	

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 who are deployed 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

JUNE 27 & JUNE 28 († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 12 Noon	June 23	NO MASS
Wednesday 12 Noon	June 24	NO MASS
Thursday 12 Noon	June 25	NO MASS
Friday 12 Noon	June 26	NO MASS
Saturday 4:30pm	June 27	† Mary Curry
Sunday 9:30am	June 28	† Bernadine Chiarella

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 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 ROSARY GROUP

Please join the Rosary group on Wednesdays at 11:30am to pray the rosary. We will continue to meet this one day of the week until the new priest provides his schedule.

All those who wish to pray the Rosary are 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

PATRIOTIC CONCERT

St. Aloysius Church will celebrate our country's independence on **Friday, June 26th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**



Songs that form the foundation of the United States of America will be led by members of the *St. Aloysius Choir* and the *Waylighters Gospel Quartet*.

Join us for a fun, patriotic celebration as we commemorate the 250th birthday of our great nation!

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.

THANK YOU NOTE

Paula and Randy Clowdus wish to express their deepest gratitude to all of you, his friends and family, for the cards, Mass cards, messages, and condolences received following the passing of *William James Clowdus*, their beloved grandson.

*Please continue to keep the entire Clowdus family in your prayers during this time of deep sorrow.
May God bless you.*

MASS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Thank you all for your patience, understanding, and prayers during this time. We are grateful to God and for allowing us to continue gathering in worship.

Saturday, June 27th, 4:30PM English Mass
Fr. Hugo Esparza

Sunday, June 28th, 9:30AM English Mass
Fr. David Tokatz

Sunday, June 28th, 12:00PM Spanish Mass
Fr. Daniel Sessions

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2026				
Sunday, June 14				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	YTD
General Fund	1,374.00	4,138.00	5,512.00	167,012.53
Building Fund	800.00	175.00	975.00	96,156.54
Parish School of Religion	170.00	740.00	910.00	7,728.94
Total	2,344.00	5,053.00	7,397.00	270,898.01
Total given this week: \$7,397.00				

Sunday, June 21st, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Gospel according to Matthew 10: 26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve:

"Fear no one.

*Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,
nor secret that will not be known.*

*What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.
And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot
kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy
both soul and body in Gehenna.*

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?

*Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your
Father's knowledge.*

Even all the hairs of your head are counted.

*So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many
sparrows.*

*Everyone who acknowledges me before others
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.*

*But whoever denies me before others,
I will deny before my heavenly Father."*

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/word-of-the-day/2026/06/21.html>

The words of the Popes

In this Sunday's Gospel (cf. Mt 10:26-33) the invitation that Jesus addresses to His disciples resonates: to have no fear, to be strong and confident in the face of life's challenges, as he forewarns them of the adversities that await them. Today's passage is part of the missionary discourse, with which the Teacher prepares the Apostles for their first experience of proclaiming the Kingdom of God. Jesus persistently exhorts them to "have no fear". Fear is one of the most terrible enemies of our Christian life. Jesus exhorts: "have no fear", "fear not". And Jesus describes three tangible situations that they will find themselves facing. (...)

They are like three temptations: to sugar-coat the Gospel, to water it down; second: persecution; and third: the feeling that God has left us alone. Even Jesus suffered this trial in the Garden of Olives and on the Cross: "Father, why have you forsaken me?", Jesus asks. At times one feels this spiritual barrenness; we must not fear it. The Father takes care of us, because our value is great in His eyes. What matters is frankness, the courage of our witness, our witness of faith: "recognizing Jesus before men" and going forth doing good.

(Pope Francis, Angelus, 21 June 2020)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

June 28th, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Second Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16a

Psalms: Psalms 89: 2-3, 16-17, 18-19

Second: Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

Alleluia: First Peter 2: 9

Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

June 23 . . . Anthony "Doc" Mareno, Yaneli Alcantara

June 24 . . . Susan Lett

June 25 . . . Joe Ciza

June 27 . . . Alex Morris

June 28 . . . Danthom Lopez-Gutierrez, Guadalupe Santiago

Birthday Blessings



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



*Congratulations on your
Wedding Anniversary*



*Larry and Mary Jones * June 24*

FIRST SATURDAY OF ADORATION

The next day of adoration will be **Saturday, July 4**, from 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you would like to commit to spending an hour in Eucharistic adoration, please sign up on the schedule board located in the vestibule (narthex). Those who wish to attend without prior sign-up are also welcome.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, June 24

The Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Monday, June 29

The Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

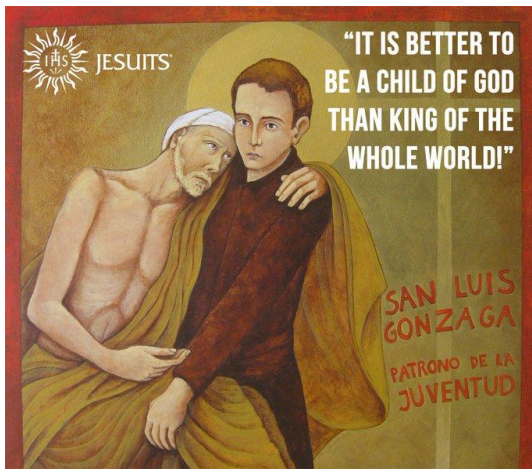
THANK YOU

As announced, we look forward to the arrival of our new priest, Fr. Jose B. Chacko. He comes to us from St. James Catholic Church in Gadsden, AL.

On July 1st, Fr. Chacko will celebrate his first Mass at St. Aloysius at the regular time of 12:00 noon.

In the meantime, substitute priests will celebrate Mass for us on weekends only.

*Thank you all for your patience and support.
Please continue to pray for our priests,
May God bless you all!*



June 21 is the Feast Day of St. Aloysius Gonzaga

The Lord can make saints anywhere, even amid the brutality and license of Renaissance life. Florence was the “mother of piety” for Aloysius Gonzaga despite his exposure to a “society of fraud, dagger, poison, and lust.” As a son of a princely family, he grew up in royal courts and army camps. His father wanted Aloysius to be a military hero.

At age 7 Aloysius experienced a profound spiritual quickening. His prayers included the Office of Mary, the psalms, and other devotions. At age 9 he came from his hometown of Castiglione to Florence to be educated; by age 11 he was teaching catechism to poor children, fasting three days a week, and practicing great austerities. When he was 13 years old, he traveled with his parents and the Empress of Austria to Spain and acted as a page in the court of Philip II. The more Aloysius saw of court life, the more disillusioned he became, seeking relief in learning about the lives of saints.

A book about the experience of Jesuit missionaries in India suggested to him the idea of entering the Society of Jesus, and in Spain his decision became final. Now began a four-year contest with his father. Eminent churchmen and laypeople were pressed into service to persuade Aloysius to remain in his “normal” vocation. Finally, he prevailed, was allowed to renounce his right to succession, and was received into the Jesuit novitiate.

Like other seminarians, Aloysius was faced with a new kind of penance—that of accepting different ideas about the exact nature of penance. He was obliged to eat more, and to take recreation with the other students. He was forbidden to pray except at stated times. He spent four years in the study of philosophy and had Saint Robert Bellarmine as his spiritual adviser.

In 1591, a plague struck Rome. The Jesuits opened a hospital of their own. The superior general himself and many other Jesuits rendered personal service. Because he nursed patients, washing them and making their beds, Aloysius caught the disease. A fever persisted after his recovery and he was so weak he could scarcely rise from bed. Yet he maintained his great discipline of prayer, knowing that he would die three months later within the octave of Corpus Christi, at the age of 23.

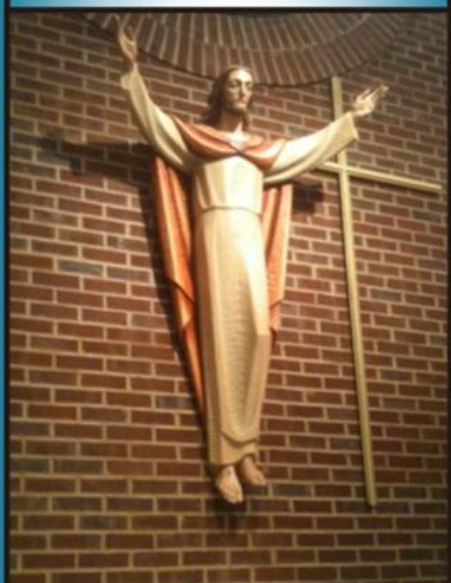
As a saint who fasted, scourged himself, sought solitude and prayer, and did not look on the faces of women, Aloysius seems an unlikely patron of youth in a society where asceticism is confined to training camps of football teams and boxers, and sexual permissiveness has little left to permit. Can an overweight and air-conditioned society deprive itself of anything? It will when it discovers a reason, as Aloysius did. The motivation for letting God purify us is the experience of God loving us in prayer.



PATRIOTIC CONCERT



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 I LOVE AMERICA CONCERT	 JUNE 26, 2026 6:30 PM	
St. Aloysius Church will celebrate our country's independence with a patriotic concert on <i>Friday, June 26th, at 6:30 p.m.</i> Songs that form the foundation of the United States of America: <i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> <i>This Is My Country</i> <i>God Bless America</i> <i>God Bless the U.S.A.</i> and more will be led by members of the St. Aloysius Choir and the Waylighters Gospel Quartet.	<i>Our 12th year</i> Saint Aloysius Catholic Church Bessemer, Alabama  <i>Saint Aloysius Parish</i> 751 Academy Dr. Bessemer, AL, 35022.	The Hueytown American Legion Post 1228 will present the Colors and Service Flags from each branch of the military, including the POW. Presentation of Arms by the Bessemer City High School JROTC. Please accept this invitation to honor our country and the brave men and women who serve it. Join us for a fun, patriotic celebration as we commemorate the 250th birthday of our great nation! Audience participation invited as we sing our national songs.
		

Everyone is welcome!