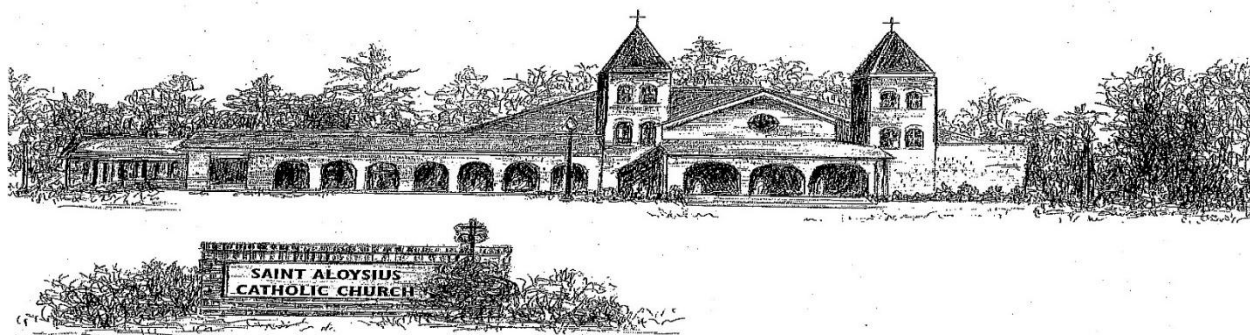




Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

Twenty-first 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

<i>HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN</i>	
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:

AIR FORCE	ARMY
Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella
MARINE	U.S. INTELLIGENCE
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 23 – AUGUST 29 († = Deceased)		
Sunday 9:30am	August 29	(BD) Jazmin Densmore
Monday 6:30pm	August 23	† Phil Groves
Tuesday 12 Noon	August 24	† Charlie Terrill
Wednesday 12 Noon	August 25	 Gene & Heather Walker
Thursday 12 Noon	August 26	† Pete Gagliano
Friday 12 Noon	August 27	Ⓢ Bobbie Clum
Saturday 4:30pm	August 28	† Nancy Franklin

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

VOLUNTEER FAITH FORMATION TRAINING

The Diocese is offering a faith formation training session for anyone interested in volunteering to teach or assist with classes for our parish. The training will take place on ***Saturday, September 19, 2026***, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at *St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hoover*.

Whether by offering your time or sharing your talents, you will make a significant difference in the lives of our children.

More information in the attached flyer.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

A sign-up sheet will be available in the foyer for parents who wish to register their children for ***First Communion*** or ***Confirmation***.

If you feel called to serve, we encourage you to sign up; we need volunteers to make these initiatives a reality.

FIRST SATURDAY OF ADORATION

First Saturday Adoration will be held on ***Saturday, September 5th***, from 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All parishioners are invited to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Those who are able to commit to a specific hour are encouraged to sign up on the schedule board in the vestibule (narthex). Parishioners who wish to attend without prior sign-up are warmly welcome.

FREE SUNDAY BREAKFAST OF THE MONTH

El desayuno dominical mensual se celebrará el segundo domingo de septiembre. Todos están cordialmente invitados a acompañarnos en el salón parroquial inmediatamente después de la Misa. Esperamos con ilusión compartir este momento de convivencia con ustedes.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Parish Stewardship August 9:	
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$10,070.00
Donations:	\$9,782.00
Difference:	-\$288.00

Please keep the accessible entrance clear; do not park in the driveway during weekend Masses

Thank you.

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/word-of-the-day/2026/08/23.html>

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

23 August 2026, Sunday

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: *Jeremiah 20: 7-9*

Psalm: *Psalms 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9*

Second: *Romans 12: 1-2*

Alleluia: *Ephesians 1: 17-18*

Gospel: *Matthew 16: 21-27*

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

August 23 . . . Angel Farias, Hap Purnell, Terri Bello

August 24 . . . Elizabeth Waits

August 25 . . . Rafael Arellano

August 26 . . . Ann Baker

August 27 . . . Mary Adams

August 28 . . . Beth Russo, Sean O'Neal

August 29 . . . Jerry Joiner, Patty Van Duser, Ana Rosas

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALARM SYSTEM & ACCESS UPDATE

We continue to improve our parish through repairs and upgrades, including enhancements to the sound and alarm systems.

We kindly ask ministry leaders who assist by opening the church doors to stop by the parish office to receive new instructions regarding the alarm system.

We appreciate your patience. 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!

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

The Service Team of Mary, Woman of Faith, Chapter of Magnificat invites the women of the diocese to its Magnificat Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Aug. 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Elias' Parish Hall.

Mary Margaret Rohling and her son, Frank, will be the guest speakers. Tickets are on sale through Aug. 23. A meal ticket is \$20 and includes a catered breakfast and can be purchased online at BirminghamMagnificat.org; by email at magnificat0296@gmail.com; by regular mail, please send a check payable to Magnificat to: Magnificat Tickets, C/O Jan Smith, 1367 Winola Lane, Birmingham, AL 35235 by Aug. 19; and are also available at Alpha Church Supply and Gifts and Holy Roses Flowers and Gifts. No tickets will be sold after Aug. 23 or at the door.

Please call or text Jan Smith at 205-381-8481 if you have ticket questions or would like additional information. St. Elias is located at 836 8th Street South in Birmingham.