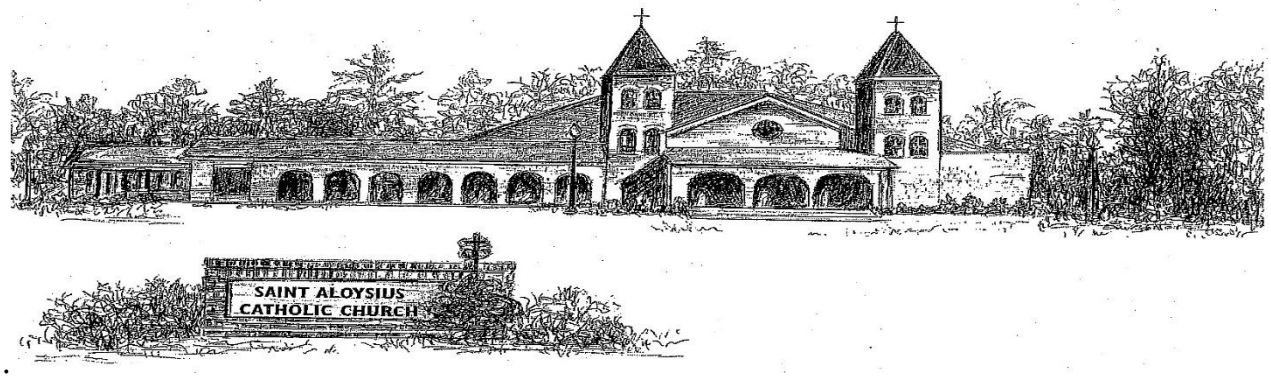

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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HOLY DAYS Please check Parish Bulletin

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.

WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday	8:30 a.m.

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

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.
(or before and after daily Mass except Sunday)

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.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM
Please contact Stephanie Gerson in the Church Office for Baptismal Preparation.

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.

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Memorare to Saint Joseph

O God, who by Thy ineffable Providence did vouchsafe
to choose Blessed Joseph for the spouse of
Thy most holy mother,
grant we beseech Thee, that he whom we venerate
as our protector on earth
may be our intercessor in Heaven. Amen

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: MARK 12:41-44

■ Today's reading is a beautiful picturization of absolute trust in God's provision. Jesus's response to it shows God's feelings toward the one who sacrificially and generously gives. It's interesting to note the wordings of Mark as "Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury." So God went out to watch how people give/donate! God is watching how our faith is revealed in our habits of giving! In Luke 11:42, we see Jesus saying tithing you ought to have done, without neglecting justice and the love of God.

■ So we try to learn what the Word of God teaches us about giving or tithing. The word "Tithe" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word 'teotha' meaning 'a tenth.' The very first occurring of tithe in the Bible takes place when Abraham gave Melchizedek (a King and a "Priest of God Most High") "a tenth of everything," Genesis 14:19-20. It is mentioned in Hebrews 7:1-2. Here tithe is given as a 'Thanksgiving.' In Luke 17:17-18 we see Jesus also demanding thanksgiving and praising God. It is in Leviticus 27:30-34 we read tithing is also included in "the commandments that the Lord gave to Moses for the people of Israel on Mount Sinai," (verse 34). So here tithe is made as God's due/God's right. And tithe is NOT your 'gift' to God nor is it your charity. But it's what you owe to God, it's your duty!

■ Tithing presupposes the belief that everything is created and owned by God; human beings are mere custodians or responsible managers of the created world. 1 Corinthians 4:7 reads, "What do you have that you didn't receive?" Even the ability to work or to earn wealth is a God-given gift. In this sense this belief is a challenge. And it may be that Jesus observes today. Statistics show that fewer than one-quarter of any congregation tithes. And on an average, Christians give around 2.5% of their income as tithe! Our resources are an extension of our faith.

The Purpose of Tithing

1. As thanksgiving to God for His blessings, Genesis 14:19-20. Wisdom of Ben Sira 35:4, "one who gives alms presents a sacrifice of praise."
2. To be blessed by God.
   Proverbs 11:25, "whoever confers benefits will be amply enriched, and whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

   Deuteronomy 14:28-29, "…so that the Lord, your God, may bless you in all that you undertake."

   Proverbs 3:9-10, "Honor the Lord with your wealth…then will your barns be filled with plenty."

   Luke 6:38, "give and it will be given to you…for with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

How to Tithe?

Wisdom of Ben Sira 35:11, "pay your tithes in a spirit of joy." Verse 35:12, "Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means."

How Much Will You Get Back?

Wisdom of Ben Sira 35:13, "For He is a God who always repays and will give back to you SEVENFOLD."

When Will You Be Repaid?

2 Peter 3:9 reads, "the Lord is not slow about his promise."

Is It Allowed to Put God to the Test?

In Deuteronomy 6:16, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." Together with this text all the parallel texts show that in any case, no human is expected to put God to the test.

■ Yes, only in one case God allows you to test Him! In Malachi 3:10, "Bring the full Tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." So this is the only place God allows the creature to test the Creator!

■ As a footnote, I add Galatians 6:6, "Those who are taught the Word must share all good things with the one who teaches."

MASS INTENTIONS

November 6 – 14

(✞ = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . . Jim Galloway
Sunday (8:30 a.m.). . . . . Ronnie George
Sunday (11:00 a.m.). . . . . Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Monday. . . . . .No Mass (Father Reju out of town)
Tuesday. . . . . No Mass (Father Reju out of town)
Wednesday. . . . . .No Mass (Father Reju out of town)
Thursday. . . . . No Mass (Father Reju out of town)
Friday. . . . . .No Mass (Father Reju out of town)
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . . . Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Sunday (8:30 a.m.). . . . . .✞ Rosina Giardina
Sunday (11:00 a.m.). . . . . Marissa Jones

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

November 9: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 10: Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

November 11: Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

November 12: Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

November 13: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

SECOND COLLECTION—THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend will be the monthly Building and Grounds Fund collection.

SECOND COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend will be the monthly Parish School of Religion collection. Funds from this collection will take care of costs associated with Faith Formation classes in addition to ensuring our former school buildings are maintained for future use.

IRON BOWL RAFFLE

The Holy Family Altar Guild will be selling raffle squares for $10 each for a chance to win after each quarter of the Iron Bowl game being played on November 27. Members will be in the Narthex after all Masses to sell squares. Your support of the Holy Family Altar Guild is very much appreciated.

ALTAR GUILD'S "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

The Sisters in Greene County have expressed great need for cleaning supplies and toiletries for the community. If you would like to participate in the Holy Family Altar Guild's Christmas Project, please consider donating the following items: **cleaning supplies, soap, body wash, laundry detergent, deodorant, feminine products, etc.** A box will be in the Narthex for drop off through Sunday, November 28. As always, your support and generosity is appreciated!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

November 14 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to-Date
Offertory	$6,065.54	$4,492.00	$358,295.70
Building Fund	$ 120.00	$ 390.00	$ 53,750.64
Grotto/Flowers	$1,133.00		

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Thank you for returning your Catholic Charities pledge card. Our response thus far is as follows:

Number of Pledge Cards Returned to Parish. 9
Amount of Pledges Returned to Parish. . . . .$ 3,650.00
Amount of Pledges Sent to Diocese. 21,390.00
$25,040.00
Parish Goal. $35,000.00
Difference. . . . . .– $ 9,960.00

SAINT ALOYSIUS MUSIC: A FEW NOTES

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Masses will be spoken Masses for the time being. Please follow along in the missalette for the Mass of Renewal in order to read aloud the Kyrie; Gloria; Holy, Holy; The Mystery of Faith; The Great Amen; and the Lamb of God. Due to our shortage of cantors at present, this seems a practical solution. As we continue to progress toward more normalcy, my hope is we will have additional cantors and choir members. Many thanks to our present cantors who are so diligent and generous. Please consider joining in music: choir, cantor or accompanist. Feel free to contact me at staloysius4music@gmail.com or text me at 205-706-9500, or please see me or a cantor/choir member at Mass. God bless you! Tim Tipton, Director of Music

PARISH WEBSITE

The weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, Online Giving link, religious education information, etc. are accessible on our parish website at www.staloysiuscc.org. Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link:

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Marilyn West (Saint Vincent's Birmingham)

Recently Discharged From Hospital

Kathy Evans

Sick and Shut-in

This list is intended for *homebound* members of Saint Aloysius Parish. Those from our parish recently discharged from the hospital will be listed for two weeks. Individuals outside our parish community may be placed on this list for a two-week period only. All the sick are remembered weekly in our General Intercessions.

Eddie & Penny Allison Myra Antonio Ann Baker Barbara Bridges Nancy Franklin Rev. Len Gavin	Ronnie George John V. Jones, Jr. Meredith Jones Ricky Lockhart Heath "Booty" McMeans Ginger Russo Mosley	Debbie Rupert MaryAnna Schilleci Stanley Szafransky Steve Tate Powell Thompson Irene Tutten Rose Wilson

Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

The Oaks on Parkwood Rudy Cooper Jean Sullivan	*Plantation Manor* Claudia Charme

If you are or you know of someone on the shut-in list who's well enough to be removed from this list, please call the Church Office.

NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

If any parishioner knows of a nursing home or assisted living resident who is Catholic and is not on the above list, please call the Church Office.

VISITING HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, AND HOMES

Father Reju would be happy to visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes if the person or family requests a visit. Father will also visit parishioners in their home with communion or hear confessions. Call the Church Office to schedule an appointment.

SICK, SHUT-IN, AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

If a lay minister is not visiting you on a regular basis, please call the Church Office so we can make the proper arrangements.

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

Randy Clowdus, Chairperson
Eddie Blanco, Vice Chairperson
Felicia Boyd, Secretary
Micha McMeans
Phillip Galloway
Patricia Rector
Vickie Gavin
Chris Waits

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jim Keyes, Chairperson
Mike Snelling, Vice Chairperson
Sharon Weathers, Secretary

BLESSING OF GRAVES

During the month of November, Father Reju will visit local cemeteries to bless the grave of your loved one(s) on any day of the week except Monday. To schedule a blessing, please contact the Church Office.

FAITH FORMATION / SACRAMENTAL PREP.

Faith Formation Classes, for students in grades 1-8 who are attending schools other than Catholic schools, are on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. in the School. Sacramental Prep. Classes for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will also be held during this time.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Adult Education Class will not be held this week, due to Father Reju being out of town. The class will resume on Tuesday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. This class is for anyone who wants to more fully understand the Catholic Church and its teachings. For more information, please contact Father Reju in the Church Office.

ALTAR GUILD MEETINGS

The **Mother of Christ Altar Guild** will meet on Monday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Hostesses are Pam Davidson, Fran Kornegay, Marcia McCullough, Diane McDowell, and Sheila Zito.

The **Holy Family Altar Guild** will meet on Monday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Heather Lawley at 205-410-3759 or Beth Russo at 205-790-2075.

SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will meet on Monday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. 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).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The **Knights of Columbus Council #2631** will not meet in November.

INDIAN/ORIENTAL MASS

Father Reju will celebrate an Indian/Oriental Mass at Saint Aloysius on Saturday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend to see what an Indian Mass is like!

V.I.P. MASS

Saint Aloysius Parish celebrates a Mass for special people (V.I.P.) on the second Saturday of each month at Noon (November 13). This Liturgy is for those who are uncomfortable attending a weekend Mass due to COVID-19 concerns. Face masks must be worn, social distancing will be observed, and hand sanitizer will be available. Feel free to invite others who do not attend our parish. If you need a ride, please call the Church Office.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Coffee and Donuts will be served one Sunday a month after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Narthex. This month it will be on November 14. Come join us!

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Our membership list needs updating! We have a database of registered parishioner e-mail addresses to use when we communicate news with the parish. Several of these e-mails have bounced back, meaning the addresses are not valid. Please contact the Church Office to update your e-mail address.

NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED

Please do not bring food or drinks of any kind into the sanctuary. Dropped crackers, chips, cereal, chewing gum, and stains on the carpet from drinks have occurred. And make sure to not leave your face mask in the pews. Do your best to respect God's House by keeping it clean. Everyone thanks you!!

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not be held this week, due to Father Reju being out of town. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays through Fridays at 8:00 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. Our Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group meets every Thursday of the month (except second Thursday) in the Church at 7:00 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.

LADIES ROSARY GROUP

A group for ladies of the parish meets on Thursdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Day Chapel to pray the Rosary.

Pray More Rosaries

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.

RETREAT

The Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Fort Mitchell, Alabama will hold the following retreats:

- *Directed Retreat Weekend* on November 12-14. Come for silence, solitude, and listening deeply. Spiritual direction will be available.
- *Advent Retreat, One Day* on December 8. Sr. Therese Francis Walker, M.S.B.T. will be the leader.
- *Women's Retreat – How Are the Joyful Mysteries of Miryam of Nazareth Reflected in Your Life's Journey?* on January 21-23, 2022. Sr. Chris Wiltrakis, M.S.B.T. will be the leader.

For more information or to register, please contact Sr. Gail Lambert, M.S.B.T. at 1-334-855-4474 or btsr@msbt.org.

JOB OPENINGS AT EWTN

EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions in Irondale: **Graphic Designer, Administrative Assistant, Recruiter, Cash Management Specialist, Accountant, Donation Processing Specialist, Donor Care Specialist, Closed Captioning Technician, IT Support Technician (Tier 1), Production Assistant, Non-linear Editor, Radio Producer, Safety and Security Officer, Viewer Services Representative, Bilingual Viewer Services Representative, Groundskeeper, and Fulfillment Center Associate (temporary).** Job requirements can be viewed at www.ewtn.com. E-mail cover letter, salary requirements, and résumé to humanresources@ewtn.com.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our military that have been deployed around the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

U.S. Intelligence
Daniel Thomas

Air Force
Daniel K. Hicks
Shea Hicks
James McKinney
Lance Rosser

Army
Joseph R. Chiarella
Zach Edmonds
Blake Seidel

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to staloysius@bellsouth.net with the names of people and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Mike and Alison Tomberlin,** who are celebrating their 27th Wedding Anniversary on November 12.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

November 7. . . . . Michael Hummel, LTC Brian Wittman, ... Betty Antonio
November 8. . . . . .Gary Adams, Tania Herrera, ...Dayana Olascuaga, Nick Holman
November 10. . . . . .Taylor Shourds Woods, ... Brigitte Wright, Ella Jones, Michael Jones, ...Steve Graham
November 11. . . . . .Frances Agan, Tonya Troncalli, . .Jennifer Sealtiel, Sebastian Bohannon, Melissa Clifton
November 12. . . . . .Sandy Miranda, Emma Waits, ... Mary Curry, Lindsey Cobb
November 13. . . . . Scott Alley