



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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March 4, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

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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

5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

8:30 a.m.

Friday

8:15 a.m.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items

Tuesday 4:00 p.m.

HOLY DAYS

Please check Parish Bulletin

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. (or by appointment)

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 office.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Please contact Father Bill for Baptismal Preparation.

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage must meet with Father Bill 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.

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.

VOCATION REFLECTION

Do we demand signs or do we hear the Lord speaking to our heart?

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Day Chapel directly behind the altar. All are welcome.

ALTAR GUILD MEETINGS

The **Mother of Christ Altar Guild** will meet on Monday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the School Library. Hostesses are Nancy Bryant, Roxanne Celetti, Pam Giardina, Ann McMahon, and Priscilla Winstead.

SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will meet on Monday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. All men of the parish are welcome. For more information, please call Frank Batusic, President (477-1670 or 305-8903), or Jim Galloway, Vice President (516-1645).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The **Knights of Columbus** will meet on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. All Catholic men of the parish are welcome to attend. Not a member yet? Come as a guest and learn more about the projects and activities of Council #2631! For more information, please call Grand Knight, Joey Ceravolo, at 966-1842.

SECOND COLLECTION—THIS WEEKEND

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

SECOND COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend will be the annual Catholic Relief Services collection. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Please read Bishop Baker's letter in the bulletin.

Also, please return your Rice Bowls next weekend!
***Please convert your Rice Bowl gifts to checks made out to our parish for easier counting.*

CANNED GOODS DRIVE

We are collecting non-perishable canned goods (no glass) and personal hygiene items for Greene County through Easter Sunday. A bin is in front of the table in the Narthex. Parishioner response for Greene County has been phenomenal in the past so let's help feed the less fortunate this Lent!

MASS INTENTIONS

March 3 – 11

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) † Grant Hanson
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Permanent Closing of the
. Huntsville Abortion Clinic & Conversion of Its Staff
Monday † Jim Lowery
Tuesday Baby Isaac Lehman
Wednesday Larry & Mary Jones
Thursday All Souls, Living & Deceased,
. Who Have No One to Pray for Them
Friday † James Hudgins
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) † Tony Pardi
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) † Josephine Marino

FAITH FORMATION

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.

SPRING BREAK

Saint Aloysius Catholic School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 9 for Spring Break.

"GIMME FIVE" WEEKENDS

"Gimme Five" is an opportunity for parishioners to increase their involvement in the life of their parish and to strengthen the bonds of faith and friendship among each other.

The name "Gimme Five" means that each parishioner is being asked to give five hours per month to serving God by volunteering in the parish. This works out to roughly one hour per week. That means one hour per week to serve the Lord and enrich the lives of yourself and others.

On the weekends of March 10—11 and March 17—18, representatives from ten parish groups will speak at all the Masses: five one weekend and five on the other. They will tell the parish about the mission of their group. Following Masses, representatives from the groups will be available in the Narthex to give information, answer questions, and sign up parishioners.

Please consider increasing your involvement in the parish by volunteering to serve God in one of our parish groups.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

March 11 – 4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

| | Last Week | Online Giving | Year-to- Date |
|---------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Offertory | \$7,355.99 | \$725.00 | \$62,038.37 |
| Building Fund | \$ 25.00 | \$110.00 | \$ 5,230.57 |

SAINT ALOYSIUS CHOIR

Saint Aloysius welcomes singers and musicians to join our music ministry! Weekly choir practice is on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Church. For more information, please contact Will Krysiak at music.staloyusius@gmail.com or 424-2984.

CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Saint Aloysius Parish offers boxed children's offertory envelopes for those families who wish them. They are available after the weekend Masses in the Ministries Office or during the week in the Church Office. Please sign the list by the number of the box that you receive so we can properly credit the children who contribute.

BOXTOPS AND PULL TABS

Please save Boxtops for Education coupons and pull tabs from aluminum cans for our school to redeem items for the students. *Campbell's has discontinued printing labels on their products; however, they are still found on products and can be turned in. Nestle water labels are no longer being accepted.* Place your Boxtops and aluminum pull tabs in the wooden box on the table in the Narthex. Thanks for your help!

PARISH WEBSITE

The weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, Online Giving link, religious education information, etc. are accessible on our parish website at www.staloyusiuscc.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

Mary Ann Graham

(Brookwood Baptist)

Sydney McCoy

(Children's)

Recently Discharged From Hospital

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.

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| Carol Allison | Rosalie Giambrone | Don & MaryAnna Schilleci |
| Bob Benson | Don Graham | Steve Tate |
| Margaret Blake | Jerri Jones | Henry Tortorici |
| Barbara Bridges | John V. Jones, Jr. | Irene Tutten |
| Pat Clarke | Meredith Jones | Marilyn West |
| John Combs | Edwina Martin | |
| Joan Dawson | Sharon Miglionico | |
| Jack Dempsey | Joe Puccio | |

Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>Self Health Care & Rehab.</u> | <u>The Woodlands at Tannehill</u> |
| Philip & Myra Antonio | Jean Sullivan |
| Jackie Russo | Kathy Whited |
| <u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u> | Lori Wiczorek |
| Rudy Cooper | <u>Maplewood Lane</u> |
| Margie Lee | Tina Kilpatrick |
| <u>Plantation Manor</u> | <u>Brookdale Univer. Park</u> |
| Claudia Charme | Bill Vaughan |
| Willis Ellard | <u>Chateau Vestavia</u> |
| Charles Pardi | Jean Contorno |
| Dorothy Perry | |

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 AND NURSING HOMES

Father Bill would be happy to visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes if the person or family requests a visit.

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

Stacy Small, Chairperson
Jeff Evans, Vice Chairperson
Randy Clowdus, Secretary
Falencia Marshall
Patricia Rector
Jena Shourds
Chris Waits
Pat Lambert
Geoff Bull

MESSAGE ABOUT MASS DURING WINTER

We are in winter and many people are experiencing colds and the flu. Here are some things to think about regarding Mass:

If you have a fever or are contagious, please stay away from others. Rather than attending Mass, stay at home and pray. You will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

If you have a cold and attend Mass, please refrain from drinking from the chalice. You receive all of the Blessed Sacrament when you receive the host alone. The symbol is different if you receive the Body and Blood of Christ under both forms, but you receive all of Christ when you receive only one species. Washing hands with soap or hand sanitizer is the best way to protect yourself from sickness. Both are available in the restrooms.

Father Bill

THANK YOU FROM UNBOUND

In spite of my airplane problems which caused me to arrive late for Saturday Confessions and Mass, I came away with very pleasant memories of Saint Aloysius Parish. I thank Father Bill for covering for me, to Judy for putting out the folders, to Geoff for picking me up from the airport, and to the sponsors from neighboring parishes for explaining and sharing their experience about sponsoring with Unbound.

Through your generosity we obtained 18 new sponsors from your parish, 18 new families who rejoice in new hope for their children, and 18 of your families who will be more blessed for your generous sharing and friendship. Others may still sponsor online through information contained in the bulletin insert. Again, thank you all very much. Have a holy Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Shalom!

Father Jerry Beat

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Emeritus David Foley, D.D. will be at Saint Aloysius Parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 8th grade students on Saturday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to attend this special Liturgy.

HELP NEEDED WITH RECEPTION

For the reception after Confirmation, the Reception Committee needs volunteers to provide baked goods (especially cookies) and workers to help set up and clean up afterward. To volunteer, please call or text Julia Brazier at 616-2689.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saint Aloysius Parish will celebrate Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 2:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. in Spanish. On March 9 and March 16, there will be no 2:15 p.m. Stations, due to Spring Break. On Good Friday, March 30, Stations will be celebrated at Noon and Living Stations at 3:00 p.m. in Spanish.

BOOKLETS

Way of the Cross booklets are available on the table in the Narthex. The booklets are for use at home when a parishioner is unable to attend Stations of the Cross or wishes to meditate on them during the week.

BIBLE STUDY

Our parish's Spring Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. This 12-week study will feature the Saint Paul Center for Biblical Studies' series, "The Bible and the Virgin Mary," presented by Matthew Leonard. Each session will have 30 minutes of video presentation and 30 minutes of Bible Study. All are welcome.

SAINT ALOYSIUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Father Bill would like to start an alumni association for Saint Aloysius School. This would include anyone who has been connected with the school: students, parents, teachers, principals, and other staff. If you are interested in helping him with this endeavor, please call him at the office at 424-2984.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you or your family have recently transferred from another parish or have requested offering envelopes and would like to join Saint Aloysius Parish, please complete a registration card and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Church Office. Registration cards are located in the Narthex.

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.

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 School Library from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 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 426-1797 or kahytortorice@gmail.com.

HOME MOVIES OF SAINT ALOYSIUS

John Stack, nephew of Father John Stack, former Pastor of Saint Aloysius Parish from 1947 until 1969, has compiled several videos of 16mm home movies that Father Stack made of events at our parish in the 1950s. John has digitized and edited them for better viewing and invites parishioners to see if you or any family members are in them and for "old time's sake!" The following are links to the videos; the passcode is Mary (case sensitive):

Home Movies: <https://vimeo.com/253445361>

May Days: <https://vimeo.com/245531425>

Father Coyle Playing Piano: <https://vimeo.com/242633814>

JOB OPENINGS AT EWTN

EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions in Irondale: **Administrative Assistant, Customer Service Representative, Gift Shop Sales Associate (part-time), Travel/Administrative Coordinator, Broadcast Technician, Junior Network and Systems Administrator, IT Support Technician II, and Viewer Services Representative.** Job requirements can be viewed at www.ewtn.com. E-mail cover letter, salary requirements, and résumé to humanresources@ewtn.com.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet on Thursday, March 8 at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (2120 3rd Avenue North in Birmingham). Adoration and Confessions begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m., with a social following in the Cathedral Life Center. Parking is available in the lot on 22nd Street North and security is provided (enter and exit by the side gate on 22nd Street). For more information, please contact Lori Donellan at ccmbham07@gmail.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to your spouse and God. You don't need it—you DESERVE a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next weekend is scheduled for March 9—11 at Saint Bernard Abbey in Cullman. For more information or to register, please visit www.ALFL-wwme.org or call Bob and Joy Hernandez at 1-678-985-0125.

OPEN HOUSE

Saint Bernard Prep. School in Cullman will hold a Spring Open House on Friday, March 9 and Sunday, March 11. Prospective students for grades 7—11 are welcome to shadow a current student on Friday from 7:50 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. Parents and guardians are welcome for tours, light refreshments, and Q&A from either 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. For more information, please call the school at 1-256-739.6682.

JOHN CARROLL PREVIEW DAYS

Prospective parents and students are invited to understand what makes John Carroll Catholic High School the most special high school in Birmingham. Preview Days will allow you to get a feel for John Carroll on a typical school day. The remaining preview days are on March 13 and April 10 from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. To register, please visit www.icchs.org.

RETREAT

The Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Fort Mitchell, Alabama will hold a retreat entitled, "Journey of a Celtic Heart," on March 16—18. During this weekend, Carmel Boyle, a singer and songwriter from Ireland, will take participants on a symbolic pilgrimage to visit the sacred places of one's soul's journey through prayer, song, poetry, and more. The cost is \$185.00 per person. For more information or to register, please call 1-334-855-4474.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The next 40 Days for Life Campaign continues through March 25 (Palm Sunday) at Planned Parenthood (1211 27th Place South in Birmingham) from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. 40 Days for Life is a grassroots, interdenominational, nationwide campaign to open hearts to the sanctity of human life and the horror of abortion. The Campaign is based on a three-point program of Prayer and Fasting, Constant Vigil, and Community Outreach. Consider spending an hour in prayer each week for the end of abortion. For more information, please call Ed Carrick at 305-0950 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/birmingham.



Next Weekend

20TH ANNUAL LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL

Saint Elias Maronite Parish (836 8th Street South in Birmingham) will host its 20th Annual Lebanese Food and Cultural Festival on April 13—14. Delicious homemade Lebanese food will be for sale in addition to tours of the church, the only Maronite church in Alabama. The Amin Sultan Band will perform nightly from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Twenty-five percent of all proceeds go to local and national charities other than Saint Elias. To date, the Festival has donated over \$467,000 to other charities from Festival proceeds! For more information, please visit www.stelias.org/festival.

The annual Saint Elias Cedar Run 5K will be held on Saturday, April 14 at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Cedar Shake Fun Run at 9:00 a.m. benefitting The Exceptional Foundation, an organization established to provide social and recreational activities for individuals with special needs (www.cedarrun5k.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:

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| <u>Navy</u> | <u>U.S. Intelligence</u> |
| Lt. Paul M. Byrne III | Daniel Thomas |
| Luke Reiter | |
| <u>Air Force</u> | <u>Army</u> |
| Daniel K. Hicks | Joseph R. Chiarella |
| Shea Hicks | Alan Chandler |
| Zach McDuff | Maj. Teri Bossard |
| Lance Rosser | |

Call the Church Office at 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

- March 4. Susan Dempsey, Layla Boolos, Stephen Tramell
- March 5. Tim Brasher, Ian Smart, Adam Doss
- March 6. Jim Keyes, Kelby Barnes, Mary Lee Thompson
- March 7. Joey Ceravolo, Peyton Criss, Cecil Brooks, Carl Herring, Baylee Arellano
- March 9. Priscilla Winstead, Bret Manzella
- March 10. Elizabeth Vazquez-Rivera