



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

PASTOR

Rev. Gerald Holloway

Office: 205-424-2984

Home: 205-424-1839

(e-mail: staloysiuspastor@bellsouth.net)

WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday

4:30 p.m.

Sunday

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday

1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Mrs. Stephanie Gerson

205-424-2984

(e-mail: staloysiusre@bellsouth.net)

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday

5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

DIRECTOR of MUSIC

Mr. Tim Tipton

(texts & calls) 205-706-9500

(e-mail: staloysius4music@gmail.com)

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items

Tuesday 4:00 p.m.

CHURCH SECRETARY

Mrs. Judy Cacioppo

205-424-2984

(e-mail: staloysius@bellsouth.net)

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

(or by appointment)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Randy Clowdus

205-540-1394

(e-mail: rclowdus@bham.rr.com)

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.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Officer to be Elected

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Please contact Father Holloway for Baptismal Preparation.

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.

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage must meet with Father Holloway 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.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. The book, "Breaking Open the Word," is the basis of study. Everyone is invited.

ALTAR GUILD MEETINGS

The **Mother of Christ Altar Guild** will meet on Monday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Hostesses are Nancy Bryant, Roxanne Celetti, Pam Giardina, Ann McMahon, and Priscilla Winstead.

The **Holy Family Altar Guild** will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Kellie Whitson at 205-296-3390 or Vickie Gavin at 205-451-5318.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The **Knights of Columbus** will meet on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. 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 205-966-1842.

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.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Coffee and Donuts will not be served during Lent.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Our parish is collecting non-perishable canned food (no glass) through Easter Sunday for families in Greene County and those in our local community. Two bins are in front of the table in the Narthex. Help us feed the less fortunate this Lent!

LENTEN FISH FRIDAY

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will host and cook the next Lenten Fish Friday on March 20 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in our Cafeteria. Come enjoy delicious Fried or Grilled Tilapia, Crispy Fried Catfish, Fish Tacos, French Fries, Coleslaw, Corn on the Cob, Hush Puppies, and Drinks; take-outs available. There is no charge (donations greatly appreciated)!!

MASS INTENTIONS

March 7 – 15

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.).....† Nancy Reynolds
Sunday (8:30 a.m.)..... Dorothy Keyes
Sunday (11:00 a.m.)..... Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Monday..... † Ralph McDermott
Tuesday..... Joe and Carolyn Gallagher and Family
Wednesday..... † Willis Ellard
Thursday..... † Teresita Marrero
Friday..... Judith Knight
Saturday (4:30 p.m.)..... Debbie Rupert
Sunday (8:30 a.m.)..... † Philip Antonio
Sunday (11:00 a.m.)..... Saint Aloysius Parishioners

WELCOME

The Saint Aloysius Parish Community welcomes **Harry "Hap" Purnell** as a new member.

LENT 2020 PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING

Prayer: pray about seeking God's will in your own life.

Fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.

Almsgiving: during Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving."

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.

RCIA

Have you or someone you know thought about joining the Catholic Church or simply had questions about the Church? Are you Catholic but, for whatever reason, did not receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation? If so, then RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you! Class is on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria (a light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m.). For more information, please contact Stephanie Gerson or Father Holloway in the Church Office.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saint Aloysius Parish will celebrate Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at Noon and 6:30 p.m. On Good Friday, April 10, Stations will be celebrated at Noon.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

March 15 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$7,670.76	\$1,411.00	\$74,132.64
Building Fund	\$1,660.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 7,053.34
Ash Wednesday	\$2,046.75	\$ 20.00	

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 see Tim Tipton after Mass or contact him at 205-706-9500 (texts and calls) or staloyus4music@gmail.com.

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.

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.

PARISH WEBSITE

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

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.

Myra Antonio	Mary Ann Graham	Billy Monte
Ann Baker	Billy Howard	Debbie Rupert
Margaret Blake	Jerry Joiner	MaryAnna Schilleci
Barbara Bridges	John V. Jones, Jr.	Steve Tate
Jack Chiarella	Meredith Jones	Powell Thompson
Nancy Franklin	Sandra Mauldin	Irene Tutten
Don Graham		

Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u> Rudy Cooper	<u>The Woodlands at Tannehill</u> Jean Sullivan Kathy Whited
<u>Plantation Manor</u> Claudia Charme Catherine Hagerty	<u>Caregivers of Pleasant Grove</u> Dudley Gullede

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 Holloway 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

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

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.

LADIES ROSARY GROUP

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

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 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 205-531-0930 or kahytortorice@gmail.com.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Saint George the Great Martyr Melkite Parish (401 10th Avenue South in Birmingham) will host Lenten programs. All are invited for fellowship, food and prayer on the following dates:

- Friday, March 13: A Family “Sing Along”
- Friday, March 20: Book discussion and sale “The Eyes of the Gospel,” written by Archbishop Joseph Raya

For more information, please visit www.saintgeorgeonline.org or call JoAnn at 205-447-4954.

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>Navy</u>	<u>U.S. Intelligence</u>
Luke Reiter	Daniel Thomas
<u>Air Force</u>	<u>Army</u>
Daniel K. Hicks	Joseph R. Chiarella
Shea Hicks	Zach Edmonds
James McKinney	Blake Seidel
Lance Rosser	

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

THANK YOU

Joe and I would like to thank all for their cards, prayers, and Mass cards for our daughter, **Judi Hobbs**, who recently passed away. Thank you so much and God bless you all.

*Joe and Sherry Ciza and Family
The Hobbs Family*

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries:
 March 14.George and Winifred Bratton
 March 14. Craig and Kim McCoy

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

March 9.Priscilla Winstead, Isabella Donaldson,Bret Manzella
 March 10. Elizabeth Vazquez-Rivera
 March 12. Raegan Nichols, Julian Perez
 March 13. Blane Vines, Ryan O’Neal,Karen Snelling, Yolanda Ruiz
 March 14. . . Stan Hudson, Steve Tate, Andrew Cagle, Myrna Merced, Tim Rozas, Alison Stevens