



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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April 23, 2017

Sunday of Divine Mercy

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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

Blessed are they who have not seen yet believe. What will it take for me to respond to God's call to priesthood or religious life?

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Day Chapel directly behind the altar. All are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the U.S. are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.

DIVINE MERCY EXPOSITION AND CHAPLET

The Second Sunday of Easter is referred to as "Divine Mercy Sunday." This Sunday, April 23 we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. in front of the Blessed Sacrament. This feast extends the joy of the Easter feast and gives a special moment of prayer in order to deepen our understanding of what Jesus has accomplished for us in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Please come to join in the prayers and devotion.

CALENDAR DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting information in the May calendar is Tuesday, April 25.

SCHOOL ADORATION

Saint Aloysius School will hold Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Friday, April 28 from 1:45 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. in the Church. There will be no School Adoration on the first Friday of May due to students participating in the annual Field Day at John Carroll Catholic High School.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Reminder: we will not hold our monthly Eucharistic Adoration in May due to other previously scheduled events. Adoration will resume on Saturday, June 3 from 4:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

EASTER EGGS AND CANDY

Do you have leftover Easter eggs and candy? Recycle your empty plastic Easter eggs by dropping them in the box in the Narthex. Donations of leftover candy for our year-round candy basket would be greatly appreciated as well. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

April 22 – 30

(† = Deceased)

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) † Martha Venz
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) † Janet Zauchin
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Monday Frank Smith
Tuesday † Tony Tamburello
Wednesday † Rebecca Chambers
Thursday Nancy Bryant
Friday Angie Cacioppo
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) † Kyle Mabrey
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) † Eugene Romano
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners

SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of: **Pam Wallace**, who is survived by her sister, Betty MacPherson, niece, Pam Young, and other family members. Please keep this family in your prayers.

WELCOME

The Saint Aloysius Parish Community welcomes **Brian and Cathy Wittman** as new members.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Classes, for students in grades 1-8 who are attending schools other than Catholic schools, are held on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. in the school. *The last classes for the current school year will be next Sunday, April 30.*

BIBLE STUDY

Father Bill leads a Bible Study each Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Church. The topic is the Ten Commandments. Everyone is invited. *On April 26, the Bible Study will be held in the School Library.*

PRACTICE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Practice for First Holy Communion will be on Saturday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at Saint Aloysius Parish on Sunday, May 7 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

April 30 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$9,271	\$ 610	\$120,035.38
Building Fund	\$ 70	\$ 0	\$ 10,130.47
School Subsidy	\$1,416	\$ 10	

SAINT ALOYSIUS CHOIR

The music of the Catholic Church has rightly been called a "treasure of inestimable value." Would you be willing to make a small commitment of time in order to foster this unique treasure here at Saint Aloysius? If so, *please join the choir!* The weekly practice is on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Bob Collier at saintaloyuschoir@gmail.com or 317-1426.

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.

LABELS AND PULL TABS

Please save Boxtops for Education coupons, Campbell's UPCs, and pull tabs from aluminum cans for our school to redeem items for the students. Place your labels and aluminum pull tabs in the wooden box on the table in the Narthex. *Nestle water labels are no longer being accepted.* 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.staloyusucc.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

Robert Martinez -- Grandview

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.

Philip & Myra Antonio; Margaret Blake; Jim Bradley; Barbara Bridges; Tracy Brooks; Joel Buckner; Pat Clarke; Joan Dawson; Jack & Ginger Dempsey; Rosalie Giambrone; Carl & Lucille Hum; Jerri Jones; John V. Jones, Jr.; Meredith Jones; Edwina Martin; Jo Melton; Leon Messina; Sharon Miglionico; Al Patrick; Don Schilleci; Frank Smith; Jesse & Ann Squires; Sam Tamburello; Steve Tate; Rose Tesney; Irene Tutton; Theresa Vandergriff; Lori Wiczorek

Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

Jackie Russo (*Self*); Claudia Charmie, Charles Pardi, Dorothy Perry (*Plantation Manor Retirement*); Rudy Cooper, Margie Lee, Kathy Whited (*The Woodlands at Tannehill*); Tina Kilpatrick (*Maplewood Lane*); Bill Vaughan (*Brookdale University Park*); Jean Contorno (*Chateau Vestavia*)

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
Geoffrey Bull, Secretary
Falencia Marshall
Patricia Rector
Jena Shourds
Greg Blake
Chris Waits
Pat Lambert

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parishioners who participated in our Holy Week services last week. We were blessed with an outstanding attendance at all our Holy Week services.

A special "Thank You!" to those whose efforts made our celebrations possible. We offer our gratitude to our Choir and Music Director, those who worked on the Easter Egg Hunt and Receptions, our Sacristans, Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and all who helped in any way with the celebrations.

CHURCH'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The first Mass celebrated in our current church was on December 24, 1992. The church was officially dedicated on February 14, 1993. That means we will celebrate our 25th anniversary in the coming year. Father Bill would like to form an Ad Hoc Committee to plan an event to mark this milestone. If you are interested, please contact him at the Church Office.

MISSION TRIP TO GREENE COUNTY

Save the date! Our annual Mission Trip to Greene County is scheduled for Saturday, June 10 and June 12—16.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for Saint Aloysius Catholic School is now open for the 2017—2018 academic year, including After School Care. For more information or apply online, please visit www.mysaintschool.com and click on Admissions or call the School Office at 425-0045.

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.

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.

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, will hold a breakfast on Saturday, April 29 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (708 1st Street South in Birmingham). Diane Penney, a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, will share how she strayed from Jesus, her "first love," found Him again and why she cannot stop speaking now of the things she has seen and heard. Tickets are \$15.00 each and will not be sold at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Alpha Church Supply (121 West Valley Avenue in Birmingham) or by sending payment and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Magnificat Tickets, 5220 Crossings Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35242. Brochures are available on the table in the Narthex. For more information or tickets, please call Kathy Tortorice at 426-1797.

6TH ANNUAL ITALIAN FOOD FESTIVAL

The 6th Annual Feast of Saint Mark Italian Food Festival will be held at Saint Mark the Evangelist Parish (7340 Cahaba Valley Road in Birmingham) on Saturday, April 29 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. (Mass will be at 3:00 p.m.). Come enjoy a varied food format from many of your favorite restaurants, Italian cookies, cannolis, dancing and singing, games and rides for children and teens, and much more. There will be great entertainment including a special Frank Sinatra tribute concert, Italian opera, dancers, and local band Total A\$\$et\$. Tickets are available online at www.feastofsaintmark.com.

ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY CONTEST

The Italian American Heritage Society announces its essay contest, "What My Italian Heritage Means to Me." The contest is open to any relative of a society member in good standing. The person submitting the essay must be currently enrolled at the college level or a high school senior who has been accepted to a college. There will be two \$500.00 scholarships awarded, paid directly to the colleges. The deadline for submission is April 30. For more information and guidelines, please visit www.iahsbham.com.

14TH ANNUAL GOLF FORE LIFE

Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center's 14th annual golf tournament fundraiser, Golf Fore Life, will be played on Friday, May 12 at Highland Park Golf Course in Birmingham. Her Choice is a pro-life pregnancy resource center in Birmingham. Lunch will be provided at Noon with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$250.00 per individual golfer (\$125.00 is tax deductible), with foursomes being organized. Individual golfers who are not part of a foursome will be paired up with a group. Corporate Hole Sponsors for \$500.00 are invited. Registration deadline is Friday, May 5. For more information, please call Jim Pinto at 447-8796 or 252-0706.

33RD ANNUAL SPRINGFEST

Saint Patrick Parish (301 Shamrock Trail in Adamsville) will hold their 33rd Annual Springfest on Sunday, May 21 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to enjoy great food, kid's games, cake and plant booths, and a chance to win one of ten \$100.00 prizes or the \$2,000.00 grand prize! For more information, please visit www.saintpatrickcc.com/springfest or call the Church Office at 798-5326.

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>
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
Lt. Col. Michael Todd	
Zach McDuff	

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.

THANK YOU

Winifred Bratton wishes to thank everyone for their get well cards and wishes, prayers, and support during her recent surgery. She is on the road to recovery thanks to all of you! May God bless you all.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries:

April 24. Kaleb and Jennifer Moore
April 25. Cecil and Sue Brooks
April 26. Adam and Cori Lockhart
April 29. Jack and Charlene Mareno
April 29. Steve and Sandy Miranda

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

April 23. Rosalee Messina, Jennifer Culver
April 24. Luis Zamora
April 25. Billy Howard, Austin Brooks,
. Jennifer Albright Babbitt
April 26. Vickey Brantley, Michaela Tomberlin,
. Ralph McDermott, Christian Blackwell
April 27. Paula Clowdus, Cesar Cruz
April 28. Cathy Lingo, Angela Campbell
April 29. Tony Russo, Maya Campbell

CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Newman Connection is a service that puts Catholic students attending college with their local Campus Ministry Center. If you will be attending college in the Fall of 2017, you are invited to fill out a contact form that can be found in the vestibule or speak with Father Bill for more information.