



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

751 Academy Drive

Bessemer, Alabama 35022-5276

Telephone: 424-2984 Fax: 426-5753

E-Mail: staloysius@bellsouth.net Website: www.staloysiuscc.org

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 p.m.)

May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

PASTOR

Rev. William P. Lucas

Office: 424-2984

Home: 424-1839

(e-mail: frbilllucas@aol.com)

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Mrs. Stephanie Gerson

424-2984

(e-mail: staloysiusre@bellsouth.net)

CHOIR DIRECTOR

Mr. Bob Collier

317-1426

(e-mail: saintaloysiuschoir@gmail.com)

CHURCH SECRETARIES

Mrs. Judy Cacioppo

424-2984

(e-mail: staloysius@bellsouth.net)

Mrs. Debra Albright

424-2984

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Stephanie Burke

425-0045

(e-mail: principal@mysaintschool.com)

School's Website: www.mysaintschool.com

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Stacy Small

470-6994

(e-mail: stacylyn1972@hotmail.com)

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Jim Franklin

491-3099

(e-mail: meme72846@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)

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

Traditionally on Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today of all days, pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, the diaconate, and religious life. Invite someone you know to consider a life of leadership in the church.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd,
may young people in our parish
hear Your call and follow Your voice
as they discern their vocations.

Lead Your people to Heaven
through the ministry of holy priests
and consecrated men and women.

Jesus, we trust in You! Amen.

Pledge to pray for vocations at

www.invisiblemonastery.com

ALTAR GUILD MEETINGS

The **Mother of Christ Altar Guild** will meet on Monday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the School Library. Hostesses are JoAnne Antonio, Deb Bailey, Pam Giardina, Debbie Rupert, and Rose Wilson.

The **Holy Family Altar Guild** will meet on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. For more information, please call Kellie Whitson at 296-3390 or Vickie Gavin at 451-5318.

SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will meet on Monday, May 8 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, May 9 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.

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

May 6 – 14

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.).....† Mary Gurosky

Sunday (8:30 a.m.).....Frances George

First Holy Communion

Sunday (11:00 a.m.).....Saint Aloysius Parishioners

Monday..... † Pam Wallace

Tuesday..... † James Hudgins

Wednesday..... † Rita Forsyth McDonald

Thursday..... Pam Casey

School's May Crowning Mass

Friday (8:15 a.m.)..... Nancy and Tilly Bryant

Saturday (4:30 p.m.)..... Saint Aloysius Parishioners

Sunday (8:30 a.m.)..... † Karen Pollet

Sunday (11:00 a.m.)..... Blessed Mother,

.....Holy Virgin Mary

SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the following families: **Robert "Bob" Martinez**, who is survived by his children, Sheila (Charles) Armistead, Michael (Winnie) Martinez, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and other family members; and **Gill Clark**, who is survived by his wife, Carla "Robin," several children, grandchildren, sister, Penny (Eddie) Allison, and other family members. Please keep these families in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Alejandro Arellano and Maria Hueramo**, who were married at Saint Aloysius Parish on April 29.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who received First Holy Communion:

Layla Boolos

Madison Contreras

Nathan Contreras

Anna Estell

Victor Martinez Herrera

Ethan Jones

Xochitl Maldonado Lomeli

Leydys Emyli Lugo

Kevin Rodriguez Mata

Sandra Rodriguez Mata

Judah Metcalf

Jonathan Nieto

Eric Perez

Olivia Velazquez

Oscar Velazquez

Yandel Zamora



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

May 14 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last <u>Week</u>	Online <u>Giving</u>	Year-to- <u>Date</u>
Offertory	\$7,233.05	\$672.00	\$132,932.03
Building Fund	\$ 280.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 10,700.47

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

Lori Wiczorek

(Medical West)

Recently Discharged From Hospital

James Holdridge; Connie MacPherson

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; Pat Clarke; Joan Dawson; Jack & Ginger Dempsey; Rosalie Giambone; 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; Sam Tamburello; Steve Tate; Irene Tutton; Bill Wright

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
Randy Clowdus
Patricia Rector
Jena Shourds
Chris Waits
Pat Lambert

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 Saint John Vianney Residence for Retired Priests collection. Please read Bishop Baker's letter in the bulletin.

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. Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex.

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.

THE WAYLIGHTERS QUARTET CONCERT

On Saturday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Saint Aloysius Catholic Church sanctuary, Gary Adams' own Waylighters Quartet will hold a special concert sponsored by our Saint Aloysius Men's Society.

A love offering will be taken up that will benefit the Men's Group in their endeavors to help the school and church. Refreshments will be served in the Narthex afterward.

Tell all of your friends to get together to have a great time and support this great cause!

For more information, please call Gary Adams at 907-9438.

CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Newman Connection is a service that connects 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 form on the table in the Narthex or contact Father Bill for more information.

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 kathytortorice@gmail.com.

CANONIZATION AND 100TH ANNIVERSARY

EWTN will air the most extensive coverage of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, including the historic canonization by Pope Francis of Fatima visionaries, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, on May 12—13! Visit www.ewtn.com for your local programming.

JOB OPENINGS AT EWTN

EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions: **Groundskeeper, Major Gifts Officer, Programmer, 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.

ANNUAL RETREAT AT CAMP TEKAKWITHA

The 91st Kateri Circle of Birmingham is sponsoring a Retreat open to all at Camp Tekakwitha (8500 Deer Haven Road in Springville) on Saturday, May 13 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Father Jim Hedderman, Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Oneonta, will speak on the 100th anniversary of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha and Our Lady of Fatima. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. with a workshop following. The cost is \$25.00 per couple or \$15.00 per person. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Jim Hunt at 260-3139 or jim.116m@gmail.com.

WEEKEND RETREAT

The Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Fort Mitchell, Alabama will hold a weekend retreat entitled, "A Journey with Mary in Faith," on May 19—21. This weekend will focus on Mary and how her experiences relate to our own. The presenters, Sisters Chris Wiltrakis and Therese Francis Walker, are retreat house staff having years of experience in parish ministry and Faith Formation. The cost is \$180.00 per person. For more information or to register, please call 1-334-855-4474.

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.saintpatrickccc.com/springfest or call the Church Office at 798-5326.

ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY RAFFLE

The Italian American Heritage Society is sponsoring a raffle for a 10-day trip to Italy on October 28 through November 6. Destinations will be Naples to the Amalfi coast and Verona. The trip will be hosted by native Italian, Andrea Traina. Each raffle ticket is a tax-deductible donation of \$50.00; winner will be drawn on July 9. The trip is valued at \$7,900.00. For more information, please call Leon Chiarella at 999-8570 or Joe Lovoy at 230-1127.

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

Thank you to my Saint Aloysius Parish family for thinking of me with get well cards and prayers. I'm feeling much better now!

Ann Squires

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Austin Criss**, son of Jennifer Culver, who was recently inducted into the National Honor Society for his high G.P.A. and for being an outstanding student at McAdory High School where he is in 10th Grade. He was also inducted into the Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society. Congratulations Austin!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Michael and Jenny Hobson**, who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary on May 10.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

May 7. Hunter Land
May 8. Angela Garrison
May 9. Jeff Evans, Regina Milsap
May 10. Stephanie Gerson, Steve MacPherson,
. . . Freddy Davis, Marisela Martinez, Brandon Hulsey
May 11. Julia Brazier
May 12. Natalie Spidle, Suzanne Wannemuehler
May 13. Susan Barnes



THE WAYLIGHTERS
GOSPEL QUARTET
(FEATURING PARISHIONER GARY ADAMS)
IN CONCERT AT
SAINT ALOYSIUS CHURCH
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 6:30 P.M.
SAINT ALOYSIUS CHOIR WILL ALSO SING
NO CHARGE. COME JOIN US!!

For more information, call Gary Adams at 907-9438 or visit www.waylightersquartet.com