



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

We neither live nor die as ruler of our own lives. That is a scary, but freeing, thought. From what does God free us? For what does God free us?

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The **Holy Family Altar Guild** will meet on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Kellie Whitson at 296-3390 or Vickie Gavin at 451-5318.

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is the annual *One Voice* collection for the weekly newspaper published by the Diocese of Birmingham. The annual subscription is \$17.00 per family.

CALENDAR DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting information in the October calendar is Tuesday, September 19.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

The Fall Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. The subject is the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEEKEND

Next weekend will be the annual Catholic Charities weekend in the Diocese of Birmingham. Catholic Charities funds the various ministries in the diocese that are done beyond the parish level. Pledge cards and information about Catholic Charities have been mailed to all registered parishioners. If you didn't receive a card in the mail, blank cards and envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider your pledge.

As the 50th anniversary of our diocese draws near, Bishop Baker has initiated Vision2019, a vision of service, the Holy Eucharist, and Missionary Discipleship. He also requests that everyone increase their pledge by 5% over the next two years.

COFFEE AND DONUTS SOCIAL

Our parish will host a Coffee and Donuts Social this weekend, September 16—17, after all the Masses in the Narthex. Please join us!

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of **John Gurosky's birthday**, given by his daughter, Marian Campbell.

MASS INTENTIONS

September 16 – 24

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.)..... † John Gurosky
Sunday (8:30 a.m.)..... † Frank Hogg
Sunday (11:00 a.m.)..... Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Monday..... † Jim Bradley
Tuesday..... Mass of Thanksgiving
Wednesday..... Johnnie Lowery
Thursday..... Marian Campbell
Friday.... Mike and Karen Snelling (50th anniversary)
Saturday (4:30 p.m.)..... † Martha Venz
Sunday (8:30 a.m.)..... † Pat Puccio
Sunday (11:00 a.m.)..... Saint Aloysius Parishioners

SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Sadie Levio Semk**, who is survived by husband, William Semk, several children including stepdaughter, Sharon (Milton) Weathers, and other family members. Please keep this family in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Congratulations and welcome to **José Manuel Aguilera Zavala**, son of Juan Manuel Aguilera Corona and Josefina Zavala Chavez, who was baptized on September 10.

WELCOME

The Saint Aloysius Parish Community welcomes **Jean Sullivan** as a new member.

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! Classes are on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Day Chapel. For more information, please contact Stephanie Gerson or Father Bill in the Church Office.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

September 24 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	<u>Last</u> <u>Week</u>	<u>Online</u> <u>Giving</u>	<u>Year-to-</u> <u>Date</u>
Offertory	\$8,675.09	\$955.00	\$272,857.47
Building Fund	\$ 260.00	\$100.00	\$ 22,973.94
School Subsidy	\$1,203.00	\$255.00	
Hurric. Harvey	\$4,210.50	\$120.00	

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 contact Will Krysiak at music.staloysius@gmail.com or 1-770-598-2707.

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.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

Tracy Brooks

(UAB)

Recently Discharged From Hospital

Johnnie Lowery

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.

Carol Allison; Myra Antonio; Margaret Blake; Barbara Bridges; Sherry Ciza; Pat Clarke; Joan Dawson; Jack & Ginger Dempsey; Rosalie Giambrone; Don Graham; John V. Jones, Jr.; Meredith Jones; Edwina Martin; Leon Messina; Sharon Miglionico; Don Schilleci; Frank Smith; Steve Tate; Irene Tutton

Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

Philip Antonio, Jackie Russo (*Self*); Rudy Cooper, Margie Lee (*The Oaks on Parkwood*); Claudia Charne, Charles Pardi, Dorothy Perry (*Plantation Manor Retirement*); Kathy Whited, Lori Wiczorek (*The Woodlands at Tannehill*); Tina Kilpatrick (*Maplewood Lane*); Lucille Hum (*Shelby Ridge Rehab.*); 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
Randy Clowdus, Secretary
Falencia Marshall
Patricia Rector
Jena Shourds
Chris Waits
Pat Lambert
Geoff Bull

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

The first formation meeting for parishioners interested in joining the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at our parish will be on Monday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

11TH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saint Aloysius Men's Society will host their 11th Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 28 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at the Applebee's in Bessemer. Tickets cost \$5.00 and will be sold by members of the Men's Society after all the Masses beginning this weekend. We want to thank Applebee's for sponsoring this annual event!

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.

HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS

Saida and George Rashmawi, volunteers from the Catholic Church in Bethlehem, will visit Saint Aloysius Parish next weekend, September 23—24, to speak about the struggles of Christians in the Holy Land. They will also sell beautiful olive wood carvings that are made by Christians in Bethlehem.

The purpose of this visit is to help maintain the existence of Catholic people in Israel. Catholic Christians were once the majority, but the percentage has now dropped to less than 1.5%. Your purchases will help maintain a Christian presence in the land where our Lord Jesus Christ was born.

BESSEMER FARMERS MARKET

Locally grown food is healthier than food that is shipped across the country. Come purchase locally grown vegetables, cage-free eggs, honey, fresh herbs, baked goods and more at the Bessemer Farmers Market! Most of the food sold is picked on the day of, or the day before, the market. There are now two locations: Thursdays at Alex Bradford Park in downtown Bessemer at the corner of 1st Avenue and 19th Street (4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.) and Mondays at Medical West Hospital (11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.). Cash, debit, SFMFP (Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program), SNAP, and EBT are accepted.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Saint Aloysius Parish has a critical need for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Sacristans at all of our weekend Masses. Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers must be 14 years of age or older and be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. Sacristans must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church and will be responsible for setting up for Mass, turning on all lights, and purifying the vessels. For more information, please contact Stephanie Gerson in the Ministries Office.

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.

JOB OPENINGS AT EWTN

EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions: **Groundskeeper, Security Officer, IS Support Technician II, Junior Network and Systems Administrator, Radio Producer and Radio Operator (Vandiver, AL)**. Job requirements can be viewed at www.ewtn.com. E-mail cover letter, salary requirements, and résumé to humanresources@ewtn.com.

BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

Prince of Peace Parish (4600 Preserve Parkway in Hoover) sponsors a support group for Breast Cancer Survivors in our local area. This group is for anyone who has been diagnosed with and survived breast cancer, whether you are a long-term survivor (5, 10, 15+ years) or have recently been diagnosed and may be undergoing treatment. The purpose of this group is to provide support, encouragement, and information. Meetings are held once a month, on the third Tuesday (September 19), at 6:30 p.m. in a meeting room off the Narthex. For more information, please contact Judy Cacioppo in the Church Office at 424-2984 or staloyisius@bellsouth.net.

EUCCHARISTIC YOUTH CONGRESS

The Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama is hosting a Eucharistic Youth Congress entitled, "He Has Done Great Things," on Saturday, September 23 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament (3222 County Road 548 in Hanceville). Youth of all ages in the diocese are invited to come listen to the keynote speaker, Father Agustino Torres, C.F.R. and a concert by P.J. Anderson. Bishop Robert Baker will celebrate the Mass at 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the Diocesan Office for Youth at 838-8301.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group of Birmingham will meet on Saturday, September 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (1728 Oxmoor Road in Homewood). This is a special day as it is Padre Pio's Feast Day! There will be Adoration, praying the Rosary, Mass, followed by a pot-luck lunch. Bring a dish to share. Join us and bring a friend! For more information, please call Angela Kolar at 991-9554.

EXTRAORDINARY MEN AND WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish (2400 7th Avenue North in Bessemer) will host a free event on Saturday, September 23 at 2:00 p.m. entitled, "Extraordinary Men and Women of the Bible." Learn about the inspiring, fearless, extraordinary men and women of the Bible. Who were they? Why is it important that we know them? Learn how their stories help us to live as men and women of God! Refreshments will follow the program. All are welcome to attend.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This fall's 40 Days for Life Campaign is an international, interdenominational grassroots campaign to open minds and hearts to the sanctity of human life. Forty Days for Life began in 2006 and the bi-annual campaigns of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach have spread worldwide! The Campaign will run from September 27—November 5 at Planned Parenthood (1211 South 27th Place in Birmingham) from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. A Candlelight Vigil will be held on Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Planned Parenthood.

Consider spending an hour in prayer each week for the end of abortion. For more information or to sign up for an hour each week, please contact Ed Carrick at www.40daysforlife.com/Birmingham or 305-0950.

WORKSHOP ON SUICIDE PREVENTION

Samaritan Counseling Centers is sponsoring a workshop on suicide prevention on Thursday, September 28 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at Saint Peter's Angelican Church on Montevallo Road in Mountain Brook. For more information or to register, please visit www.samaritanbirmingham.com or email at info@samaritanbirmingham.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Fall is a beautiful season! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is filled with fresh air and new beginnings. It is a time to rejoice in the gift of your marriage and family, a time to rekindle communication, and enjoy a weekend just for the two of you. The next weekend is scheduled on October 13—15 at the DoubleTree Hotel-South in Huntsville. Register online at www.ALFL-wwme.org or call Bob and Joy Hernandez at 1-678-985-0125.

ONE-WOMAN SHOW

Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School will host a one-woman show entitled, "Saint Catherine of Siena: A Woman for Our Times," performed by Sister Nancy Murray, O.P. on Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Francis Xavier Parish (2 Xavier Circle in Birmingham). Sister Nancy is the older sister of famed actor Bill Murray so acting runs in the family! Tickets cost \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door. For more information or purchase tickets, please visit www.hfcristorey.org/siena.

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:

Navy

Lt. Paul M. Byrne III
Luke Reiter

U.S. Intelligence

Daniel Thomas

Air Force

Daniel K. Hicks
Shea Hicks
Lt. Col. Michael Todd
Zach McDuff

Army

Joseph R. Chiarella
Alan Chandler
Maj. Teri Bossard

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

- September 20. Jonathan and Teresa Smith
- September 20. Christian and Haley Malnar
- September 22 Mike and Karen Snelling (Happy 50th!!!)

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

- September 17.Sandy Brantley, Emily Reno,
.Winter Knowles
- September 18. Theresa Monte, Paul Farsace,
. Anne Wren, Irmgard Treadaway
- September 19. Eddie Allison, Payton Ryan,
. Sharon Edwards, Elise Roszell, Carl Blake
- September 20. Jerry "Curly" Tramell
- September 21 Pat Lambert, Cara Moore,
. Mark Garrison, Brandon Lopez
- September 22. Makayla Brown, Sydney Jolivette,
. Matt Knowles, Jennifer Quinto, Nancy Arellano
- September 23. Garry Taylor

