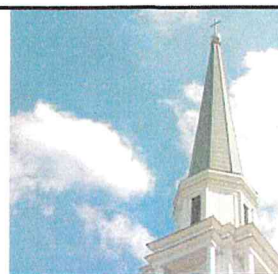


Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

A Discipleship Parish

November 2, 2025... All Souls Day



Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

We just celebrated the feast of All Saints Day. This feast of "All Saints Day" gives us an occasion to thank God for having invited so many of our ancestors to join the company of the saints. May their lifestyle enable us to hear from our Lord the words of welcome to eternal bliss: *"Well done, good and faithful servant! Enter the joys of your master"* (Mt 25:21). We need to pray to the saints, both the canonized and the un canonized, asking them to pray on our behalf that we may live our lives in faithfulness like theirs, and so receive the same reward. All baptized Christians who have died and are now with God in glory are considered saints.

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Holy Days: As announced

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7:00am (Summer)
W, Th, 7:00am
Fri, 6:00pm (Rosary 5:30pm)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30pm

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All Saints Day is a day on which we thank God for giving ordinary men and women a share in His holiness and Heavenly glory as a reward for their Faith. In fact, we celebrate the feast of each canonized saint on a particular day of the year. But there are countless other saints and martyrs, men, women, and children united with God in Heavenly glory, whose feasts we do not celebrate. Among these would be our own parents and grandparents, brothers and sisters who were heroic women and men of Faith. *All Saints Day* is intended to honor their memory. The feast is observed to teach us to honor the saints, both by imitating their lives and by seeking their intercession for us before Christ, *the only mediator between God and man* (1 Tm 2:5)

Halloween and All Saints' Day. On the eve of the Day of All Saints, got its name from "All Hallows Eve" or the vigil of All Saints Day. The Celtic people, who lived all over the world before the Christian era, believed that their god of death would allow the souls of the dead to return to their homes for a festal visit on this day. People also believed that ghosts, witches, sprites, and fairies came to harm the people, particularly those who had inflicted harm on them in this life. The priests built a huge bonfire of sacred oak branches and offered animal and even human sacrifice to protect people from plundering evil spirits on the eve of the feast. This belief led to the ritual practice of wandering about in the dark dressed in costumes indicating ghosts, witches, fairies, and demons. But some historians believe that the pumpkin-carving and trick-or-treating are recent customs, similar of Irish harvest festivals, brought to the United States by Catholic immigrants from Ireland and England.

You may wonder why we honor the saints: The saints put their trust in Christ and lived heroic lives of Faith. The saints enjoy Heavenly bliss as a reward for their Faith in Jesus. Hence, they deserve our veneration. Saints are our role models. They teach us by their lives that Christ's holy life of unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness can, with God's grace be lived by ordinary people, of all walks of life and always. The saints are our heavenly mediators who intercede for us before Jesus, *the only mediator between God and us*. (Rv. 8:3-4).

The saints are the instruments that God uses to work miracles at present, just as He used the staff of Moses (Exodus), the bones of the prophet Elisha (II Kgs 13:21). "All Saints Day" is a day, not only to remember the saints and to thank God for them, but also to pray for their help. It is, as well, a day to glorify Jesus Christ, who by his holy life and death has made the saints holy. This feast offers a challenge to each one of us: anybody can, with the grace of God, become a saint, regardless of his or her age, lifestyle or living conditions. St. Augustine accepted this challenge when he asked the question: "If he and she can become saints, why can't I?". Yes, my friends we need more saintly men and women today to face the evils of the world.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers. God Bless you all.

Fr. George Nellikunnel,
Pastor, St. Aloysius and St. Cabrini parish



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Parent/Teacher Conferences were last week. We always look forward to discussing the child's growth and progress! Their success at school is a true partnership between home and school! Tuesday, November 11th St. Aloysius School will honor our veterans at our school mass at 8:20am. All veterans, parents, and grandparents are invited to join us!

St. Aloysius Fall Frenzy \$5,000.00 Raffle. (Previously known as the Mini Mega Raffle) October 20-November 25. \$250.00. The next Early Bird Drawing is November 11. Final Drawing Tuesday, November 25 for \$5,000.00. \$20.00 per ticket.

All-school Mass will be Tuesday, November 4 at 8:20am. All are welcome!

Sunday Children's Mass... Our students are learning the ministries of the Mass during the celebration of our Children's Mass. Join us Sunday, November 30 at 11:00am for our Children's Mass.

Weekly Mass Attendance and Tuition rate... To qualify for the Saint Aloysius active parishioner rate, your family must attend Mass at Saint Aloysius for 51% of the weeks. Attendance is tracked for the calendar year, so your attendance in 2025/2026 determines the tuition rate for the '26/'27 school year. Each family will be asked to submit an attendance card each Saturday evening, Sunday morning, or Holy Day of Obligation Mass that you attend at Saint Aloysius. The slip is to be given to the Priest after Mass by one of the children. Please write the date, your family name, and your child's name on the card. There will be extra slips in the back of church.

School + Church = Parish Parentship. When you enroll your child in St. Aloysius School, you also become part of our church family! The church and school together make up our parish. Did you know our parishioners generously support our school? Each student in Grades K-8 at St. Aloysius receives a parish subsidy that helps cover the difference between the cost of educating our students and the actual tuition charged! Our parishioners also pray for our students and worship with us at Tuesday Mass.



Father Yunker Lithuanian Student Assistance Fund... Applications are now being solicited for college scholarship grants under the Father Yunker Lithuanian Student Assistance Fund. Qualifications: Applicants must have Lithuanian ancestry and must be a practicing member of the Roman Catholic Church. Completed application must be received by the close of business on Monday, Dec. 1, 2025. Details and application can be downloaded from foundationforthepeople.org or dio.org/school.

A note from Rhonda Mills our **Bingo** Coordinator... Thank you to all the volunteers for helping to make this fundraiser a great success! The program needs a few, steady workers for the summer months. I know that this will ensure the continued success of this most important fundraising event. Don't forget to join us for Bingo at Caritas Hall, 909 East Converse, on Saturday, November 8 at 11:45am for Early Bird games, other games begin at noon. Play bingo during our times, help make this a fun and profitable activity for St. Aloysius School! Please consider volunteering. Volunteers are needed! You can text or call Rhonda (217) 670-4458. Thank you for your support!



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that always leads us home."*

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR				Weekly Offering		
November 2 7:00am		Morning Mass		Week 16	October 19	Total to Date
November 2 11:00am		Morning Mass		Weekly Offertory	\$8,330.00	\$96,867.75
November 4 8:20am	Morning Mass (All School Mass)			Shepherd one Student	\$1,175.00	\$6,258.00
November 5 7:00am		Morning Mass		Building Fund	\$170.00	\$21,036.00
November 5 9:00am		Legion of Mary		Bingo	\$1,502.00	\$13,731.00
November 5 5:30pm		Helping Hands		The budgeted amount is the minimal required to maintain services, employee benefits, utilities, and maintenance at current levels and provide for debt payment, unbudgeted repairs or improvements for the Parish. Weekly Offerings budget for the month of October is \$40,000.00. We have received 49% of needed funding to meet essentials.		
November 6 7:00am		Morning Mass				
November 6 6:00pm	Finance Council Meeting			Parish Community Tithe		
November 7 7:00am		Adoration		As you have read in the Catholic Times, the Annual Catholic Services Appeal has been discontinued. The diocese will be assessing its parishes on a monthly basis, based on 10% of its income each month to provide the needs of our diocesan church. Please consider increasing your giving to the parish by the amount you previously gave to ACSA, so that we can handle this new monthly, pay-as we-go obligation. Tithe - August - \$2,632.00		
November 7 5:00pm		Benediction				
November 7 5:30pm		Rosary		Debt/Accrued Deficits		
November 7 6:00pm		Evening Mass		Unpaid Diocesan Liabilities		
November 8 8:30am	Street Ministry (St. Cabrini)			Paid		
November 8 11:45am		Bingo		Amount owed (October 6, 2025)		\$219,997.03
November 8 3:30pm		Confessions		Parish Ministry Schedule - November 8-9		
November 8 4:00pm		Evening Mass		Saturday 4:00pm	Sunday 7:00am	Sunday 11:00am
November 9 7:00am		Morning Mass		Cantor		
November 9 11:00am		Morning Mass		Lector	Tom Kohlrus	Carl Affrunti
November 11 8:20am	All School Mass (Veterans Day)			E.M.	James Auth	Earl Schroeder
November 12 9:00am	Legion of Mary				Gary McCandless	Pam Tipps
November 12 6:00pm	Baptismal Meeting (Church)			Servers	Rachel Schrenk	Earl Schroeder
						Brayden and Jayden Blakley
In charity, please remember in your prayers... 2024... Steven Young Patricia Durako, Regina Rakers, Sandra Scott, David Daniels, Halfred Hildebrand, Jr., Joseph Perkinson, Charles Bedolli, Samuel and Bonnie Falzone, James Selinger, Tom Stevens, Frank Tucker James Bartlett. 2025... Larry Forbes, Marilyn, Gustafson, Kenna Diaz, Kay Morrow, Judith Guinn, William Bredemeyer, Annette Raffa and David Jones.						



Parish Bulletin Board

Sunday, November 2 is **All Souls Day**. We will remember those who have died this past year at the 11:00am Mass. Prayer for the faithful departed is a spiritual work of mercy. Let us commend our loved ones to the Lord with heartfelt thanks. May they rest in the peace of the Lord. Please remember especially: Larry Forbes, Marilyn, Gustafson, Kenna Diaz, Kay Morrow, Judith Guinn, William Bredemeyer, Annette Raffa and David Jones.

The Parish Picnic was a great success, and everyone enjoyed a fun afternoon! **Special thanks** to the Parish Council & Mrs. Joyce Zaffiri for organizing this event and to the PTO and Mrs. Lindsey Franklin for the Halloween fun!

Christmas Choir Practice... Anyone interested in signing for Christmas midnight mass as part of the adult choir. Rehearsal dates will be as follows... Thursday, November 13th and 20th. Thursday, December 4th and 18th. All rehearsals will be in church. If you have questions please contact Sarah Williams @ 217-720-6233.

Church Cleaning Day has been changed to Sunday, December 14 at 1:00pm. Bring your cleaning rags to clean and dust the inside of the church.

Knights of Columbus Council 4175 (Springfield North Council) will have **fish fries** on Friday, November 7, 2025 and Friday, November 14, 2025 from 4:30-7:00pm.

Our parish will take up the Collection for the **Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS)**, next weekend, November 8 and 9, a collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS, national collection. There will be an envelope in your bulletin.

A **playpen** will be placed in the vestibule of the church next weekend (November 8-9) The Springfield Pregnancy Care Center needs these baby items in our playpen collection... Diapers (newborn or preemie) baby wipes, preemie, newborn up to 3 month clothing/sleepers, pacifiers, baby spoons, sippy cups, Baby wash, lotion, and shampoo. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Aloysius Senior Breakfast... We will meet for breakfast on Tuesday, November 18 @ King Pin after the 8:20 mass. Please join us!

Impact Life (Blood Bank)... Changing the World Together. Parish Council is considering hosting a blood drive with Impact Life and we need to gauge potential interest participation. If you would be willing to participate, please contact the Parish office.

Parish Flowers... This weeks **flower intention** is in memory of George, Alice and Daniel Petrilli.

The **flower calendar** can be found in church vestibule. You have the opportunity to honor a birthday or anniversary, or remember a loved one on their special day. Please put your name on the chart with your remembrance, and \$40.00 in the envelope with your name. Your remembrance will be in the bulletin and a bouquet of flowers will be on the altar for your weekend.



Parish Calendar... Please let the parish office know of events, meetings, etc. for the church calendar to avoid scheduling conflicts. This includes the church basement.

Thank you... The advertisements that appear in this bulletin completely defray all publishing costs which the church would otherwise incur. Please patronize the sponsors on the back of this bulletin and thank them for their kind generosity.

St. Aloysius Prayer Chain... If you have a special intention or someone whom you would like prayers offered please email Mrs. Vikki Warren... whomper5@aol.com

Stewardship ... Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to use your gifts wisely and to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship be the hallmark of our discipleship, a visible sign of our commitment to Christ. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.



Mass Intentions

November 3 Weekday

November 4 St Charles Borromeo
8:20am Tom Senalik+

November 5 Weekday
7:00am All Souls+

November 6 Weekday
7:00am James Bartlett+

November 7 Weekday
6:00pm Drew Vespa

November 8 Weekday

November 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Sat 4:00pm Mary Lou Woloshyn +

Sun 7:00am Leonard Naumovich+

Sun 11:00am All Parishioners+

Around the Church

Prayer Warriors are welcome to pray in front of Springfield Planned Parenthood 601 N. Bruns Lane. For more information... www.springfieldrtl.org.

The Two Hearts Pregnancy Resource Center 2026 Pro-Life Calendar. Calendars are \$20 each and feature the artwork of local area students, grades 4 through 12. Proceeds of the sale of the calendars help support the Pro-Life activities of Two Hearts Pregnancy Resource Center. If you would like a calendar please contact Kim Lesko @ 217-416-5916.

Bible Reading in Spanish... Join us every Monday at 6:00pm in the Cathedral Library to share and reflect on the Word of God in community. Please bring your Bible and an open heart to listen to the Lord. All are welcome. "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." (Psalm 119:105) Please confirm your participation with Rosario Johnstone at 217-793-9776.

An Advent Journey with Mary our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. Pre-Advent Mission... Sunday, November 9 and Monday, November 10, 6:30pm, Christ the King Church, (Springfield), presented by Fr. Mark Tracy and Dennis Trickley. November 9 - candlelight Adoration after the mission talk. November 10 - fellowship social in the parish hall.

Stewardship Reflection... All Souls Day "...because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me...." John 6:38 When praying the "Our Father", say the words slowly so you truly recognize what you are saying. Every day when praying this prayer, we repeat what Jesus said in the scripture passage – "thy kingdom come, thy will be done." Even though we say these words, do our actions react those words? This is the difference between saints and the rest of us. Saints were faithful and obedient to God's will. Start today – start aligning your words and actions with God's will for you.

National Vocation Awareness Week... November 2-8. **Prayer for Vocations...** God our Father... we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Friday from 7:00am - 5:00pm. Benediction and Rosary at 5:00pm. Evening Mass at 6:00pm.

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number (217) 321-1155.

Springfield Deanery, Council of Catholic Women Meeting. Saturday, November 8th, 10:00am, St. Peter's, Petersburg.. Speakers... Gina Gillmore Wolter, on Saving New Salem, and Mary Stewart, on Pastoral Council and Sub-committees. Lunch provided by the St. Peter's Ladies Group, donations appreciated! Deadline to RSVP is October 31st! Contact Mary Stewart at 217-341-7808 for more information. Deborah Pilapil, President, Spfld Deanery CCW. Register for the meeting on Signup Genius! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/>

Documents of Vatican II, Continued... Mark your calendar as Fathers Brian Alford and Daniel McGrath discuss the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. On Nov 20 and Dec 11, they will cover the remaining documents of the Second Vatican Council. In the Cathedral Atrium @7:00pm.

The Letter... A Faith in the Future Event. Wednesday, November 19 at 5:30pm. Mission Outreach Warehouse (4930 LaVerna Road). Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach is launching Faith in the Future, a series of events that will be focused on Catholic social teaching (care for creation and care of those who are poor or vulnerable) and specifically be geared toward young people in our Diocese who are Catholic or associated with a Catholic entity. We are delighted to invite you to our first Faith in the Future event, which will be a screening of the film The Letter, a movie documenting Pope Francis' invitation to Rome for four young environmentalists. This stunning film not only shares the stories of these advocates, but it also calls all of us to care for the Earth and celebrate the blessing from God that nature is.

December Catholic Men's Overnight Retreat... Step away from the noise of daily life and renew your soul at the Catholic Men's Overnight Retreat, led by Norbertine Father Herman Joseph Johanneck, O. Praem. at the beautiful Villa Maria Retreat Center on Lake Springfield. Father Herman Joseph will present his series, "Sons of the Father, Men in Christ," guiding participants into deeper prayer, reflection, and brotherhood. The retreat will include talks, personal prayer, Rosary, Adoration & Benediction, Confessions, group discussion, Holy Mass, and time for rest and silence. Saturday, December 13 Sunday, December 14; \$150 (includes single-occupancy room, meals, and materials); Register by Nov. 21 at events@dio.org.

"If any spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out... Stay quiet with God. Do not spend your time in useless chatter... Do not give your self to others so completely that you have nothing left for yourself." If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin everyday of our life with new eagerness. We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end in all our actions but the divine honor". - St. Borromeo

November 2, 2025

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The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Wis 3:1-9 | Rom 5:5-11 | Jn 6:37-40

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There's a place in every human heart that harbors the fear of rejection. This can affect our relationship with others as well as our relationship with God. In response, many of us develop coping strategies in an attempt to take control of our lives. When fear of rejection threatens our peace, return to today's Gospel. What does Jesus say? "I will not reject anyone who comes to me." Let's pause to read that line again: *I will not reject anyone who comes to me.* Allow that message to pierce your heart. Jesus will not reject you. Jesus will not fail you. He will not abandon you. In fact, he has prepared a place for you in his kingdom and is waiting for your response of love.

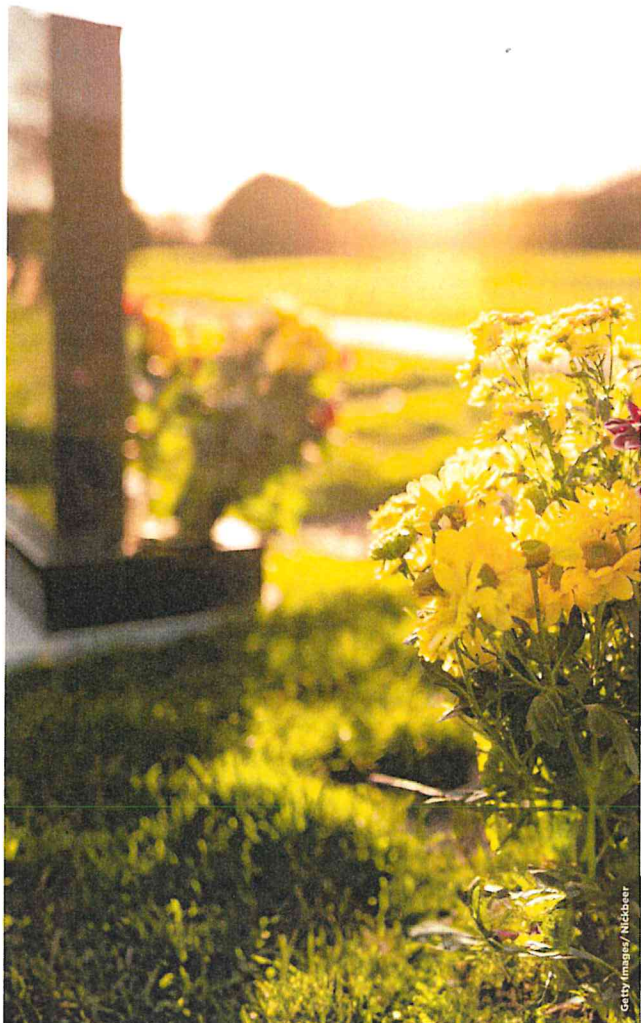
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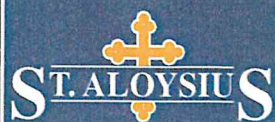
Today, we commemorate all the faithful departed on this sacred feast of All Souls Day. Yes, we mourn the loss of those whom we loved who have died. Even as we mourn, we cling to hope as a community of believers, trusting that God has kept his promise to grant them eternal life. Indeed, as our first reading reminds us, "the souls of the just are in the hands of God. ... They are in peace." In addition to the treasure of canonized saints the Church gives us to admire and emulate, many of us could write a list of "saints" who have touched us in our own lives – those "who have gone before us with the sign of faith" (*Eucharistic Prayer I*). Think of them today, now. Call to mind their virtue and how they loved those they encountered, including you. Then, let their witness propel you on your own journey of faith.

REFLECT

Though we often associate death with sorrow and grief, for the faithful Catholic, it is also the way we enter eternal life. Heaven is the hoped-for reward of all our prayers, works, sufferings, and enjoyments. As she lay dying, St. Thérèse of Lisieux said to her fellow sisters, "I am not dying; I am entering into life." Still, it is not uncommon to grapple with fear of our own death (or the death of our living loved ones). If you find yourself facing this fear, invite Jesus to gently reveal the source of your anxieties, and ask him to flood those places of your heart and mind with his light and hope. And remember: Jesus will never reject anyone who comes to him.



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