

Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

A Discipleship Parish



July 20, 2025 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,
My heart is heavy for our St Aloysius Church. It is hard to imagine a time when St Aloysius Church does not have air conditioning. Our hope is soon everything will be ok. Thankfully we have our sister parish, St Cabrini who is welcoming to everyone. Yet with all of these inconveniences I am very happy and grateful to every one who make it on Sundays to participate in the Eucharistic celebration.

If God is a priority, everything is possible. Unfortunately today, it seems God and church is no longer a priority in too many families. The empty pew is becoming more com-

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Mass Times: Saturday (vigil) 4:00pm
Sunday 7:00am & 11:00am
Holy Days: As announced

Daily Mass: Tues, 8:20am (School Year)
7:00am (Summer)
W, Th, 7:00am
Fri, 6:00pm (Rosary 5:30pm)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday, 7:00am - 5:00pm

Parish Office Hours: M - F: 9:00am - 4:00pm
School Office Hours: M - F: 7:45am - 3:30pm
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mon in churches throughout our nation. What happened to the church being a place where people came to greet one another to share the Word of God and to encourage one another in a life of holiness and righteousness?

The empty pew breaks my heart. Are people just too busy for God or do they just not care anymore? Either way, as more and more churches close their doors and people begin to remember when there use to be a place where God's people would gather, one day when all the church doors are closed, maybe then, just maybe, people will once again rediscover their thirst to know who God is and to be with one another for worship and prayer. If you long for daily encouragement, powerful prayers, and a heart to serve through missions or helping needy in the streets and bringing hope to the hurting children, join hands with us. Let's walk together in the love of Christ and His Great Commission. Because in the end, it's all about Jesus.

The central themes of today's readings are the importance of hospitality in Christian life and the necessity of listening to God before acting. The key to the Christian life is setting priorities: Jesus Christ first, then everything else. The only way really to learn that lesson is to spend some time every day, "sitting at the feet of Jesus. for example like mother Mary did.

Today's first reading describes how Abraham and Sarah's hospitality to angels in the guise of strangers was rewarded by God, who blessed them with a son in their old age. Today's Gospel passage describes how Martha, a genuine child of Abraham, wanted to extend the traditional generous hospitality of her people to Jesus, the true Messiah, by preparing an elaborate meal for him. This story invites us to serve others with Martha's diligence after recharging our spiritual batteries every day by prayer listening to God and talking to God as Mary did. We can minister truly to the needs of others only after welcoming God's Word into in our hearts and minds.

We should put aside the work we do for the Lord in serving others and just spend some time being with Him, talking to Him and listening to Him, fully aware of His holy presence in our souls. We may also recharge our spiritual energy by our participation in the celebration of the Holy Mass.

Thank you for your generous contribution and prayers.

Fr. George Nellikunnel



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Sign up for Illinois State Fair Parking...State Fair Parking is a great school fundraiser that takes a HUGE volunteer effort for its success. Family service hours are available to parents and student service hours are available for all high school and 6th-8th grade students. Students under 16 years of age MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information or to sign-up... contact Rich Pitchford @ 217-862-4059 or rpitch8275@aol.com. Don't forget to support St. Aloysius by using our parking lot (located across from the fairgrounds on Sangamon Ave, Gate 12) during the Illinois State Fair. You will also be able to volunteer through Sign-Up Genius... www.signupgenius.com



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Luers Uniform Summer Sale! July 14th -31st.

St. Aloysius School will continue to **enroll** students through the summer months. We are a preschool thru 8th grade, north-end Springfield faith community served by award-winning faculty and dedicated staff! We provide extra-curricular activities and offer IESA, as well as SCAA sports teams, an art and music program, and a STEM curriculum. If you know someone interested in St. Aloysius School, please have them e-mail Angie Daniels (angie.daniels@saintalloysius.org) or Denise Reavis (denise.reavis@saintalloysius.org) for more information.



Student Health Requirements... Please remember that if your child is entering Preschool, Pre-K, Kindergarten, or the 6th grade, a Physical Examination must be completed within one calendar year prior to the date of entry (after August 23rd, 2021). The exam must include up-to-date immunizations and a medical history. Students entering Kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th grades will need a dental exam. -Students entering Kindergarten will also need an eye exam performed by a licensed optometrist. The exam must be completed on the required state "Certificate of Child Health" form. Parent Signature and completion of the Health History section is required on this form. Current physical, dental and eye examinations need to be returned to our school office prior to the start of the 2025-2026 school year. Sports Physical: If your child will be participating in a sport for the 2025-2026 school year a sports physical will need to be completed by August 1 for fall sports.

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 E Converse, on Saturday, July 26 at 11:45am for Early Bird, 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 for the summer months. You can text or call Rhonda (217) 670-4458. Thank you for your support!



School Office Hours... The office will be closed the month of July. Mrs. Reavis and Mrs. Daniels can be reached at 544-4553 or by e-mail. Please leave a message on the school voicemail You can also e-mail.... denise.reavis@saintalloysius.org or angie.daniels@saintalloysius.org

*"Love is the True North
that always leads us home."*

Happy Summer Vacation to our Parish family. Thank you for your wonderful support this school year. We look forward to seeing you in August!

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR				Weekly Offering								
July 20	7:00am	Morning Mass		<u>Week 1</u>	<u>July 6</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>						
July 22	7:00am	Morning Mass		Weekly Offertory	\$4,680.00	\$4,680.00						
July 23	7:00am	Morning Mass										
July 23	9:00am	Legion of Mary		Shepherd one Student	\$170.00	\$170.00						
July 24	7:00am	Morning Mass										
July 25		Parish Office Closed		Building Fund	\$4,350.00	\$4,350.00						
July 25	7:00am	Adoration										
July 25	5:00pm	Benediction		Bingo	\$1,931.00	\$1,931.00						
July 25	5:30pm	Rosary										
July 25	6:00pm	Evening Mass										
July 26	8:30am	Street Ministry (St. Cabrini)		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 June is \$40,000.00. We have received 8% of needed funding to meet essentials.								
July 26	11:45am	Bingo										
July 27	7:00am	Morning Mass										
July 29	7:00am	Morning Mass										
July 30	7:00am	Morning Mass		Parish Community Tithe								
July 30	9:00am	Legion of Mary		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 – May- \$4,213.00								
July 31	7:00am	Morning Mass										
July 31	6:00pm	Parish Council Meeting										
August 1		Parish Office Closed										
August 1	7:00am	Adoration		Debt/Accrued Deficits								
August 1	5:00pm	Benediction		Unpaid Diocesan Liabilities								
Weekly Attendance - July 13							Paid					
Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:00am	Sun 11:00am	Total							Amount owed (June 30, 2025)		
	57		57									
Parish Ministry Schedule - July 27				Sunday, 7:00am								
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Cantor												
Lector	Earl Schroeder											
E.M.	Erin Rachford Pam Tipps											
Servers	Mikki Buhl											
In charity, please remember in your prayers... 2023... Bert Viola Jr., James Farrand, Mary Schroeder, Gene Adams, Virginia Broccardo, Mary Ellen Daniels, Joann Lee, Ron Hull, Florence Galassi, John Risse, Josephine Albright, Peter Campo, Mary McKibben, Michael Barnard. 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 and Annette Raffa.												



Parish Bulletin Board

Weekend Mass Schedule... For the health and safety of our parish family and with the warm/humid temperatures expected in July, Mass will only be offered at 7:00am on Sundays at St. Aloysius. All are welcome at 7:00am Mass! However for those who prefer to attend Saturday or later in the morning on Sunday, our sister parish St. Cabrini offers 5:30pm Mass on Saturday and 9:30am Mass on Sunday. Bulletins will be available in church and will also be posted to the webpage. Daily Mass will be in the chapel. Your parish envelope may be dropped off at the parish office (2125 North



21st Street) Monday-Thursday from 8:30am - 4:00pm or mailed. You are welcome to place your envelope in the offertory at St. Cabrini, please make sure to include your name if you are not using your envelope. Our new air conditioning unit is expected in July, with installation to take two weeks. Preparation work is being down now. Thanking for your patience and understanding, St. Joseph Church has 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, and 7:30am and 9:30am on Sunday. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, and 7:00am, 10:00am and 5:00pm on Sunday.

“When I was hungry or thirsty, when I was naked, when I was a stranger, you helped me.” This weekend (July 19 and 20), Father Daniel Vogt, a veteran missionary in Guatemala, will visit our parish, as part of the **Missionary Cooperation of the Diocese of Springfield**, to speak about the Casa de Migrante Beatos Tulio Maruzzo y Luis Obdulio Arroyo, located in the Apostolic Vicariate of Izabal in northeastern Guatemala. The Casa was established to attend to the passing of migrants on foot from Central and South America on their way to the USA or more recently, deported or defeated on their way to their countries of origin. Each day an average of 75 persons, 70% men, 20% women and 10% children, receive attention with food, water, showers and bathrooms, used clothes and shoes, first aid among other services. Depending on the need, the migrants can stay overnight at the Casa, and in emergency cases a bit longer. This service is a direct work of the Church in Izabal and receives the support of all of the parishes; until recent months some economic support was received by international agencies. Now more than ever, the Casa needs your support so that we can continue treat the migrants with dignity. Your important donation in the special collection will be appreciated. May the Lord multiply your generosity.

Diocesan Debt... On page three of the bulletin you will see the Diocesan Debt for the end Fiscal 25. Thank you for your generous support to the parish! A note from Bishop Paprocki... Saint Aloysius Parish has been up to date with payments to the Diocese, for over the past three years, and has made additional payments towards the parish debt. I commend you on your efforts to stay on track with debt reduction, while still being committed stewards to your current building needs.

The St. Aloysius Street Ministry is in need of men's socks. At least 1600 pairs of socks a year and our supply is running low. We are having a sock collection the month of July and August. What is needed is men's crew socks and ankle socks. If this is something you feel you can help us with please put the socks in the Street Ministry bins in the back of church and we will make sure they get to our brothers in need on the streets of Springfield. Thank you for your continued support of St. Aloysius Street Ministry.

This July kicks off our annual Summer Hunger campaign that helps to fund **Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry Program**. The Mobile Food Pantry reaches out to feed disadvantaged people facing poverty in rural communities across our 28-county diocese. Our 7 Mobile Food Pantry trucks deliver meat, fresh produce, dairy and non-perishable food items all year long to those in need. We humbly ask you to consider a gift to help us continue to feed God's children through our mission to “extend to all the healing and empowering presence of Jesus.” Every gift you give, no matter how small, makes a difference. Donate today at: https://cc.dio.org/ways_to_give/donate.

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

July 21 Weekday

July 22 St. Mary Magdalene
7:00am Kay Morrow+

July 23 Weekday
7:00am All Souls +

July 24 Weekday
7:00am Sandra Scott+

July 25 St. James
6:00pm Judith Guinn+

July 26 St. Joachim and St. Anne

July 27 Seventeenth Ordinary Sunday
Sat 4:00pm No Mass

Sun 7:00am Steve Tapocik+
All Parishioners+

Sun 11:00am No Mass

Around the Church

Springfield Right To Life... There will be a Pro-Life Bridges event at the West Lakeshore Drive overpass in Springfield on Saturday, July 26, from 9:30-11:30am. Please join us as we share the Pro-Life message with hundred of motorist. Call 217 -523-2700 for additional information.

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

Save the Date... The KC #4175 ladies' auxiliary is having a Barnyard Boogie dance on Saturday, September 20th from 7:00 - 10:00pm. Adults only, cash bar, light snacks provided, \$5.00 cover charge to help pay for the DJ. Not strictly country music but requests are encouraged, we'd like to encourage folks to come and have some fun dancing and socializing.

Stewardship Reflection... 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. "... I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." colossians 1:25. We are all called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

Summer Parish Office Hours... The Parish office will be closed on Friday, July 25.

Please Remember... Daily mass is in the side chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration... Chapel • EVERY Friday • 7:00am– 5:00pm. Come spend an hour with the Lord.

Springfield Deanery, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Meeting. Saturday, August 2nd at 10:00am at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 320 E. State St., Jacksonville, IL. Hosted by the Our Savior Parish Altar & Rosary Society, lunch will be served with a \$5 suggested donation. Free parking is available behind the KC Hall and across the street. The featured speaker is Mike Armstrong (38-year member of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Chatham), on the topic of Creation Care of the Earth under Pope Francis' Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, and Care of the Body (Diabetes). Mike and his wife Vickie have been married for 53 years, have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. He has had Type 1 Diabetes for 63 years. Mike is an active volunteer with Climate Crisis or Change Education. Board memberships have included the Chatham School Board, Sertoma Club, and Helping Hands Shelter. Mike follows the teachings of our last three Popes: John Paul II, Benedict, and Francis. All were very vocal about climate, its effects on the poor, and our Catholic duty of creation care for our precious earth! Please RSVP by July 26th to Spfld Deanery President Deborah Pilapil, 217-361-7165, voice/text.

Documents of Vatican II, Continued... Mark your calendars for Aug 21, Sept 18 and Oct 23 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

Thank you to everyone **who volunteers** to help in the many ministries of our parish. Your time and talent are greatly appreciated.

Don't forget to sign up for State Fair Parking...You will also be able to volunteer through Sign-Up Genius... www.signupgenius.com

Prayer for Pope Leo... XIV Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd, Pope Leo, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world. Amen. Let us pray for the pope. May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and not hand him over to the power of his enemies. May your hand be upon your holy servant. And upon your son, whom you have anointed. Our Father ..., Hail Mary ..., Glory be ...



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



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Under Construction**

6/27-7/31

Sunday Mass in the church at 7:00 AM only (with fans).

Weekday Masses in the side chapel (with a/c).

St. Cabrini Church (1020 N. Milton Avenue) offers:
5:30 PM Mass on Saturday
9:30 AM Mass on Sunday

July 20, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a | Col 1:24-28 | Lk 10:38-42

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Are you a Martha or a Mary? How many times have we been presented with that question when we hear today's Gospel reading? At first ask, similar to many people, I would answer that I'm easily a Martha. I'm a perfectionist in many areas of my life, especially when it comes to my work or when I host dinner for friends and family. In those moments, I put a lot of pressure on myself to be the best I can be, to do the job well, and demonstrate the utmost hospitality. But as with Martha, too much focus on being "perfect" can cause worry and anxiety. But this year, hearing the story again, I realized something: There *are* times when I'm able to put those worries and anxieties aside and sit at the feet of Jesus just like Mary did, and I want to make that happen more often.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

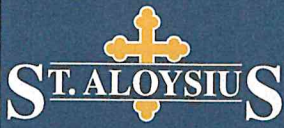
Although it has been several weeks since we celebrated the Sacred Triduum and we are back in Ordinary Time, the realization that I can be more like Mary than Martha has stayed with me. During the Triduum, we are asked by the Church to maintain a time of prayer, reverence, and, particularly on Holy Saturday, silence, as we reflect on Christ's death. This has always been the one time a year when I am able to find my "inner Mary" and sit at the feet of Christ. I thought the only way to do that was to completely shut myself off from everything, but that is not how God wants to be present in our lives. He wants to be with us always and seeks us where we are. With that realization, I learned that I can sit at his feet during my times of work or bustling as well. It can be as simple as listening to prayers on an app or praise and worship music while cooking dinner, or saying a prayer before I sit down to complete the next task at work and asking Jesus to be with me. This is a start to being more like Mary even during my busy periods. And by finding my inner "Mary," I find Jesus. So can you.

PRAY

Read through the Gospel again. Don't assume you have to stay stuck in the rhythm of being "Martha" when you know you long for a closer relationship with Jesus. Life is full of busyness and seemingly endless tasks, but being perfect will not bring calm. But inviting Jesus into those busy moments will. And when you do, Jesus will calm any anxieties you may have because you have "chosen the better part and it will not be taken from [you]."



By Johannes Vermeer, Christ in the House of Martha and Mary - Google Arts & Culture - https://www.wikiwand.com/en/File:Johannes_Vermeer_-_Christ_in_the_House_of_Martha_and_Mary_-_WGA01702.jpg, Public Domain.



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