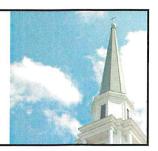
Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

A Discipleship Parish

July 27, 2025 - Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary in Time



Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

Today's Scripture readings focuses on the power of prayer and teaches us what to pray for and how to pray. When we want something we pray. There are so many things we need to pray for our parish and for our family.

The first reading, taken from the book of Genesis, gives us the model for prayer provided by Abraham in his dialogue with God. Although Abraham seems to be, persistent intercession, God is being moved to mercy by the

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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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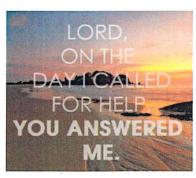
Church: (217) 544-4554 Fax: (217) 544-1680 School: (217) 544-4553 Fax: (217) 544-1680 goodness of a few innocent souls. In the Gospel passage, after teaching a model prayer, Jesus instructs his disciples to pray to God their Heavenly Father with the same boldness, daring, intimacy, conviction, persistence and perseverance Abraham and his friends prayed.

Prayer is essential for Christian family life. To remain faithful in marriage, the spouses must pray, not only individually, but together for forgiveness. Forgiveness is not easy. Forgiveness is not forgetting. It is not "forgive and forget" as if nothing wrong had ever happened, but rather, "forgive and move forward". Forgiveness does not overlook evil or injustice for that would be to deny the truth. Forgiveness does not mean approval. Forgiveness begins with knowing you have been forgiven. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. Forgiveness recognizes that people are always bigger than their faults. If we look for the good, it is easier to forgive the bad. Forgiveness allows the other person to start over again. Forgiveness wishes the other well, and even prays for the blessing of the other person. "Love your enemies; pray for those who persecute you." Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future.

Through the Our Father, Jesus is giving us a new vision of human relationships, that we all, irrespective of our color, creed or social background, and ethnic upbringing, are the children of God and thereby are brothers and sisters. When we learn this lesson, if we can learn this lesson, if we are able to treat God as our Father and love Him accordingly, and if we are able to treat every other human being as our own dear brothers and sisters and love them accordingly then, only we shall experience the Kingdom of God here on earth and enjoy this in the next life. When we love each other and forgive each other's failings, God also will love us and forgive us. This is the foundation of true faith.

Thank you for your generous contribution and prayers.

Fr. George Nellikunnel





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

Principal's Page

Mrs. Denise Reavis

Sign up for Illinois State Fair Parking...State Fair Parking is a great school fund-



raiser 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 mitch8275@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

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@saintaloysius.org) or Denise Reavis Catholic Schools (denise.reavis@saintaloysius.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, August 2 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 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@saintaloysius.org or angie.daniels@saintaloysius.org

Happy Summer Vacation to our Parish family. Thank you for your wonderful support. We look forward to seeing you Monday, August 18th!

— Parish Data —

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	PA	ARISH CALENDAR	Weekly Offering				
July 27 July 29	7:00am 7:00am	Morning Mass Morning Mass	Week 2	July 13	Total to Date		
July 30 July 30	7:00am 9:00am	Morning Mass Legion of Mary	Weekly Offertory	\$5,879.75	\$10,559.75		
July 31 July 31	7:00am 6:00pm	Morning Mass Parish Council Meeting	Shepherd one Student	\$566.00	\$736.00		
August 1		Parish Office Closed	Building Fund	\$1,200.00	\$5,500.00		
August 1 August 1	7:00am 5:00pm	Adoration Benediction	Bingo	\$1,436.00	\$3,367.00		
August 1 August 1	5:30pm 6:00pm	Rosary Evening Mass	Billigo	\$1,430.00	ψ3,307.00		
August 2 August 3	11:45am	Bingo Morning Mass	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.				
August 5 August 6		Morning Mass Morning Mass	Weekly Offerings budget for the month of July is \$40,000.00. We have received 26% of needed funding to meet essentials.				
August 6	9:00am	Legion of Mary	Parish Community Tithe				



Special Prayers and Blessing

Please pray for the repose soul of ...

David L. Jones

Eternal Rest Grant to him. O Lord.

Let perpetual light shine on him.

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, payas we-go obligation. Tithe – May- \$4,213.00

Weekly Attendance - July 20				Debt/Accrued Deficits	
Sat 4:00pm	Sun 7:00am	Sun 11:00am	Total	Unpaid Diocesan Liabilities	
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5	67	,	67	Amount owed (June 30, 2025)	\$249,997.03

Parish Ministry Schedule - August 3 (not available)

Sunday, 7:00am							
Cantor							
Lector							
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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 Perkinton, 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 the first of August, Mass will only be offered at 7:00am the weekend of (Sunday) August 3 and 10. Hopefully and prayerfully the installation work will begin the first of August. 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.

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.

Come walk with St. Aloysius Parish in the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade, Thurs-



day, August 7! Please meet at Lincoln Park between 5:00-5:30pm. St. Aloysius is spot #37. There will be plenty of candy to pass out. If you ate interested in walking, please contact Brad Mills @ 217-306-5385/ milsico38@aol.com or the parish office/ debbie.mandeville@saintaloysius.org.

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 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.

Catholic Charites Summer Hunger Campaign... 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 nonperishable 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.

Dive Deep Podcast... New Hope for Fulton Sheen's Beatification After Couple Talks To Pope Leo – Why is there new hope for Archbishop Fulton Sheen's Beatification after a Peoria couple talks with Pope Leo XIV about Sheen's cause, which has a pause on it right now? What did the Holy Father say? Go to youtube.com/diospringfield or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

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 28 Weekday July 29 Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

7:00am All Souls +

July 30 St. Ignatius of Loyola, 7:00am William Bredemeyer +

July 31 Weekday 7:00am Marilyn Gustafson+

August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori 6:00pm Thelma Titone+

August 2 Weekday

August 3 Eighteenth Ordinary Sunday Sat 4:00pm No Mass

Sun7:00am Leonard Naumovich+ All Parishioners +

Sun11:00am No Mass

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.

Married 50 Years or More? Let Us Celebrate You! Bishop Thomas John Paprocki invites all couples who have been married 50 years or more to a special Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 21 at 2:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. This celebration honors your beautiful witness to the vocation of marriage. A light reception submitted photos will follow September 9 to: dio.org mass-for les-married-50-years-or-more registartion/ or contact Gracie Ortiz at: gortiz@dio.o or (217) 698- 8500. Let us honor your milestone of faith and love!

Stewardship Reflection... 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9 Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

Mass Intentions.. During the celebration of Mass, those wishing to honor a loved one who has passed or celebrating a special milestone may offer a "special intention". These special intentions are offered to God as prayers of intercession and thanksgiving. Intentions can be offered for anyone. They do not need to be parishioners or even catholic. A Mass stipend of \$10 per intention is suggested, specific dates may not be available. To schedule a Mass Intention, please call the Parish office (217-544-4554) for more information.

Covenant Network Catholic Radio is broadcast on various stations throughout the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. Here in Springfield listen on: 88.9 FM / W205BG & 104.9 FM / W285EX.

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

Summer Parish Office Hours... The Parish office will be closed on thru Friday, August 15th.

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.



July 27, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32 | Col 2:12-14 | Lk 11:1-13

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Sounds lovely, doesn't it? I remember understanding this verse as though God is like a genie in a bottle and prayer is like a delivery service. But when I encountered true hardship, this interpretation was tested. I was seeking, but I couldn't find what I wanted. My request seemed to go unanswered. I was asking, but my hands were empty. I couldn't reconcile this. Did this mean God wasn't telling me the truth? Trusting that couldn't be the case, I pressed in a little harder. In time, and through the grace of God, I realized I'd been reading this verse through selfish eyes. I was understanding this passage to say, "ask for whatever you feel like in the moment, and I'll drop it on your doorstep." But what does Jesus actually say? He says that if we ask, he will always give us the Holy Spirit. This understanding can change how we pray. The Lord doesn't promise to instantly cure our maladies, or to remove every ounce of pain on this side of the veil. But he does promise to send his Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be with us through it all. And that is far better than any type of delivery service.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's psalm echoes the Gospel message that the Lord never abandons us. In our response, we unite our voices with the universal Church as we say, "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me." We encounter hardship on a daily basis. From the tiny irritations that tempt our tempers to flare to the heavy crosses we carry, we are reminded of how much we need God's help. And yet, how often is our response to turn inward and grow weary, discouraged, or angry? Next time we come eye to eye with a challenge, let's try to respond like the psalmist, and cry out to the Advocate. He is very near. Come Holy Spirit.

REFLECT

We are reminded in today's readings that the Lord is always near, that he hears us, and that he responds generously. Thank God this is true even when it doesn't seem like it. As we face our daily hardships, let's not forget to ask Jesus for help. Don't forget that he never rations the Spirit, and though he will never force himself on you, he's waiting eagerly to pour his love into your heart. Ask! Seek! Knock! He knows your voice, and he is ready to respond.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH

Come walk with St. Aloysius Parish in the Illinois State Fair Twilight Paradel Please meet at Lincoln Park between 5:00-5:30pm. St. Aloysius is spot #37. There will be plenty of candy to pass out.



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