

St. Aloysius Church 64 Church St. P.O. Box 542 Gilbertville, MA 01031



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Mass Schedule and Reconciliation

Welcome

to

our

Parish!

St. Aloysius Church: Saturday 4:00 P. M. and Sunday 7:30 A.M. St. Augustine Mission: Sunday 9:00 A.M.

Weekday Mass times: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 A.M. at St. Aloysius Church

Reconciliation— Saturday 3:00 P.M. at St. Aloysius Church or by appointment.

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, July 19—at St. Aloysius 4:00pm - Rikki LaMonda by Carol

Sunday, July 20—at St. Aloysius
7:30am - Mary B. Sadowski by Mary King

at St. Augustine - 9:00am

Monday, July 21—at St. Aloysius 8:00am - Megan Rae Fitzgerald by the Fitzgerald Family

<u>Tuesday, July 22—at St. Aloysius</u> 8:00am

Wednesday, July 23—at St. Aloysius 8:00am

<u>Saturday, July 26—at St. Aloysius</u> 4:00pm - **Ben St. George** by Lynne St. George

Sunday, July 27—at St. Aloysius 7:30am -

at St. Augustine - 9:00am



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do like-wise." (Luke 10:37) This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that you don't like. All without expecting anything in return.

Offertory Collection**

<u>July 12-13, 2025</u>

St. Aloysius - \$1,523.00

St. Augustine - \$583.00

**This includes all envelopes given in the collection

1-20 Club News

Greetings!

Please join us for our final 1-20 Club drawing complimentary "thank you " breakfast following the 9:00am mass this Sunday morning July 20th.

5 PRIZES

5th \$50.00

4th \$50.00

3rd \$100.00

2nd \$100.00

...and a drum roll please

1st \$500.00

We welcome all members (and any members to-be) to come and enjoy a yummy breakfast and meet our Associate Pastor

Fr. Don Quellette

Waiting on the Lord: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God wants to dwell with each of us personally, intimately—as the mysterious guests once visited Abraham's tent, as Jesus once entered the home of Mary and Martha.

By his hospitality in this week's First Reading, Abraham shows us how we are to welcome the Lord into our lives. His selfless service of his divine guests (see Hebrews 13:1) stands in contrast to the portrait of Martha drawn in this week's Gospel.

Where Abraham is concerned only for the well-being of his guests, Martha speaks only of herself—"Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself...? Tell her to help me." Jesus' gentle rebuke reminds us that we risk missing the divine in the mundane, that we can fall into the trap of believing that God somehow needs to be served by human hands (see Acts 17:25).



Our Lord comes to us not to be served but to serve (see Matthew 20:28). He gave His life that we might know the one thing we need, the "better part," which is life in the fellowship of God.

Jesus is the true Son promised today by Abraham's visitors (see Matthew 1:1). In Him, God has made an everlasting covenant for all time; He has made us blessed descendants of Abraham (see Genesis 17:19, 21; Romans 4:16–17, 19–21).

The Church now offers us this covenant, bringing to completion the word of God, the promise of His plan of salvation, what Paul calls "the mystery hidden for ages."

As once He came to Abraham, Martha, and Mary, Christ now comes to each of us in Word and Sacrament. As we sing in this week's Psalm: He will make His dwelling with those who keep His Word and practice justice (see also John 14:23).

If we do these things, we will not be anxious or disturbed. We will not have our Lord taken from us. We will wait on the Lord, Who told Abraham and Who tells each of us: "I will surely return to you."

Safe Environment

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact our diocesan office of Healing & Prevention at **508-929-4363** (direct line and confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

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The One Thing Necessary

...you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only on thing. Luke10:41-42

In this familiar scene of Martha welcoming and serving and Mary assuming a disciple's pose of sitting at Jesus' feet, can we temporarily set aside any judgment and focus instead on Jesus addressing these words to us?

Are we consumed by worry and grantic about the details of our day, or overwhelmed by the long-standing concerns we carry for ourselves and the people we love? Can we share all of that with the Holy One and give it over to the tender heart of God, trusting that the Divine will not abandon us but will instead walk beside us as we move into an unknown future?

And what is that one thing for u s right now? More engaged prayer? Fencemending with someone who has wounded us? Opening our heart to a neighbor in need?



Holy One, illumine my life so that I may truly see as you do.

Sr.Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M.

Mission Statement

"We, the faith community of the St. Aloysius Church and St. Augustine Mission, as part of cluster 36 and the Worcester Diocese, who in union with the Catholic Church throughout the world, proclaim our belief in the message and mission of Jesus Christ, as we strive to fulfill our Baptismal covenant, by nurturing our individual and spiritual growth in our care for one another."