



**Welcome
to
our
Parish!**

July 26 & 27, 2025

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



St. Augustine Mission
98 Church Lane
Wheelwright, MA 01094

Mass Schedule and Reconciliation

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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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, July 26—at St. Aloysius

4:00pm - Ben St. George by Lynne St. George

Sunday, July 27—at St. Aloysius

7:30am-for the parishioners of the entire parish

at St. Augustine -

9:00am - Francis & Irene Messier

by their son, Vincent

Monday, July 28—at St. Aloysius

8:00am - Megan Rae Fitzgerald

by the Fitzgerald Family

Tuesday, July 29—at St. Aloysius

8:00am-for the parishioners of the entire parish

Wednesday, July 30—at St. Aloysius

8:00am

Saturday, August 2—at St. Aloysius

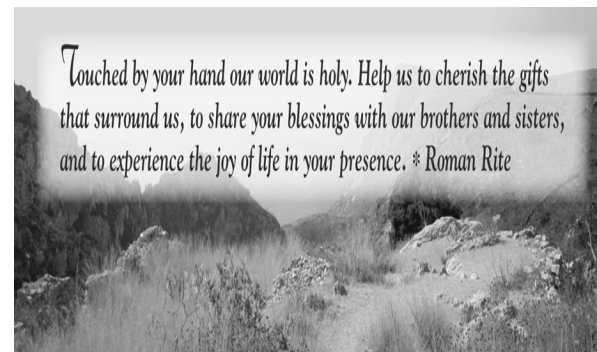
4:00pm - Felix Pikul by Richard St. George

Sunday, August 3—at St. Aloysius

7:30am - Evelyn Laford by Laford Family

at St. Augustine -

9:00am-for the parishioners of the entire parish



*Touched by your hand our world is holy. Help us to cherish the gifts
that surround us, to share your blessings with our brothers and sisters,
and to experience the joy of life in your presence. * Roman Rite*

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“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.

Offertory Collection**

July 19-20, 2025

St. Aloysius - \$972.00

St. Augustine - \$870.00

**This includes all envelopes given in the collection

1-20 Club—Final Drawing Congratulations to the winners

\$50.00 #35 Rebekah Despres

\$50.00 #111 Sue Silver

\$100.00 #65 Linda Grady

\$100.00 #156 Lynne St. George

\$500.00 #163 Beth & Brian McDuffie

Net profit is \$2884.15.

As always, our sincere thanks are extended to everyone who supports our club. You are appreciated! Our new club has started. If interested in joining, please contact Suzanne Durand:

Mail - to Suzanne Durand, 132 Hardwick Rd., Gilbertville, Ma 01031
or through Venmo @Suzanne Durand-2
or call Suzie @ 413-477-6510 or
@413-364 2525 or see her at church!

Asked and Answered: Scott Hahn Reflects on the
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Though we be “but dust and ashes,” we can presume to draw near and speak boldly to our Lord, as Abraham dares to do in this week’s First Reading.

But even Abraham—the friend of God (see Isaiah 41:8), our father in the faith (see Romans 4:12)—did not know the intimacy that we know as children of Abraham, heirs of the blessings promised to his descendants (see Galatians 3:7, 29).

The mystery of prayer, as Jesus reveals to His disciples in this week’s Gospel, is the living relationship of beloved sons and daughters with their heavenly Father. Our prayer is pure gift, made possible by the “good gift” of the Father—the Holy Spirit of His Son. It is the fruit of the New Covenant by which we are made children of God in Christ Jesus (see Galatians 4:6–7; Romans 8:15–16).



Through the Spirit given to us in Baptism, we can cry to Him as our Father—knowing that when we call He will answer.

Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God’s mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah.

For the sake of the one just Man, Jesus, God spared the city of man from destruction (see Jeremiah 5:1; Isaiah 53), “obliterating the bond against us,” as Paul says in this week’s Epistle.

On the Cross, Jesus bore the guilt of us all. He canceled the debt we owed to God, the death we deserved to die for our transgressions. We pray as ones who have been visited in our affliction and saved from our enemies, as ones who have been spared.

We pray always a prayer of thanksgiving, which is the literal meaning of “Eucharist.” We have realized the promise of this week’s Psalm: we worship in His holy temple, in the presence of angels, hallowing His name.

In confidence we ask, knowing that we will receive, that He will bring to completion what He has done for us—raising us from the dead, bringing us to everlasting life along with Him.

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.

www.worcesterdiocese.org

Judith Audette 508-726-2880

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St. Aloysius
Catholic School
NEWS
Parent Teacher Organization

The PTO summer planning meeting is Tuesday, July 29, from 10:00am until noon. This meeting will be held to plan for events for the coming year 2025-2026. The meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall at the school.



St. Augustine News
Holiday Fair 2025

Did you know that members of St. Augustine Parish are already planning and preparing for the the annual Holiday Fair, Nov.22nd? The Fair features “theme baskets” craft items, baked goods and special drawings. Lunch and dessert are also available for purchase. If you would like to know more about the fair and how you can help, please contact Patti Schaaf at 1-413-237-6118.

Prayer Unites Us to God

There shall be no strange god among you nor shall you worship any alien god.
Psalm 81:10

St. Alphonsus Liguori took the worship of God and dally prayer seriously: “There is a practice that is most powerful in keeping us united with God. That practice is the constant recollection of his presence.” He preached the nearness of God, extolling God’s approachability : “Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with him familiarly and with confidence and love, as the dearest and most loving of friends.”

Alphonsus considered adoration of the Blessed Sacrament a very special opportunity: “You may be sure that of all the moments of your life, the time you spend before the divine Sacrament will be that which will give you more strength during life and more consolation at the hour of your death...”

Finally. Alphonsus suggests keeping sight of the hope of heaven: “The brightest ornaments in the crown of the blessed in heaven are the sufferings which they have borne patiently on earth.”

St. Alphonsus Liguori, pray for us!

Pat Gohn

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."