

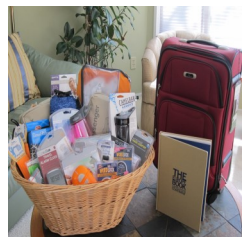
August 2 & 3, 2025



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

There will be a Holiday Fair meeting on August 10th after the 9:00am Mass in St. Augustine's Church Hall. There are lots of things we need to discuss, so please plan on attending. All are welcome!

Prayer Unites Us to God

*There shall be no strange god
among you nor shall you
worship any alien god.*

Psalms 81:10

St. Alphonsus Liguori took the worship of God and daily 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."



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

**Welcome
to
our
Parish!**

August 2 & 3, 2025



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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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Monday, August 4—at St. Aloysius
8:00am -

Tuesday, August 5—at St. Aloysius
8:00am - **Wesley Laford** by the Laford Family

Wednesday, August 6—at St. Aloysius
8:00am

Saturday, August 9—at St. Aloysius
4:00pm - **Paul Gunther** by Lynne St. George

Sunday, August 10—at St. Aloysius
7:30am -

at St. Augustine -
9:00am -

Not the goods of the world,
but God.

Not riches, *but God.*

Not honors, *but God.*

Not distinction, *but God.*

Not dignities, *but God.*

Not advancement, *but God.*

God always and in everything.

-ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” (Luke 12:15) The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our “invisible” gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from “emptying” ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

Offertory Collection**

July 26-27, 2025

St. Aloysius - \$1,264.00
St. Augustine - \$426.00

**This includes all envelopes given in the collection

pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY AUGUST 24TH
9:00 AM Until 11:00 AM

\$10

To Be Held At The
St. Mary's Church Hall
57 South Street Ware
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

TICKETS ON SALE
Sold After Mass At
St Mary's, All Saints
& St Aloysius Church
Also Available By Calling
KofC 413-277-5000

MENU
Pancakes
Sausage
Home Fries
Juice, Coffee
or Tea

The Fool’s Vanity: Scott Hahn Reflects on the
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Trust in God—as the Rock of our salvation, as the Lord who made us His chosen people, as our shepherd and guide. This should be the mark of our following of Jesus.

Like the Israelites we recall in this week’s Psalm Response, we have made an exodus, passing through the waters of Baptism, freeing us from our bondage to sin. We too are on a pilgrimage to a promised homeland, the Lord in our midst, feeding us heavenly bread, giving us living waters to drink (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4).

We must take care to guard against the folly that befell the Israelites, that led them to quarrel and test God’s goodness at Meribah and Massah.

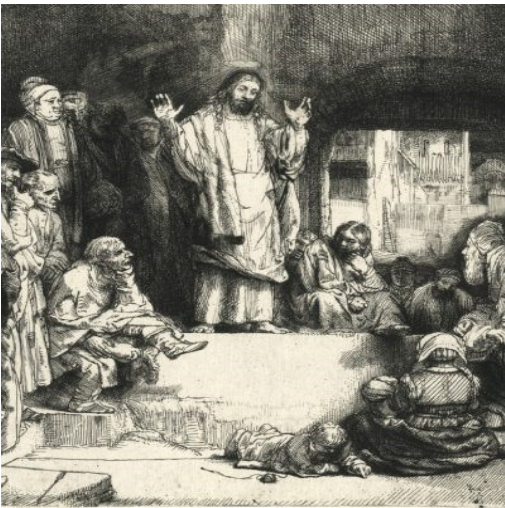
We can harden our hearts in ways more subtle but no less ruinous. We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, kid ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they’ll afford us security and rest.

All this is “vanity of vanities,” a false and deadly way of living, as this week’s First Reading tells us.

This is the greed that Jesus warns against in this week’s Gospel. The rich man’s anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God’s care and provision. That’s why Paul calls greed “idolatry” in the Epistle this week. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker (see Romans 1:25).

Jesus calls the rich man a “fool”—a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him (see Psalm 14:1).

We should treasure most the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven. We have to see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment—this night even—demand it back from us.



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

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