



Welcome to our Parish!

Aug. 9 & 10, 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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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Sunday, August 10 at St. Aloysius
7:30am - for Fr. Tom Egan

at St. Augustine -
9:00am - Jack Grant by Rose Grant

Monday, August 11, at St. Aloysius
8:00am for all who serve our country

Tuesday, August 12 at St. Aloysius
8:00am - for the parishioners of St. Aloysius
and St. Augustine

Wednesday, August 13 at St. Aloysius
8:00am Communion Service

Thursday, August 14 St. Aloysius
8:00am Communion Service

**Friday, August 15 - The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**
8:00am at St. Aloysius
12:00 noon at St. Augustine

Saturday, August 16—at St. Aloysius
4:00pm - Megan Rae Fitzgerald
by Fitzgerald Family

Sunday, August 17—at St. Aloysius
7:30am - for peace in the world

at St. Augustine
9:00am—for our homebound parishioners

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*For where your treasure is, there also will
your heart be.” (Luke 12:34)* Jesus encour-
ages us to build up our treasure in heav-
en. The world encourages us to build up our
treasure in real estate, investments, and mate-
rial goods. How much time are you invest-
ing in building up a worldly treasure? How
much time are you investing in building up a
heavenly treasure? To invest more in the
things of heaven, you must let go of some of
the things of this world.

Offertory Collection**

August 2-3, 2025

St. Aloysius - \$2,550.00

St. Augustine - \$879.00

**This includes all envelopes given in the collection

**pancake
Breakfast**

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

\$10

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

Also Available By Calling
KofC 413-277-5000

MENU
Pancakes
Sausage
Home Fries
Juice, Coffee
or Tea

KofC

*Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing.
Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could. ~ St. Gregory Nazianzen*

Faith of our Fathers: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are born of the faith of our fathers, descending from a great cloud of witnesses whose faith is attested to on every page of Scripture (see Hebrews 12:1). We have been made His people, chosen for His own inheritance, as we sing in this Sunday's Psalm.

The Liturgy this week sings the praises of our fathers, recalling the defining moments in our "family history." In the Epistle, we remember the calling of Abraham; in the First Reading we relive the night of the Exodus and the summons of the holy children of Israel.

Our fathers, we are told, trusted in the Word of God, put their faith in His oaths. They were convinced that what He promised, He would do.

None of them lived to see His promises made good. For it was not until Christ and His Church that Abraham's descendants were made as countless as the stars and sands (see Galatians 3:16–17, 29). It was not until His Last Supper and the Eucharist that "the sacrifice . . . the divine institution" of that first Passover was truly fulfilled.

And now we too await the final fulfillment of what God has promised us in Christ. As Jesus tells us in this week's Gospel, we should live with our loins girded—as the Israelites tightened their belts, cinched up their long robes and ate their Passover standing, vigilant and ready to do His will (see Exodus 12:11; 2 Kings 4:29).

The Lord will come at an hour we do not expect. He will knock on our door (see Revelation 3:20), inviting us to the wedding feast in the better homeland, the heavenly one that our fathers saw from afar, and which we begin to taste in each Eucharist.

As they did, we can wait with "sure knowledge," His Word like a lamp lighting our path (see Psalm 119:105). Our God is faithful, and if we wait in faith, hope in His kindness, and love as we have been loved, we will receive His promised blessing and be delivered from death.



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SCHOOL NEWS ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**Monday August 25
3 to 5PM**

To kick off the new school year, school families are invited to come to meet their child's teacher, see the new classroom, and reconnect with friends and meet new families.

There will be an ice cream truck serving treats by the playground.

263rd Hardwick Community Fair Originated in 1762 The oldest Fair in the United States

**Friday, August 15, 2025
Saturday, 16, 2025**

There will be many events and
Demonstrations on both days

Friday, August 15

6:00 PM - Opening Ceremonies & Fair
Dedication

6:15 - Lumberjack Contest

Saturday, August 16

7:30-10:30 - Pancake Breakfast

9:00 am - Exhibit Hall Open

Snacks and food are available for purchase
both days.

*...Faith is the realization of
what is hoped for and evidence
of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1*

Faith is one of the most basic virtues necessary for our spiritual lives. The meaning of faith, however, can be challenging to understand. The above verse about faith is classic and well known. Another translation reads that "faith is confident assurance...and it is conviction about things we do not see." The entire eleventh chapter of Hebrews encourages us with numerous examples of faith.

I also like the concept expressed by the Bengali poet, Tagore. He says; "Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings while the dawn is still dark." With faith, we often walk in darkness, trusting the light will be waiting.

We trust a person for three reasons. The person knows the truth, speaks the truth and will not deliberately deceive us. Jesus eminently fulfills those three conditions. On that foundation we can, with confident assurance, base the entirety of our lives, both here and the hereafter.

Fr. James McKarns

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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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."