



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.

Fleeting Summer Days

At this time of year, some of us are taking advantage of quickly ending vacation days. However, many of us are getting our children and ourselves ready for the first day of school, Did I say school? How quickly time flies!  
In our thoughts and in our prayers, let’s remember our school children, their parents and our teachers for the upcoming school year.

Mrs. “D”

Choosing Sides

*Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.* Luke 12:51

Do you hear that?

Jesus’ followers must have been shocked. The rabbi who had worked miracles and spoke of building treasure in heaven was talking about upheaval conflict, division. Say *what?*

But Jesus had a point. When he described families being torn apart, he spoke of them being divided by generations , the old against the new. He offered a radical way of life. he expected resistance.

The fact is, the way of Christ is hard, even extreme. Loving your enemies? Praying for your persecutors? How can someone live like that?

This passage reminds us that following Christ isn’t easy; choosing sides rarely is. In our own day, it challenges us: Which side are we on? Are we prepared to be countercultural, even radical?

When it comes to choosing a side, can we go against the tide and choose the most radical way of all, the way of love?

Deacon Greg Kandra

**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  
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**Welcome  
to  
our  
Parish!**

**Aug. 16 & 17, 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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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

**Sunday, August 17—at St. Aloysius**  
7:30am -

**at St. Augustine -**  
9:00am -

**Monday, August 18—at St. Aloysius**  
8:00am - Communion Service

**Tuesday, August 19—at St. Aloysius**  
8:00am - Communion Service

**Wednesday, August 20—at St. Aloysius**  
8:00am - Communion Service



**Thursday, August 21—at St. Aloysius**  
8:00am - Communion Service

**Friday, August 22—at St. Aloysius**  
8:00am - Communion Service

**Saturday, August 23—at St. Aloysius**  
4:00pm - **Michael Howe** by Richard St. George

**Sunday, August 24—at St. Aloysius**  
7:30am - **Heidi L. Sadowski** by Mary King

**at St. Augustine -**  
9:00am -

  
*Almighty God,*  
your care extends beyond the  
boundaries of race and nation  
to the hearts of all who live.  
May the walls which prejudice  
raises between us, crumble  
beneath the shadow of your  
outstretched arm.  
- Roman Rite  


20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” (Luke 12:51)* Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don’t want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

**Offertory Collection\*\***

**August 9-10, 2025**

St. Aloysius - \$1,663.25  
St. Augustine - \$540.00

\*\*This includes all envelopes given in the collection



**Pancake Breakfast**

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



**MENU**  
Pancakes  
Sausage  
Home Fries  
Juice, Coffee  
or Tea

**\$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**

Consuming Fire: Scott Hahn Reflects on the  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us (see Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 4:24). And in this week’s Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship.

The fire He has come to cast on the earth is the fire that He wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth (see Genesis 2:7) and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in Baptism (see Luke 3:16).

We were baptized into His death (see Romans 6:3). This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which He must be baptized is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth (see Acts 2:3).

The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God’s Word (see 1 Corinthians 3:13).

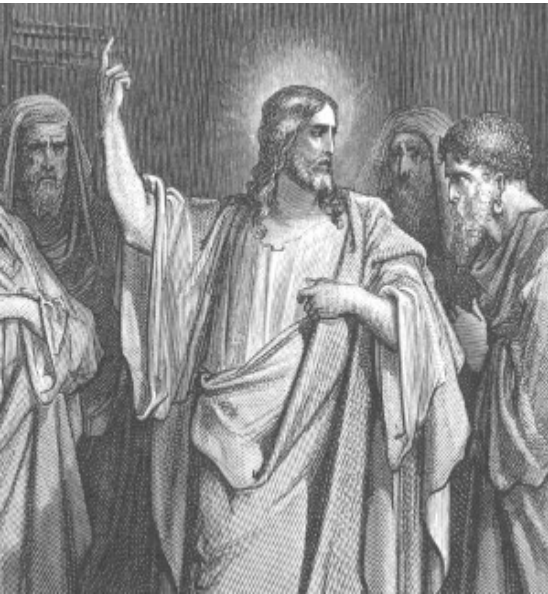
In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week’s Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week.

But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of the God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace (see Jeremiah 8:11). It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood.

But Christ is our peace (see Ephesians 2:14). By His Cross He has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death—as He will rescue the prophet Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 38:10).

And as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer.



**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](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org)

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