

August 30 & 31, 2025



## SCHOOL NEWS

On Tuesday orientation for teachers and staff began with Mass followed by a very delicious breakfast. The teachers were happy to see each other and enjoyed

talking about their family summer vacations. We welcomed new teachers and staff to our school community. The PTO provided snacks and goodies that were available throughout the morning.

Chief Kevin Landine attended the our meeting to talk about safety. We were happy to have Fr. Don join us for the staff meeting. All in all the one thing we all agreed upon is we are happy to be together and look forward to seeing the students.

Our first day of school began on Wednesday. It was exciting to see so many of our children both old and new eager to begin classes. We ender the day with this prayer.

**“Help me to be the Word of God For them.”**

*Lord Jesus, because we cannot do it alone, we thank you for giving us one another to lean on and learn from. As we set out to serve you, we ask that you guide us to teach only the truth, and only with love. Bless us and empower us to become your Word made real in our school, our church, our community and our world. Help to make us Fishers of Souls. Amen.*

## 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."*

***Affirming the Good We See***  
We give thanks to God always for all of you... 1 Thessalonians 1:2

*.Paul begins his first letter to the Thessalonians with beautiful words of affirmation. Tjen he gives specific examples of the Thessalonians' praiseworthy actions, namely, the ways they are living out their faith, love and hope. How encouraging his words must have been for them. Don't we all need some acknowledgement at times of the things we are doing right or well?*

*Today, we can reflect on the role encouragement has played in our lives. I, for one, would never have become a writer if I hadn't received encouragement from teachers, friends, editors and readers along the way. Next, we can take stock of the ways we are affirming others right now—Our family, friends, coworkers, the people we serve, the people who serve us. Remember, no one ever died from too much affirmation, but some people are shriveling for lack of it*

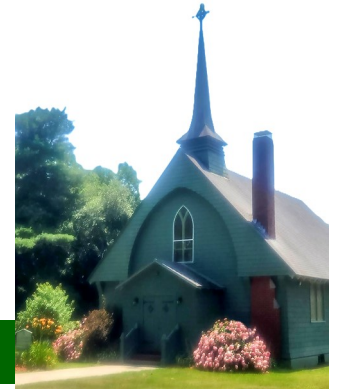
*Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N. D.*



**St. Aloysius Church**  
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**Welcome  
to  
our  
Parish!**

**Sept. 6 & 7, 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.

## Staff

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saturday, September 6 - at St. Aloysius**  
4:00pm - **Ben St. George** by Richard St. George

**Sunday, September 7 - at St. Aloysius**  
7:30am -

**at St. Augustine -**  
9:00am - **Arthur LaRocca 4th Anniv.** by  
Mike and Cathy LaRocca and family

**Monday, September 8**  
8am - **Martin Francis Fitzgerald** by Fitzgerald  
family

**Tuesday, September 9**  
8am - **Andrew Daigle** by family 2nd cousin of  
Fr. Don

**Wednesday, September 10**  
8am - For the democracy of our country by  
Anne Tuttle

**Thursday, September 11**  
8am - Communion Service

**Friday, September 12**  
8am - Communion Service

**Saturday, September 13**  
8am - **Megan Rose Fitzgerald** by Fitzgerald  
family

**Sunday, September 14**  
7:30 am - for the Souls in Purgatory

**at St. Augustin**  
9:00am - for the Souls in Purgatory

After 22 years of extraordinary service and commitment to our parish community as a manger of finances, manager , **Lynne St. George** has decided to retire for that role. We wish her well as she moves into an new phase of her life. May God continue to bless her, her family and friends.

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

*“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciples.” (Luke 14:33)*

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. all of our resources are entrusted not only for our own use but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we posses or are entitled to anything, it is easier to share the many gift that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

**Offertory Collection\*\***

**August 30-31, 2025**

St. Aloysius - \$1,668.00  
St. Augustine - \$537.00

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

**St. Augustine Mission**

**Holiday Fair News:** We are 3 months away from our Holiday Fair! Have you picked out a theme basket yet? If not, there’s still plenty of time to do so! Carol Irwin has the theme basket list and will be happy to help select the right one for you, or do you have one in mind that isn’t on the list? Let her know and we can add it! These baskets are always a highlight of our Fair! Let's get as many as we can!

**To Go Up Higher: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today’s First Reading, and the message of today’s Gospel.

Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all (see [Luke 22:24–27](#)).

This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages—filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud (see [Luke 1:52–53](#)).

We again call to mind the Exodus in today’s Psalm—how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance, becoming a “Father of orphans.”

We now have also gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table (see [Luke 6:7; 15:21](#)). We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood (see [1 Corinthians 6:19–20](#)).

The Lord promises that if we are humble we will be exalted and find favor with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous.

We anticipate the fulfillment of those promises in every Eucharist, today’s Epistle tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God. It is the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher (see [Proverbs 25:6–7](#)).



**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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