



**Welcome
to
our
Parish!**

Oct. 11 & 12, 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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Bulletin deadline: Each week, please submit bulletin items by Wednesday at 12:00 pm.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, October 11

8:00am - Megan Rae Fitzgerald by Fitzgerald Family

Sunday, October 12

7:30am - Charlie Lubelczyk by a friend

as St. Augustine

9:00am - Tim Jordan by Paul Jordan

Monday, October 13

8:00am

Tuesday, October 14

8:00am - Fr. Tom Egan

Wednesday, October 15

8:00am -

9:00am - School Mass - All are welcome.

Saturday, October 18

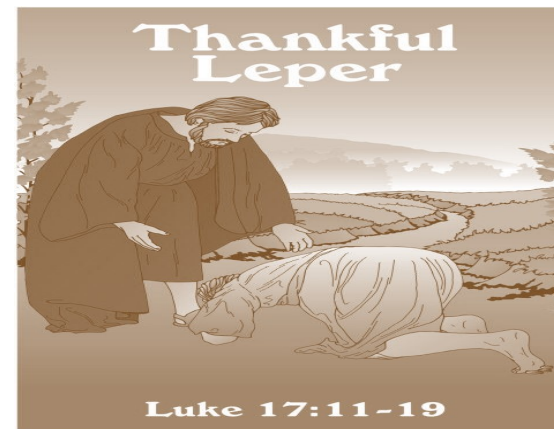
4:00pm Bebe St. George - by Family
(6th anniv)

Sunday, October 19

7:30am

at St. Augustine

9:00am - For the democracy of our country
by Anne Tuttle



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” (Luke 17:18) Most of us live relatively “easy” lives. We have food, shelter, clothing, and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn’t this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

Offertory Collection*

October 4 & 5 2025

St. Aloysius - \$2,332.00

St. Augustine - \$550.00

*This includes all envelopes given in the collection.

St. Augustine Holiday Fair

On November 22nd, St. Augustine will hold its annual Holiday Fair. It will feature a varied theme baskets, raffle ticket prizes including gift cards from local business and restaurants, \$500 in cash and much more. Try your luck to win a lottery tickets tree or a complete Thanksgiving turkey basket with all the fixins. Homemade crafts and yummy baked items will be for sale.

Don’t forget to save room for lunch!!

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Thinking and Thanking

Scott Hahn Reflects on the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today.

There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha's time, but only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God's Word and was cleansed (see Luke 5:12–14). Today's Gospel likewise implies that most of the ten lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites—but only a foreigner, the Samaritan, returned.

In a dramatic way, we're being shown today how faith has been made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church (see Isaiah 56:3–8).

Today's Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees—that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel. We see this day arriving in today's Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his "giving thanks" is the word we translate as "Eucharist."

And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life.

We, too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance—as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus.

We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice—falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation.

In this Eucharist, we remember "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David," Israel's covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today's Epistle, to persevere in this faith—that we too may live and reign with Him in eternal glory.

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.



School News

On a recent school day, students in grades 1 & 2 had the opportunity to welcome Fr. Don into their classroom. Fr. Don made a grade entrance bringing his keyboard with him. After a discussion on God's creation, Fr. Don taught the children a song. The classroom quickly filled with cheerful voices as the children started to sing along with him. Fr. Don's visit left a positive and lasting impression on the students of grades 1&2.

Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be having its annual Tootsie Roll Drive this weekend, Oct. 11th and 12th. Your donations will be used for the K or C charitable causes.

*Ten were cleansed, were they not
Where are the other nine? (Luke
17:17)*

Somewhere along the line, later than it should have been, I was reminded of the connection between thinking and thanking. It comes down to this. It's impossible to live thoughtfully without acknowledging, one's dependence on others for most everything that counts in life. That's preeminently true as it relates to our dependence on God.

We are not told why the other nine lepers in today's Gospel failed to give thanks. But I know that we're all dealing with stuff. For myself, I can only pay heed to whatever prevents me from living each day more gratefully and graciously and to make sure to give credit where credit is due.

The one large hearted Samaritan leper, the beneficiary of Christ's healing, shows us the way.

Fr. Dennis Gallagher, A.A.

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."