

St. Aloysius School News

From November 10th through the 18th, St. Aloysius Catholic School students participated in a food drive to benefit the Hardwick Food Pantry. Over the course of the 8 days nearly 800 units of food were gathered. There was a friendly competition among the classrooms, whereby the class that raised the most food would be entitled to a N.U.T. (No Uniform Today) day! Our smallest (but mightiest) class Kindergarten won the challenge with around 200 units raised. They will be treated to a pajama day, and a movie to go with it! Congratulations to all the students for their hard work and commitment to this particular corporal work of mercy, feeding the hungry.

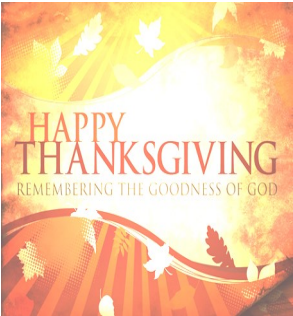
Food Pantry - During this time of benefits cuts in food programs. We are renewing our appeal for non perishable food items. Please drop off items in the church entrance.

Holiday Fair

Thank you to all who attend and supported the Holiday Fair at St. Augustine on Saturday.

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."



Reflection

We hear on the news that the traffic is heavy, airports are bulging with people all trying to get home for Thanksgiving day. Many of us can't wait to see our family and friends. Most often the conversations center around what has happened in our lives since our last thanksgiving gathering. As we get ready to say grace and mention what we are most thankful for, we begin to remember and recall those who have gone before us and the traditions they helped build, which we hold to and celebrate. For this we are grateful.

Our Father in Heaven, we give thanks for the pleasure of gathering together for this occasion. We give thanks for this food prepared by loving hands. We give thanks for life, the freedom to enjoy it all, and all other blessings. As we partake of this food, we pray for health and strength to carry on and try to live as You would have us. This we ask in the of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

Bless us O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty. through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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**Welcome
to
our
Parish!**

Nov. 22 & 23, 2025



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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.



The Feast of Christ the King

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe


“...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of holy ones in light.”
(Collossians1:12) God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can’t do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

Offertory Collection

November 15 & 16, 2025

St. Aloysius - \$ \$3,849.00
Memorial gifts in loving memory
of Richard St. George - \$795.00
St. Augustine - \$425.00

Thank you for your generous support !



St. Aloysius & St. Augustine Giving Tree

The Giving Tree tags will be available this weekend. Substitutions are acceptable. If you think a gift is not appropriate, or if it happens to be too expensive, please substitute and write the new gift on the tag. This year the instructions are pre-printed on the back of the tags. **Make sure these tags are attached firmly to the gift. The ID number on the tag is the only way to insure the gifts get to the correct person.** Also, the larger green tags are for our seminarians. Please follow the instructions on the tag. Envelopes are provided. This year, the **Hardwick Police Dept.** is requesting that only gift cards from Walmart and Hannafords be given for their Christmas for Kids program. Returns can be made in the basket under the tree at St. Aloysius. To keep this a meaningful part of our giving parish, all gifts should be returned ONLY on “Giving Sunday Weekend,” **December 13 & 14.**

Saturday, November 22
4:00pm - **Aime & Beatrice Roy**
by Lynne St. George

Sunday, November 23
7:30am - **Francis Sodowski** by Mary King

at St. Augustine
9:00am - For our nation

Monday, November 24
8:00am - Mass

Tuesday, November 25
8:00am - Mass

Wednesday, November 26
8:00am - Mass
9:00am - no school Mass - Thanksgiving break

Thursday, November 27
8:00am - Mass

Saturday, November 29
4:00pm - **William Groneck** by Ruth Wickham & family

Sunday, November 30
7:30am - **Joseph & Josephine Lembo**

at St. Augustine
9:00am - Mass

Open House

Thank you all who attended the Open House at the rectory last weekend, as well as those who brought food, and drink for the event. The December Open House will take place on both Sat. Dec. 13 at 5:00pm and Sun. Dec. 14th at 8:15am.

Scott Hahn reflects on the
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Week by week, the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year.

His kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in today’s Psalm.

Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of the Jews. Ironically, in today’s Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don’t believe in Him—Israel’s rulers, the soldiers, a criminal dying alongside Him.

By their covenant with David in today’s First Reading, Israel’s tribes are made one “bone and flesh” with their king. By the New Covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His kingdom—the head of His body, the Church (see Ephesians 5:23–32).

They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross. They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel’s Scriptures (see Psalm 22:7–9; 69:21–22; Wisdom 2:18–20). If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them—and us.

We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise.



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.