



Welcome to our Parish!

Dec. 6 & 7, 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.

Staff

Fr. Jamie Callahan, Pastor

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

Second Sunday of Advent



Saturday, December 6

4:00pm - Francis Joseph Fitzgerald Jr.
by the Fitzgerald family

Sunday, December 7

7:30am - Souls in Purgatory

at St. Augustine

9:00am - Christina Diggins
by Pauline & Dave Anderson

Monday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This is a holiday of obligation.

8:00am - Wesley Laford by Laford family

Tuesday, December 9

8:00am - Church leadership

Wednesday, December 10

8:00am - for the Sick

9:00am - School Mass - All are welcome

Saturday, December 13

4:00pm - Megan Rae Fitzgerald by Fitzgerald family

Sunday, December 14

7:30am - for parish families

at St. Augustine

9:00am - **Lloyd Stafford** (15th Anniv)
by Jim Stafford and family

Regarding Monday, Dec. 8th - Feast of the Immaculate Conception - a holy day of obligation

Monday, Dec. 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Even though this feast falls on a Monday, it is the patronal feast of our country. It is considered a holy day of obligation. Mass will be held at St. Aloysius at 8:00am in the church.



St. Aloysius & St. Augustine Giving Tree

There are still tags available on our Giving Tree. If you haven't had a chance to select one, now is the time. 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.** 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. To keep this a meaningful part of our giving parish, all gifts should be returned ONLY on "Giving Sunday Weekend," **Dec. 13 & 14.**

Offertory Collection

November 29 & 30, 2025

St. Aloysius - \$ 1,632.00

St. Augustine - \$ 700.00

Thank you for your generous support !

HOLIDAY FAIR THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU is extended to everyone who donated, crafted, baked, made a theme basket, volunteered, sold and bought raffle tickets, made lunch, and lastly, came to our Holiday Fair! It was huge success! Through everyone's efforts, we raised \$6,458.00, the most we have ever made! We hope to be able to do it again in 2027!

Fr. Lembo's Address

Many parishioners have asked for Fr. Lembo's mailing address. Please send all correspondence to:

Rev. Richard A. Lembo
St. Luke the Evangelist
70 Main Street
Westborough, MA 01581

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday of Advent

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand," John proclaims. And the liturgy today paints us a vivid portrait of our new king and the shape of the kingdom He has come to bring.

The Lord whom John prepares the way for in today's Gospel is the righteous king prophesied in today's First Reading and Psalm. He is the king's son, the son of David—a shoot from the root of Jesse, David's father (see Ruth 4:17).

He will be the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit (see 2 Samuel 23:1; 1 Kings 1:39; Psalm 2:2), endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

He will rule with justice, saving the poor from the ruthless and wicked. His rule will be not only over Israel—but will extend from sea to sea, to the ends of the earth. He will be a light, a signal to all nations. And they will seek Him and pay Him homage.

In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing. The covenant promise to Abraham (see Genesis 12:3), renewed in God's oath to David (see Psalm 89:4,28), will be fulfilled in His dynasty. And His name will be blessed forever.

In Christ, God confirms His oath to Israel's patriarchs, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. But

no longer are God's promises reserved solely for the children of Abraham. The Gentiles, too, will glorify God for His mercy. Once strangers, in Christ they will be included in "the covenants of promise" (see Ephesians 2:12).

John delivers this same message in the Gospel. Once God's chosen people were hewn from the rock of Abraham (see Isaiah 51:1–2). Now, God will raise up living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5)—children of Abraham born not of flesh and blood but of the Spirit.

This is the meaning of the fiery baptism He brings—making us royal heirs of the kingdom of heaven, the Church.



Open House

The December Open House will take place at the rectory on both Saturday December 13 at 5:00pm and Sunday December 14th at 8:15am.

School Nativity Play

St. Aloysius School will be having its 10th annual Nativity Play on **Friday, Dec. 12th at 10:00am** at St. Aloysius Church. Everyone is invited to attend.



Counters Needed

Given the recent audit done at both St. Aloysius and St. Augustine, the request is to have two people from each community count the weekend collection. It can be done on Sundays or Mondays. Please see Fr. Don if interested in helping out.

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."



Church Cleaning

The church cleanup at St. Aloysius will take place on Saturday, Dec. 13th from 9am-12noon.

If you can spare a few minutes, please drop in during the time stated above. For more information see Carol Zins or call her @ 413-277-6079.

Christmas Mass Singers

If you are willing to be part of a small group to help with singing a couple of songs at the Christmas Masses, please let Fr. Don, Carol Zins, or Patti Schaff know of your interest. At St. Aloysius, you will be asked to sing from the balcony. Praise our Lord in style !