



Welcome to our Parish!

Dec. 27 & 28, 2025



The Feast of the Holy Family



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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

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

Saturday, December 27

4:00pm - Richard St. George - by Theresa Mongeau

Sunday, December 28

7:30am Mass - for all parishioners

at St. Augustine

9:00am - Nancy Pedersen -
by Pauline & Dave Anderson

Monday, December 29

8:00am - for first responders: EMT's, police,
and firefighters

Tuesday, December 30

8:00am - for those who work in hospitals
and nursing homes

Wednesday, December 31 New Year's Eve Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

no 8:00am Mass
A holy day of obligation
4:00 pm Mass at St. Aloysius

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026 New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

A holy day of obligation
7:30am Mass at St. Aloysius
9:00am Mass at St. Augustine

Saturday, January 3

4:00pm - deceased members of the Gagne
family - requested by Gloria and
Kathy Dupuis

Sunday, January 4

7:30 am - vocations - for priesthood
and religious life

at St. Augustine

9:00am - Geoffery Gardell - by Pauline and
Dave Anderson

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Offertory Collection Dec. 20 & 21, 2025

St. Aloysius - \$ 1,869.00

St. Augustine - \$ 621.00

*These collection amounts include your
contributions for special collections.
Please note: the total for the Retirement for
Religious for two weeks totaled \$592.00.*

*We are most grateful to our parishioners and
friends of our community for the most generous
support ! God bless you.*



Christmas Gifts

Fr. Don and the staff would like to thank all who sent a card, gift, and treats this Christmas. The generosity of all of you is greatly appreciated ! God bless this year and always.

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church (see 2 Corinthians 6:16–18).

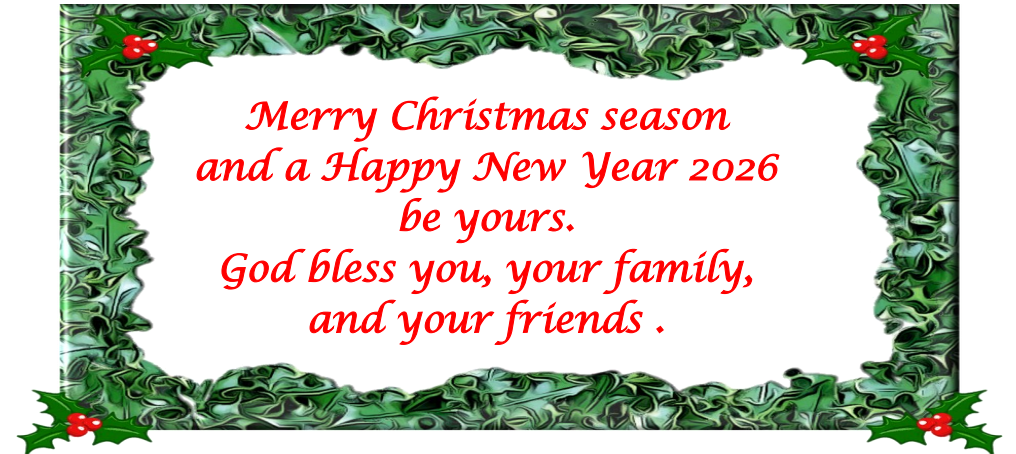
In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it. The family advice we hear in today's readings—for mothers, fathers, and children—is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth.

Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called His "parents" and are referred to separately as His "mother" and "father." The emphasis is all on their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks

in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God.

In what Jesus calls "My Father's house," every family finds its true meaning and purpose (see Ephesians 3:15). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God's house, His dwelling (see Luke 19:46). But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church (see Ephesians 2:19–22; Hebrews 3:3–6; 10:21).

In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God until He reveals His new dwelling among us and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be My son" (see Revelation 21:3, 7).



St. Aloysius Catholic School News

Catholic Schools Week

St. Aloysius Catholic School is hosting an Open House in celebration of Catholic Schools Week on Monday, Jan. 26, 2026 from 3-5:30pm. Prospective families are encouraged to visit the school, located at 52 Church Street in Gilbertville, where they can tour the classrooms, meet the teachers and learn more about the faith filled experiences that await. For more information, please call the school and speak to Roberta McQuaid, Enrollment Coordinator, at 413-477-1268.

St. Aloysius Catholic School Annual Fund Drive

St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville has launched its Annual Fund Drive with a pledge of \$40,000 in matching funds from an anonymous benefactor. The fund drive runs through March 15, 2026. The proceeds will be used to offset rising operating expenses so that tuitions remain affordable. For more information about St. Aloysius Catholic School or to make a tax deductible donation that will be matched dollar for dollar to the Annual Fund please visit www.staloyusics.com/support/. Donations can also be mailed to St. Aloysius Catholic School, P.O. Box 522, Gilbertville, MA 01031, noting "Annual Fund" on the memo line.