

# St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church



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**NEW PARISHIONERS...** St. Aloysius extends a warm welcome to all who are joining us for prayer, worship, or instruction. If you are new to the area or returning home to the Church, we invite you to register and make St. Aloysius your parish. Registration forms can be obtained at the church, on our website, or by calling the rectory.

**FIND A SMALL GROUP...** Find Small Group Faith Formation opportunities in our area for both adults and high school teens by visiting [www.ConnectStMarys.com](http://www.ConnectStMarys.com).

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)** is the process of welcoming new members to the Catholic Church. It is intended for adults who have never been baptized or for adults who have been baptized Christian and now wish to practice the faith in the Catholic tradition. It is an ongoing process of formation, catechesis and liturgical rites. Anyone interested is asked to call the rectory to discuss the process.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM...** Parents are asked to call the parish office to register for the Baptismal Preparation Meeting and for the baptism of their child. Parents are expected to be participating members of the parish.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE...** Couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with the pastor six months to one year in advance of their intended wedding date, in order to allow time for marriage preparation. At least one of the engaged should be a registered and practicing member of the parish.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK...** The Sacrament of the Sick is for the spiritual comfort, strength and healing of the ill. If there is a need for the sacrament in your family or household, please contact the rectory as soon as possible.

**FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL...** Pre-K-8th Grade. If interested, please contact Mrs. Lauren Breedlove in the school office Monday through Friday 8:00am - 3:00pm, 301-475-9795 for space availability.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...** Pre-K-8th Grade, Sundays from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM, during the school year. To register please contact Leonard Wathen at the Rectory or visit the parish website.

January 04, 2026  
*The Epiphany of the Lord*



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am and 11:00 am  
Daily: 12:15 pm Tuesday & Thursday  
8:15 am Wednesday & Friday  
7:30 am Saturday

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** As Announced inside the Bulletin.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** 7 days a week: 6:30-7:30 AM/PM

**FIRST FRIDAYS:** Mass at 8:15 am

**FIRST SATURDAYS:** Mass at 7:30 am, Holy Hour till 9:00 am

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Thursday: 11:30-12 Noon— 12:45-1:15pm (Sept.-June)  
Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

### STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. David W. Beaubien, V.F., ext. 14  
Deacon.....Deacon Joe Vavrus  
Deacon.....Deacon Matt Menard  
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper.....Denise Becher, ext.10  
Receptionist/Bulletin Editor .....Izel Ventura, ext.11  
Religious Education/Youth Ministry.....Leonard Wathen, ext.16  
Coordinator of Music.....Beth Domingue  
Custodian.....Robert Barger  
Principal, Father Andrew White School .....Janet Szoch

**RECTORY HOURS:** Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm  
Friday 9 am-3 pm



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[www.facebook.com/stalloysius20650](https://www.facebook.com/stalloysius20650)  
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## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Gifts to the Divine Giver

*Matthew 2:1-12*

One cannot miss the irony of the Magis' inquiry in the city where King Herod was presiding: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" Their question suggested to Herod that a usurpation of the throne was underway. One can see this replayed in the saga a thousand years earlier with king Saul and David. After God had rejected Saul as king and without Saul's voluntary abdication, David was surreptitiously anointed king of Israel by the prophet Samuel. This began Saul's subtle and not-so-subtle persecution of David, which ended only with the death of Saul in battle. It is notable that Jesus, who was popularly known as "son of David," would go through a similar life-threatening escape from Herod's plot.

In the midst of the high-stakes drama, the arrival of the Magi represent the first fruits of the nations who come to Christ. Matthew will end his gospel on a similar note, as Jesus gives the Great Commission to his apostles: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." The world would come to Christ through faith and witness to his presence among the community of believers.

At this early stage, however, it is impossible to know how the Magi regarded the newborn king of the Jews. On one hand, the childhood narratives in the gospels are highly symbolic, especially with historical parallels, like the one with Saul and David noted above. At the very least, the Magi regarded the newborn king as a person who embodied hope. But what jurisdiction did he have over them? Did they regard him as God? Did they know anything about the Old Testament history of prophetic Messianic expectations? Whether they knew or not, the gifts they brought revealed the truth of the matter: gold for a king, frankincense for God, and myrrh for one who was to die. Even his disciples who went around with him thirty years later, saw him up close, and received his teachings could still not fully anticipate how the story of salvation would play itself out with the suffering and death of Christ.

Jesus is God's supreme gift to the human race, "a savior...who is Christ and Lord" (*Luke 2:11*). What can we give in return to him who has everything? We can give him our very selves, all we have and all we are!

~Fr. David

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

### MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

<b>Tuesday, Jan. 6:</b>	
12:15 pm	Ceci Hoffman
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 7:</b>	
8:15 am	Linda Fanelli
<b>Thursday, Jan. 8:</b>	
12:15 pm	Johnny, Mae & John Robert Gough
<b>Friday, Jan. 9:</b>	
8:15 am	Deborah Johnson
<b>Saturday, Jan. 10:</b>	
7:30 am	Joseph "Freddie" Hancock
5:00 pm	David "Dave" Farrell
<b>Sunday, Jan. 11:</b>	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>
8:00 am	Ceci Hoffman
11:00 am	<i>Pro populo</i>

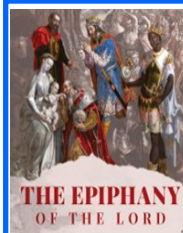
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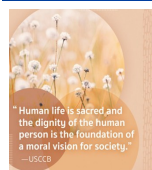
*The Sick and Homebound in our Community*  
**We lift up in prayer all those in our parish community who are ill or hospitalized.**  
**May God's healing grace comfort and strengthen them.**

Jeanne Bean, Rita Bond, Wally Bowles, Michael Brooks, Loretta Broxson, Timothy Butler, Fr. Rory Conley, Donna Corcoran, Susie Crocco, Ann Davis, Charles Davis Sr., Nolma Diamond, Jr., Ronnie Domingue Sr., Jeff Flick, Mary Claire FitzGerald, Stephanie Gonzalez, Jim Hutchison, Paula Kidwell, George Lancaster, Sherry Marigliano, Virginia McKeen, Irene Michaud, Chuck Miller, Kristy Nelson & Madison, DeShawn Plater, Mary Pyle, Harry Rogers, Jerry Thompson.



Lord God of Light, on this holy day of Epiphany we rejoice in the mystery revealed: your Son, Jesus Christ, made known as Savior and King. As the Magi followed the star, guide our steps by faith. Open our hearts to recognize His presence, and give us courage to offer our gifts of love, service, and worship. May Your glory shine upon our parish and families, that we may be a light to the world, proclaiming salvation through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## RESPECT LIFE



"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*  
*"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"*



## EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE



Join us for **DAILY AM and PM Holy Hours** for adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer in the *Sacred Heart Chapel*.  
7 days a week: **6:30-7:30 AM** and **PM**

*Come for all or a portion of the hour as your time allows.*

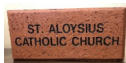
**MORNING PRAYER** on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays** and **Thursdays** at **7:30 AM** in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

**FLOCKNOTE-** To receive email and/or text updates from St. Aloysius Church, please visit our website at [www.saintalloysiuschurch.org](http://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org), and sign up for Flocknote. Scroll down to bottom of home page under Receive Flocknote Updates.



*Dear Parishioners,* As we enter the year 2026, we extend heartfelt greetings to each member of our parish community. With gratitude to Almighty God, we look forward to a year filled with worship, fellowship, and service. This new year invites us to renew our commitment to living as faithful disciples of Christ. May our parish continue to be a place of reverence, prayer, and unity, where all are welcomed and strengthened in spirit. We encourage every parishioner to participate actively in the liturgy, our ministries, and outreach programs, so that together we may bear witness to the Gospel and build a community rooted in love and compassion. May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly in 2026, and may His peace remain with you throughout the year.—*St. Aloysius Church*

**VOCATIONS CROSS**—**Gordon and Barbara Stellway** will take the cross home and pray for vocations this week.  
<https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/vocations-cross>



### **BRICK FUNDRAISER- Honor a loved one**

Details: \$250 per brick, personalize 3 lines up to 15 letters/space per line. Order forms in the vestibule or on our website [www.saintalloysiuschurch.org](http://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org). Questions- call the rectory at 301-475-8064.



Parishioner *Ann Wyvill's* beautiful painting of St. Aloysius featured in our art show and Jubilee ornaments is being raffled! Tickets are \$10 and available online or at the rectory.

All proceeds benefit the parish. The raffle drawing will take place on Community Sunday, Jan. 18, 2026, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Don't miss your chance to own this treasured piece of parish history.

### **QPR (QUESTION-PERSUADE-REFER) SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING**

Saturday, Jan 24 9:00 AM -NOON in St. Aloysius Parish Hall  
If you have any questions email: [liz.tomaszeski@gmail.com](mailto:liz.tomaszeski@gmail.com)



"...They shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4)  
a bereavement ministry

**"Grieving with Great Hope"** 5-week, small group workshop to help people grieving the loss of a loved one.

### **Bereavement Workshop Dates, 2026:**

**Sundays, 1:30-3:30pm:** 1/11, 1/18, 1/25 & 2/1, 2/8

Contact: Jennifer Bicknell (301-475-8064) or [office@saintalloysiuschurch.org](mailto:office@saintalloysiuschurch.org)

**SIGN UP NOW**- sheet in vestibule  
(so we have enough books for all)



**MOMS** (of all ages)-**St. Aloysius Mothers' Group**  
**Jan. 14 every 2nd Wednesdays of the month 7pm**  
[StAloysiusMoms@CatholicMomsGroup.com](mailto:StAloysiusMoms@CatholicMomsGroup.com)

### **PATRIOTIC ROSARY**

Join us as *we Pray for*  
*our Country* each  
Wednesday after Mass.



### **ROSARY**

**Tuesdays/Thursdays**  
after the 12:15pm Masses



**First Wednesdays of the month**  
**at 9:30am in the Parish Hall.**  
Contact **Chris Guy** at 301-481-1502



Sponsored by Knights of Columbus,  
St. Mary's Council #1470  
**Fridays at 6:30pm in the FAW School gym**



## STEWARDSHIP

ParishSoft online giving:

<https://giving.ParishSoft.com/app/giving/stalloysius>

### **SHARING OUR TREASURE— 12/20 and 12/21, 2025**

#### **1st Collection**

Offertory Basket: **\$6,890.00**

Direct Debit: **\$1,190.00**

**Total**

#### **2nd Collection: Retired Religious**

Offertory Basket: **\$ 2,469.00**

Direct Debit: **\$ 570.00**

**Total \$ 3,039.00**

**DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN TO OUR PUBLISHERS**, contributions for Sat./Sun., December 27/28 will be noted at a later date.

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK - Debt Reduction**  
**PATRON OF THE WEEK: Martin's Auto Tech—**  
Please patronize our sponsors.

## POOR BOX



**RECIPIENT WILL BE:**  
**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**  
to help stock the shelves  
for the monthly distribution

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL



**The next open pantry is Sat., Jan 17th 9-11AM. Food will be collected after all Masses, January 17/18 Community Sunday. THANK YOU for your generosity, helping the SVdP help others!**

During this New Year may we also grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon us by remembering to take care of our suffering brothers and sisters. In the month of November, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the spirit of Christmas to those who are suffering, by assisting seven families, providing \$1,250 for utility and rent bills. The Conference also conducted six home visits. The Conference Food Pantry assisted 85 families comprised of 79 adults and 73 children.



### Angel Tree 2025 – Thank You

To everyone who participated in this year's Angel Tree Project, thank you for your extraordinary generosity. Because of you, every family received \$100.00 or more in grocery gift cards, ensuring that Christmas dinner was possible for all. Our children's toy list was a complete success, and once again our parish family showed remarkable kindness. As parents arrived to pick up the toys, many shared that they had no idea how they would afford their holiday meals. *Their relief was visible tears were shed, hugs were given, and gratitude filled the room. This year, you brightened the lives of 36 families, and your kindness extended even further with the donation of 15 bicycles, 1 vanity, 3 personal computers, and 1 Xbox.* These gifts will bring joy long after the holiday season ends. Each year, this remarkable parish community makes a profound difference in the lives of so many. The Angel Tree coordinators are deeply grateful for your compassion, your generosity, and your unwavering spirit of giving. **A**

## RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

<p><b>Feb 6-8</b> <b>Mount 2000 Registration</b> Registration opens October 14 and closes December 15, 2025</p>	<p><b>First Fridays</b> <b>First Friday Adoration &amp; Game Nights</b> 6:30 to 8:30 pm, the first Friday of each month</p>
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### FAMILY OF FAITH CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM-

For details go to <https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/>

**INTERESTED** in learning more about the Catholic Faith or becoming Catholic?

Contact **Leonard Wathen**

at [lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org](mailto:lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org) for more info.

**Pray for Peace**

**Pray for Priests**

## FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Did you know you can help support Father Andrew White by simply buying your Christmas gifts? Please consider purchasing your gift cards through our **RaiseRight** program! There are hundreds to choose from. A percentage of the cards purchased will go to benefit our school. Please email [fawraiseright@gmail.com](mailto:fawraiseright@gmail.com) to purchase.

Are you looking to be a part of a community that wants to make a difference in a child's life? Are you looking for part time work?

Please consider becoming a member of our Aftercare Team!  
Hours: Monday - Friday 2:30 - 5:30 Contact: Mrs. Shedd at [shedd@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:shedd@fatherandrewwhite.org)

## COMMUNITY

### APOLOGETICS- MONDAY, 01/05 at 7:00-8:15pm

Where: St. John Francis Regis Parish  
(St. Jude Room in Msgr. Harris Center)

The topic will be: ***Why don't your intentions make something right?***

Google Meeting: Apologetics 2025-26  
<https://meet.google.com/woq-fmef-djg>



### 2026 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**MASS** Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass honoring the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the

Immaculate Conception. This special Mass celebrates the enduring witness of all couples who reflect the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony through their commitment and love. Couples wishing to attend the Mass and/or receive a commemorative certificate from Cardinal Robert McElroy in recognition of their anniversary year must register with the parish office by Friday, February 6, 2026.



### LOYOLA ON THE POTOMAC

Ignatian Weekend Retreat at Faulkner, MD  
Jesuit Retreat House  
Date: Jan 23-25

Features presentations and prayers that embrace the movements of the Spiritual Exercises.

This year's theme reflects what Scripture teach about Jesus being the living water.

Register online at [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com)



Explore **SOMD Catholic**

[www.SOMDCatholic.org](http://www.SOMDCatholic.org), created to help unite and support our Catholic community in Southern Maryland. From Mass times and parish events to Bible studies and spiritual resources, everything you need is gathered in one easy-to-use site. Stay connected join our Flocknote for weekly updates on Catholic events and opportunities near you!