



Blessings upon all of our January Birthdays!

May the Lord bless you and keep you  
May He make his face to shine upon you  
And be gracious to you, and give you His peace

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| Jan 1  | William Zimmer      |
| Jan 3  | Andy Resendez       |
| Jan 3  | Henriette Lucas     |
| Jan 5  | Callum MacNeil      |
| Jan 9  | Gianna Piaskowski   |
| Jan 10 | Andrew Michels      |
| Jan 12 | Aliyah Bushinski    |
| Jan 15 | Natalie Santoro     |
| Jan 18 | Leah Butalid        |
| Jan 18 | Brendan Gundy       |
| Jan 20 | Kyle Skoumal        |
| Jan 24 | Joe Broda           |
| Jan 24 | Amanda Heidt        |
| Jan 27 | Dustin Hart         |
| Jan 29 | Kieran O'Brien      |
| Jan 31 | Antoinette Marshall |

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### Joseph's Mercy & Fidelity

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel*, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. [Matthew 1:22-24](#)

Try to imagine Joseph's dilemma. He loved Mary, but suddenly she was pregnant. And Joseph knew that he was not the father. So his first thought was not to chastise her, question her, or ridicule her. Instead, the Gospel says that Joseph was "unwilling to expose her to shame." This is a beautiful statement about the mercy and goodness of Saint Joseph. Instead of being self-concerned, his concern was for Mary not to experience shame at this unexpected pregnancy.

But of course the story goes much further. The angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, explaining to him that "it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her" and that this Child "will save his people from their sins." Joseph's response, was to then do "as the angel of the Lord had commanded him" and to take Mary and her new child into his home. Therefore, this Gospel passage for today reveals to us the mercy of Joseph as well as his fidelity to the will of God, no matter what God asked of him. These two qualities will greatly assist our lives, also, if we can strive to imitate St. Joseph.

First, we all need to have mercy in life. This means that our only interest must be the good of the other. Too often when we have conflict in life, or are faced with some unexpected difficulty, we turn our eyes in upon ourselves. But a merciful heart never thinks about itself first. Instead, it thinks about the other and is fully detached from its own feelings to the point that the merciful soul is able to desire mercy for everyone, even those who have hurt it. Of course our Blessed Mother did not do anything to hurt St. Joseph, but before he understood how she became pregnant, he certainly would have been tempted to be upset and hurt by her unexpected pregnancy. Thus, in imitation of St. Joseph, we must always seek to have a heart full of mercy.

Perhaps Saint Joseph's crowning virtue was his fidelity—not only to his new wife, but also to the will of God as it was revealed to Him through the mediation of this angel. And though we do not have angels appearing to us in dreams in the same way, we are gifted with the Gospels, the teachings of the Church and the lives of the saints to lead us into God's will. Additionally, when we are truly open, God will certainly communicate to us His perfect will for our lives through our prayer and in our consciences. Our only duty must be unwavering fidelity to all that God speaks.

Reflect, today, upon these two virtues of Saint Joseph and consider how well you live them in your life. Do you show mercy to all, no matter what? Do you allow yourself to be drawn into the all-consuming desire to show mercy? If so, then you will also be imitating the virtue of fidelity to the will of God. God's will is mercy itself. This is Who He is. Mercy must permeate our lives always.

*My most merciful Jesus, You inspired Saint Joseph to be compassionate to Your dear mother at the time of great confusion over her pregnancy. Help me to imitate the mercy and goodness of Saint Joseph by never judging and by growing in a desire for mercy for all people, including those who have hurt me. May I do this in complete fidelity to Your most holy will. Jesus, I trust in You.*

-from [My Catholic Life.com](#)

PRAY FOR PEACE  LIVE IN PEACE  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 21, 2025

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the spiritual family of St. Aloysius honor and value the diversity of our community. Through our worship of God, we joyfully commit ourselves to imitate the Good Shepherd. We serve our brothers and sisters when we comfort the lost, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and welcome the stranger. Our service is rooted in our experience of God's love, which calls us to be the Good News of Jesus in the downtown Detroit community.

### ST. ALOYSIUS WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

*Pray the Rosary on Sunday at 9:35am*

### ST. ALOYSIUS WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday thru Friday 12:15pm

CHURCH OPEN Mon-Fri from 11:15am-1:30pm

### EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Every Thursday *before* Mass 11:45am-12:15pm

Every third Tuesday of the month from 7:00-8:00pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday thru Friday - 11:45am-12:05pm

Saturday 4:15-4:45pm Sunday 9:15am-9:45am

### OLD ST. MARY'S MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00pm (Confession), 5:30pm (Mass)

#### Sunday Mass

8:30am, 11:30am

#### Daily Mass

Monday thru Friday at 12:15pm

### OUR LADY of the ROSARY MASS SCHEDULE

#### Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday, 5:30pm Friday at 12:30pm

Confession Monday-Thursday 5:00pm-5:20pm

Adoration Monday -Thursday 4:30pm-5:30pm

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday at 9am, Sunday at 5:30pm

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| Weekly Budget              | \$ 4,528               |
| December 7, 2025           | \$5,444. <sup>60</sup> |
| December 7, 2025 Christmas | \$825                  |
| December 14, 2025          | \$4,242. <sup>23</sup> |

### New Mailing Address for the Parish

As many of you know, our parish office is now located at the Chancery at 12 State Street. We have a satellite office in the lower level of the church as well. To correspond with us *by mail*, our new address is:

St. Aloysius Church  
PO Box 44350  
Detroit, MI 48244

## Mass Intentions and Readings

Monday December 22, 2025

12:15pm The Vandenboom family

Readings 1Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday December 23, 2025

12:15pm †Virginia Carson, 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of death

Requested by family

Readings Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday December 24, 2025 Christmas Eve

4pm That Christ May be Born in our Hearts

Readings Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17,22-25/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday December 25, 2025 Christmas Day

10am That All May Rejoice in the Birth of Our Savior

Readings Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Friday December 26, 2025

12:15pm NO CONFESSIONS or DAILY MASS

Readings Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

Saturday December 27, 2025

(1Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:21a, 2-8)

5:00pm † Alice Pappas, 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of death

Requested by St Aloysius

Readings Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Sunday December 28, 2025

10:00am Vandenboom family

†Anthony Edwards, 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of death

Requested by Fran & Jerry Ashe

Readings Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

### Pray for Our Friends

Elena Centeio-Smith

Ricardo & Marietta Martinez

Kenny Butler

Sylvia Gonzalez

Matt Gumbel

Alberta Mathis

Eric & Rachel Makarewicz

Mallory & Ryan

Timothy

Geraldine Biffle-Faulkner

Jenday Issa

Patrina Frierson

Ron Joe

Helen Tillerson

Carrie F.

Patricia Hayes

Andrea Piggott

Ann Disser

Sylvia Baker

Ever Jean

Tim Bowdell

John Prior

Marjorie Peake

Randolph Jackson

Cindy Ianni

Tony & Mervet Farida

Phillip King

Curtis Hogan, Jr

Orlando Eigner

Wendy Price

Ross Brandon

Tom Schrems

Dennis Samoray

Robert Wray

Raymond Biffle

Robert McFadden

Tim Trepkowski

Brain Kitz

Anthony Bell

John R. Biffle

Lilley Bates

Joe Littman

Angela Coel

Darroll Jenkins

Herman Jenkins

Regina Roustell

Antoinette Marshall

Jeff Stephenson

Rosalind (Ashford) Holmes

Barbara I.

Arthur Page

Kathy S.

Raymond Biffle

Robert McFadden

**December Events**

**Backpack Ministry** volunteer after 10:00am Mass on Sundays. Help us pray and distribute food & essentials to our brothers and sisters in need in the area. See Michael after Mass to get involved. The team is typically back by 1pm.

**Sunday, December 21st- No Sandwich-making** after 10:00am Mass. It will resume in January.

**Sunday, December 21st- Help us *decorate for Christmas*** after 10:00am Mass.

**Merry Christmas!**

**Christmas Eve: 4:00pm Mass**

**Christmas Day: 10:00am Mass**

**New Year's Eve: 4:00pm Mass**

**New Year's Day: 10:00am Mass**

**Parish offices closed from December 24 to January 4, 2026**