



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*

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent
LIGHT ALL THE CANDLES ON YOUR ADVENT WREATH

PEACE

12/22
PONDER:
WHERE CAN
I BE A
PEACEMAKER?

12/23
PRAY FOR
PEACE IN
OUR FAMILIES
& OUR WORLD

12/24
PRAY FOR
PEACE
IN MY
HEART

12/25
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
JESUS!!

MERRY
CHRISTMAS!

**From the Department of Communications: Reminder
About Common Email and Text Message Scams**

As the holiday season is here, there is an increase in email and text message scams targeting parishes and parishioners.

By far, the most common scam targeting parishioners is an email or text message, purporting to be from the pastor, asking recipients to send gift cards that the pastor will make available to the less fortunate. **Ignore or delete these messages! Please remember that neither St. Aloysius (or any church) or Fr. Sal (or any priest) will ever solicit donations in this manner.**

BACKPACK MINISTRY

FIRST & THIRD SATURDAYS of the MONTH
10 AM TO 11:30 PM Meet at the old parish office

SUNDAYS after MASS
UNTIL 1:00pm Meet in church

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EVERYBODY'S CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT

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

Ask Father Anything!

Here is your opportunity to ask Fr. Sal about our faith or how it works in our day-to-day lives. Your questions will be featured in his monthly article! Email Fr. Sal at palazzolo.sal@aod.org or drop a note in the collection basket. It's a great way for us to know our faith and one another!

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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

EUCCHARISTIC 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

<u>Weekly Budget</u>	<u>\$ 4,528</u>
<u>December 7, 2025</u>	<u>\$5,444.⁶⁰</u>
<u>December 7, 2025 Christmas</u>	<u>\$825</u>
<u>December 14, 2025</u>	<u>\$4,242.²³</u>

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, 33rd 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, 6th 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, 25th 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
Jendayi 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
William Biffle

Tim Trepkowski
Brain Kitz
Anthony Bell
John R Biffle
Lilley Bates
Joe Littman
Angela Coel
Darroll Jenkins
Herman Jenkins
Regina Rousell
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

***NO 12:15pm MASS (Confession or Adoration):**
December 24-26 or December 29-January 2

We're coming together to fund necessary updates to our mezzanine area. **We need to install railings that will keep our choir and parishioners safe and preserve the beauty of our worship space.** Drop off a check in the collection basket, cash in a labeled envelope, or online with Giving Tuesday in the notes! <https://www.osvhub.com/staloyusdetroit/giving/funds/donations>

JESUS IS
HERE!