

Second Sunday of Advent

LIGHT TWO PURPLE CANDLES ON YOUR ADVENT WREATH

LOVE

12/8 PONDER: WHERE IS LOVE NOT PRESENT?	12/9 BE GENEROUS & KIND TODAY	12/10 OPEN YOUR BIBLE & READ LUKE 1:26-38
12/11 WHERE CAN I SHOW LOVE THIS WEEK?	12/12 TELL SOMEONE YOU LOVE THEM	12/13 UPLIFT AND ENCOURAGE SOMEONE

CATHEDRAL CULTURAL SERIES *presents*

LESSONS AND CAROLS

CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

DECEMBER 21 AT 4 PM

FEATURING THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR, ARCHDIOCESAN  
YOUTH CHOIR, AND ARCHDIOCESAN SINGERS

Free and open to the public.

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](mailto: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!

There is still time to give to our #GivingTuesday Railing Project.

MEZZANINE RAILING PROJECT

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>  
Thank you ahead of time for your generosity.

Don't Miss this Joyful Night of Carols, Choir, and Holiday Cheer!

Magnificent Christmas

FRIDAY NIGHT @ 7 P.M.  
DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Organ Fanfare Prelude  
Classic Carols  
J.S. Bach's "MAGNIFICAT"

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EVERYBODY'S CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT

Dear friends,

Advent is my favorite season of the liturgical year. The Scriptures, the music, the candles, and the quiet beauty all draw me in and focus more intently on the great celebration of Christmas that is to come. We remember some great saints—Francis Xavier, Ambrose, Lucy—and two beautiful celebrations of our Blessed Mother—the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. All allow us to pause and remember God's goodness, quiet presence, and unwavering love.

I do pray that all of us in our Family of Parishes have used the Advent days to contemplate the mystery of God with us right now and his promise to come again in glory. There is a popular Christian song, "Evidence" by Josh Baldwin, which reminds us to always be mindful of God's presence in the daily routines of life:

I see the evidence of Your goodness  
All over my life, all over my life  
I see Your promises in fulfillment  
All over my life, all over my life  
Help me remember when I'm weak  
Fear may come but fear will leave  
You lead my heart to victory  
You are my strength and You always will be

The Lord truly is present with us in remarkable ways—in our hearts when we pray, when we read the Sacred Scriptures, every time we celebrate the sacraments, in the beauty of creation, in the face of the poor, in the lives of our family and friends—we simply have to look for the 'evidence'.

We know that the surest way to 'find' the Lord is in the Blessed Sacrament—the Most Holy Eucharist. During this time of Eucharistic Revival, and especially as you look for Advent peace, I encourage you to spend some time before the Lord in Eucharistic adoration. While we have regular opportunities in our Family of Parishes, you can find a complete list of adoration times in the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting [adorationfinder.org](http://adorationfinder.org).

God bless you,

Fr. Mario Amore  
Executive Director  
Department of Parish Renewal

PRAY FOR PEACE  LIVE IN PEACE

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
Every Thursday before Mass 11:45am-12:15pm  
Every third Monday 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

Weekly Budget	\$ 4,528	
November 23, 2025	\$5,297. <sup>95</sup>	😊
November 30, 2025	\$3,312. <sup>46</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 8, 2025 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12:15pm	†James E Marshall Requested by Antoinette Marshall & Heather Jones
7:00pm	For the People of St Aloysius Parish
Readings	Gn 3:9-15, 20/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	December 9, 2025
12:15pm	†Doris Pyszynski Requested by Mike & Karen Allison
Readings	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	December 10, 2025
12:15pm	The Vandeenboom Family
Readings	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	December 11, 2025
12:15pm	† Steven Ashe, 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary of death Requested by Jerry & Fran Ashe
Readings	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday	December 12, 2025
12:15pm	† Alice Pappas, 6 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of death Requested by St. Aloysius
Readings	Zec 2:14-17/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:39-47

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday	December 13, 2025 (Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13)
5:00pm	†Maria Fatima Silva, 16 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of death Requested by family
Readings	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Sunday	December 14, 2025
10:00am	†Augustine (Gus) Vandeenboom Requested by Michael Cole, Sharon Bell, & Suzanne Wallace
	The Martinez Family Requested by Marilen Martinez
Readings	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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 Oser

Sylvia Baker

Tim Bowdell

John Prior

Marjorie Peake

Randolph Jackson

Ondy 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

Harman Jenkins

Regina Roussett

Antoinette Marshall

Jeff Stephenson

Rosalind (Ashford) Holmes

Barbara L.

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 11:30am.

Monday, December 8th- Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass Times: 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 14th (Extraordinary Minsters of Holy Communion EMHC)- Liturgical Ministry Training after 10:00am Mass. Contact Jimmy if you plan on attending or have any questions- 313-309-1263, [oleary.jimmy@aod.org](mailto:oleary.jimmy@aod.org).

Tuesday, December 16th- Holy Hour 7:00pm-8:00pm in church. \*\*Our Holy Hours will now be on the Third Tuesday of the Month.

Saturday, December 20th- 10:00am Backpack Ministry. Help us pray and distribute food & essentials to our brothers and sisters in need in the area. Meet in the church. No signup required! Contact Michael with any questions [schultz.michael@aod.org](mailto:schultz.michael@aod.org).

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

Small Groups are currently meeting! Sign up here: [Grow in Faith at St. Aloysius Detroit \(staloyusdetroit.com\)](http://Grow in Faith at St. Aloysius Detroit (staloyusdetroit.com))  
Neighborhood volunteer opportunities [staloyusdetroit.com/outreach](http://staloyusdetroit.com/outreach)

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

MATT MAHER

SARAH KROGER

CATHEDRALS

AN ADVENT NIGHT OF WORSHIP

*Detroit*

12.16.25

CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT