



## Support Archdiocesan Restructuring with Your Prayers

Sign up for monthly prayer intention emails at:

[AOD.ORG/INTERCESSION](http://AOD.ORG/INTERCESSION)

We encourage you to incorporate these into your individual prayer or as an Intercessory Prayer Team.

### Parish Listening Sessions—Coming Soon!

The next step in the Archdiocesan Restructuring process is for every parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit to host two parish listening sessions. At these sessions, we will review potential models and provide feedback. Our parish listening sessions will be:

- Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm-9:00pm
- Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm-9:00pm



Please be sure to register here:

[www.cognitofirms.com/ArchdioceseOfDetroit2/ParishListeningSessionRegistration](http://www.cognitofirms.com/ArchdioceseOfDetroit2/ParishListeningSessionRegistration) or use the QR code above.



### Blessings to all of our April Birthdays!

1 Alexandra Sippala	10 Fr. Mario	23 Brian Corcoran
2 Michael Long	11 Darrin Krogman	25 Emily Roose
2 Luca Colarusso	13 Pilar Renneker	26 Tommy Coyne
4 Elena Centeio	14 Zach Piteo	28 Aidan MacNeil
6 Richard Lambrix	14 Connor Macksood	29 Emily Orlando
6 Calvin Allen	15 Chriscile Lindor	28 Catherine Piaskowski
7 Maldeline Zamarron	18 Gabrielle Nelson	30 Josephina Tracy
7 Joe Mutone	23 Richard VandenBoom	30 Ethan Roose
9 Vivana Lande		

# ST. ALOYSIUS

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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EVERYBODY'S CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT

Today we begin what I call a "retreat within a retreat." In other words, we have been working intently all Lent to prepare ourselves spiritually and on Palm Sunday we enter Holy Week, an even more intense time. Palm Sunday, Chrism Mass, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil elevate this week to a new level.

We come from a rich history. Like the early Christians, we too celebrate the Lord's resurrection every Sunday, but it was not until the 2<sup>nd</sup> century that a particular day for the celebration of the resurrection, i.e., Easter, was established. It was connected to the Jewish Passover and began at sundown on Saturday evening. Called the Night of the Great Vigil, it was when new Christians were received into the Church and was a time of remembrance and expectation that lasted throughout the night so they could sing "Alleluia" at dawn on Easter morning.

In the fourth century, it expanded. It became customary for people to make pilgrimages to Jerusalem to celebrate what was called the "Great Week" and included Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. We learned all this from the diary of a woman named Egeria in 381 which contains the first accounts of the special rites, prayers, and devotions that took place during the Great Week in Jerusalem.

Over time, the practice of observing Holy Week spread throughout the Christian world. Even though we have always had special prayers, historical re-enactments and distinct liturgies, during the Middle Ages, the celebration of the Easter Vigil fell out of practice. The important days of the week were Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

In 1955, the Vatican re-established the Easter Vigil as an important part of Holy Week observances, and during the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), the bishops called for the complete restoration of the early Christian rituals for receiving new Christians into the Church at the Easter Vigil. In 1988, the beautiful Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults was issued.

Today, Easter Vigil with the Easter fire, the lighting of the paschal candle, the reading of salvation history, the celebration of the sacraments of initiation for catechumens, and renewal of baptismal promises for the faithful is once again one of the grandest celebrations for us as Catholics.

I would encourage you to make this year's Holy Week more meaningful by continuing or adding new traditions for you and your family. Go on pilgrimage. Visit the new 'Journey with the Saints' pilgrimage at the Cathedral. The custom of visiting several churches to say a prayer on Holy Thursday was a tradition that evolved from the practice of making pilgrimages to holy places.

Attend all the liturgies this week, including the Chrism Mass on Thursday at Blessed Sacrament where all the Holy oils are created for the new liturgical year. You could invite family members or friends who have strayed from the church to attend with you.

Incorporate prayer breaks into each day this week. Pray the Rosary or set aside 10 minutes every day to read the Passion accounts in the Gospels. Make additional sacrifices this week: Don't watch tv or social media from sundown on Holy Thursday until Easter morning. Go to reconciliation. In fact, "officially" forgive someone on Good Friday.

Preparing our hearts for this week will transform us and enrich us. We will be very different and have a very different encounter with Christ on Easter morning if we do. Have a Happy Holy Week! - Fr. JJ

PRAY FOR PEACE † LIVE IN PEACE

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION MARCH 29 2026



*St. Al's*  
*Holy Thursday*

## SOUP SUPPER

It's back this year and we're taking it on the road! All are welcome to dinner at the Butalid's home at 5pm on Thursday April 2, before the 7pm Holy Thursday Mass at the Cathedral (a short drive from the Butalids)

**PLEASE RSVP TO LEAH AT 619-402-6523 AND PLAN TO BRING A SOUP OR SIDE TO SHARE.**

*See You there!*



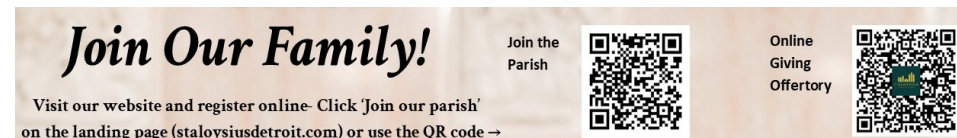
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Donations are now being accepted. You can give online (see the QR) or take one of the special envelopes available in the back of church.


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**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!

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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

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 11:30am-1:00pm

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Weekday *before* Mass 11:45am-12:10pm

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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**

(12 Noon -Confession) Tuesday & 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
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March 22, 2026	\$ 4,197. <sup>15</sup> 😞
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### New Mailing Address for the Parish

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** March 30, 2026

**12:15pm** The Vandenoorn family

Readings Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday** March 31, 2026

**12:15pm** Beth Allison

*Requested by John O'Connor*

Readings Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday** April 1, 2026

**12:15pm** Madeleine George

*Requested by Granny & Jai*

Readings Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

April 2, 2026 Holy Thursday

**8:30pm-11:00pm** Altar of Repose

NO MASS at St Aloysius

7:00pm Mass at the Cathedral

April 3, 2026 Good Friday

**12:15pm** Stations of the Cross

NO MASS at St Aloysius

Good Friday Passion Liturgy

at the Cathedral -1:00pm

*Easter Sunday*

**Saturday** April 4, 2026

**9:00pm** Easter Vigil at the Cathedral

**Sunday** April 5, 2026

**10:00am** That the Death & Resurrection of Jesus will Save Us from Sin & Death

Readings Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

*Have a Blessed Easter!*

### *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  
Brian Kitz  
Anthony Bell  
John R Biffle  
Lilley Bates  
Joe Littman  
Angela Coel  
Darroll Jenkins  
Herman Jenkins  
Regina Roussell  
Antoinette Marshall  
Jeff Stephenson  
Rosalind (Ashford) Holmes  
Barbara L.  
Arthur Page  
Kathy S.  
Raymond Biffle  
Robert McFadden

## Important Announcement

**We no longer offer a Vigil Mass at St. Aloysius starting this weekend. We invite those who would like to attend a Vigil Mass to Old Saint Mary's in Greektown 5:00pm (Confession), 5:30pm (Mass)**

## Coming up at St. Aloysius

### Holy Week Schedule

- **Palm Sunday**, March 29th- Mass at 10:00am (at St. Aloysius).
- **Holy Thursday**, April 2nd- Altar of Repose (time for prayer) 8:30pm-11:00pm (No Daily Mass) at St. Aloysius.
- Holy Thursday Liturgy will take place at the Cathedral at 7:00pm.
- **Good Friday, April 3rd**- Stations of the Cross at 12:15pm (No Daily Mass) at St. Aloysius. **Good Friday Passion Liturgy** will take place at the Cathedral at 1:00pm.
- **Easter Vigil, April 4th**- 9:00pm at the Cathedral.
- **Easter Sunday, April 5th**- Mass at 10:00am (at St. Aloysius).

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