



EVERYBODY'S CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT

Deacon on Duty: Faith Amid Uncertainty

This weekend we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus Christ, which stands as a pivotal moment in the Christian story. The event reminds us that faith often flourishes in times of uncertainty, and at this time we certainly seem to be dealing with a lot of uncertainty.

In our First Reading, we witness Jesus ascending into heaven, leaving his apostles gazing upward, unsure of what comes next. Our Gospel records Jesus commissioning his followers to "make disciples of all nations," promising His presence always, even as He departs physically. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the Ascension marks not only Christ's return to the Father but also the beginning of the Church's mission (CCC 659-662). It is a moment of both loss and hope, a transition for which faith must take the lead.

As I prayed over our readings, I recalled a somewhat similar scene in Forrest Gump: Forrest has been running for over 3 years back and forth across the country and stops abruptly in the middle of the desert! He turns around to his band of followers and shrugs, "I'm pretty tired. Think I'll go home now." As Forrest walks past them, his followers, confused and lost, ask, "Now what are we supposed to do?!" Forrest's silence leaves them searching for direction, much like the apostles who had to step forward in faith after Jesus' departure. Both scenes could inspire us to embrace heroic trust, even when - especially when! - our path forward is unclear.

Last month, the parishioners of St Aloysius participated in the Archdiocese's Listening Sessions, and I do suspect that like those early disciples and Forrest's followers, we find ourselves asking what comes next in the AOD's restructuring. The sessions presented an opportunity-though their results are still unknown, we hope that the Holy Spirit will guide us toward fruitful conversations and renewed purpose.

The apostles, bewildered at the Ascension, could not see the whole plan, but their trust in Jesus and openness to the Holy Spirit changed everything. Today, as we face our own uncertainties, we are called to embrace faith, confident that the Spirit is at work. Let us pray for guidance, unity, and courage, trusting that God's plan unfolds even when we cannot see it fully. In these moments, hope becomes our anchor, and prayer our path forward.

In the peace of Christ,

Deacon Mike

PRAY FOR PEACE † LIVE IN PEACE

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD MAY 17, 2026

We are grateful for donations towards Easter and Spring Flowers

- Karen McFadden** in Thanksgiving of Fr. Mario & new home
June Rauth
- Eve Awyang** in memory of Dexter Awyang and
in Thanksgiving of Niño Awyang
Mike Rau
- John O'Connor**
- Kathryn Trepkowski Naas**
- Nadia Daoud**
- Michael Cioni** in memory of Louis and Katherine Cioni
- Marilen Martinez** in memory of the Martinez & Cruz families
Jerry & Raquel McElhone
- Joseph Broda** in memory of the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Anonymous Donors

SANDWICH MAKING AFTER MASS

The third Sunday of the month
In the parish offices after 10:00am Mass
MAY 17, 2026 Hosted by Mike & Ann Disser

Health care professionals!
Meet Nurse Marybeth after Mass
on Sunday, May 17 & May 24
to learn about outreach
opportunities at St. Aloysius

**INTERESTED
IN JOINING
OUR HEALTH
MINISTRY
TEAM?**

CONTACT MARYBETH AT
NURSE@STALSURSE.ORG

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AROUND METRO DETROIT!**
detroitcatholic.com/events

the JOSHUA CHORALE

Come Experience Our Spring Concert

TO JESUS through Mary

May 17, 2026 | 4 P.M.

Featuring
Marian Hymns & Francis Poulenc's
Mass in G Major

The Garden Pavilion at the Inn at St. John's

GET TICKETS HERE OR AT THEJOSHUACHORALE.NET

Join Our Family!

Visit our website and register online- Click 'Join our parish' on the landing page (staloyusdetroit.com) or use the QR code →

Join the Parish

Online Giving Offertory

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

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

There is no daily or Saturday Mass at OLR due to the summer recess. These Mass times will return in the fall.

Weekend Mass

Sunday at 5:30pm

<u>Weekly Budget</u>	\$ 4,528
<u>May 10, 2026</u>	\$ 4,202. ⁸³ 😊

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 May 18, 2026

12:15pm †Earl Marvin Varner

Requested by Mike & Karen Allison

Readings Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday May 19, 2026

12:15pm The Vandenboom family

Readings Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday May 20, 2026

12:15pm †Deceased members of the Marshall, Borg, and Lanson families

Requested by Antoinette Marshall & Heather Jones

Readings Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday May 21, 2026

12:15pm †Maria Fatima Silva

Requested by the Centeio-Smith family

Readings Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday May 22, 2026

12:15pm †Nancy Coles

Requested by Tom Coles

Readings Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 16:15-29

Saturday May 23, 2026

NO MASS (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25)

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday May 24, 2026

10:00am The Coles family

Requested by Tom Coles

†William Ragland III

Requested by Carmen Ragland

Readings Acts 2:1-11/1Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Pray for Our Friends

Elena Centeio-Smith	Ann Disser	Tim Trepkowski
Ricardo & Marietta Martinez	Sylvia Baker	Brian Kitz
Kenny Butler	Ever Jean	Anthony Bell
Sylvia Gonzalez	Tim Bowdell	John R Biffle
Matt Gumbel	John Prior	Lilley Bates
Alberta Mathis	Marjorie Peake	Joe Littman
Eric & Rachel Makarewicz	Randolph Jackson	Angela Coel
Mallory & Ryan	Cindy Ianni	Darroll Jenkins
Timothy	Tony & Mervet Farida	Herman Jenkins
Geraldine Biffle-Faulkner	Phillip King	Regina Roussel
Jendayi Issa	Curtis Hogan, Jr	Antoinette Marshall
Patrina Frierson	Orlando Eigner	Jeff Stephenson
Ron Joe	Wendy Price	Rosalind (Ashford) Holmes
Helen Tillerson	Ross Brandon	Barbara I.
Carrie F.	Tom Schrems	Arthur Page
Patricia Hayes	Dennis Samoray	Kathy S.
Andrea Piggott	Robert Wray	Raymond Biffle
Bob Clark	William Biffle	Robert McFadden

Please contact us if you would like to put yourself or someone you know on our Prayer List

May Events at St. Aloysius

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 usually gets back by 12:30pm.

Saturday, May 16th- 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 at schultz.michael@aod.org.

Sunday, May 17th- Sandwich-making for Neighborhood

Services after 10:00am Mass. Join Mike & Ann Disser –it usually takes about a half-hour to help make lunches for our brothers and sisters who are in need of a meal.

Sunday, May 17th & May 24th Health Ministry Info

Sessions after Mass. If you are a health care professional, meet Nurse Marybeth to learn about outreach opportunities at St. Aloysius. No signup required! Contact Marybeth with any questions at nurse@stalsnurse.org

Tuesday, May 19th- Holy Hour 7:00pm-8:00pm in the

church. We will use the Divine Office app for Night Prayer moving forward. Feel free to download it ahead of time. We will go out for a beverage after!

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))

Join the St Aloysius Moms Group on WhatsApp!

This is an informal and welcoming group of moms with babies/kids at St Aloysius. Our goal is to offer support, share advice and resources, and connect to each other! If you are planning a trip to the park, the zoo, or just a get-together, and would like to have other moms join with their kids, this group is for you. If you have questions about parenting, babies, pregnancy, or prayer needs, we are here to help. Scan the QR code and join us!



Barrel Proof Theology Podcast

Check out Barrel Proof Theology, a new podcast from our very own Director of Music Joe Mutone and parishioner Dan Piaskowski! It is a podcast about growing closer to God and reviewing different types of whiskey. The pilot is already out and Episode 1 was released on April 20th! You can find it wherever you listen to podcasts!