

It is important to be honest about what this restructuring may bring. We know that we cannot maintain the same number of parish buildings that we have today. Some parish communities may see changes in how or where they gather, while others may be called to see church buildings closed—structures that have been dear to their hearts for generations. But just as there will be mourning over losses or changes in parish life, there likewise will be new blessings with enhanced locations, renewed communities, and the ability to redirect our efforts toward sharing the Gospel and making disciples. I believe that as we work to *right-size* the Archdiocese and reallocate our personnel and financial resources, the footprint of the Church's presence—her mission, her faith, and her people—will remain.

Our work will be guided primarily by three key pillars:

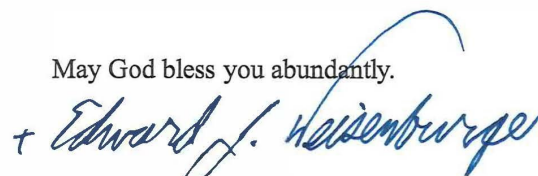
- **Vibrant parishes:** We want every parish to be a living heartbeat of faith, where people encounter Christ, grow in discipleship, and build real community.
- **Flourishing priests:** Our priests are at the heart of parish life. They must be supported and free to focus on what they do best: preaching the Gospel, celebrating the Sacraments, and caring for the faithful.
- **Mission ready:** By realigning our clergy and financial resources wisely, we will bring the joy of Christ to the next generation with energy and purpose. We will hand the next generation a Church that is vibrant, thriving, and alive in every way.

Next spring, each parish will host two listening sessions where you will have a chance to share your insights, hopes, and dreams for the future of your local parish and the Archdiocese. In the meantime, I ask for your prayers. Special prayer cards will be made available for this purpose at each parish. You can also access the prayer at [restructuring.aod.org](https://restructuring.aod.org), along with other resources related to this effort.

Additionally, every step of the restructuring will be covered in *Detroit Catholic*, the Archdiocese's free online news source. The best way to be kept up to date with how our restructuring unfolds is to sign up to get *Detroit Catholic* delivered to your email inbox either daily or weekly at [detroitcatholic.com/subscribe](https://detroitcatholic.com/subscribe).

Brothers and sisters, thank you for your generosity of time, prayer, talent, and faith. Together, and with God's grace, we will fashion a Church in this Archdiocese that is vibrant, flourishing, and fully alive in the mission of the Gospel.

May God bless you abundantly.



Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger  
Archbishop of Detroit

## St . Aloysius Collaborating Team

### Key Parish Leaders for St. Aloysius (KPLs)

**Individual members of each parish designated by the priest to serve as collaborators in the restructuring effort.** Key Parish Leaders must be registered parishioners and may serve as members of the parish/finance council, key ministry leaders, or representatives of a key parish demographic group. Key Parish Leaders will help share, inform, participate and lead the discernment process at their parish.

### **Here are the parish leaders for St. Aloysius:**

Tony Smith • Michael Cioni • Marilen Martinez • Rachel Pisano • Gerardo Butalid

### Primary Point of Contact for St. Aloysius (PPOC) - Beth Allison

Staff member navigating and communicating with the larger parish community.  
Three responsibilities: receive, share, and submit.

## 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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EVERYBODY'S CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT



ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT

November 15, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since arriving in Detroit this past March, I have had the great joy of meeting many of you at parish celebrations, diocesan gatherings, Mass, and other liturgies. In every encounter, I have seen something truly beautiful. I have witnessed your deep love for Christ, your local parish, and our Archdiocese. I also have witnessed your intense desire to see the Church of Detroit flourish for generations to come.

Along with our many blessings, I have also heard the candid expression of your concerns and your understanding of the challenges we face now and into the future. Please know that I hear you and that I see these challenges, too. Many of our churches were built during a time of tremendous growth, when more than 1.5 million Catholics called this Archdiocese home. Today, our Catholic census is closer to 900,000, with a smaller number regularly attending Mass. We have been struggling to maintain buildings, ministries, and structures that were designed for a much larger Church. The situation that unfolded in the last 50 years has left us stretched—sometimes stretched too thinly to serve as well as we want. Moreover, as we struggle to care for buildings and parish structures where there are very few people, we are also seeking to ensure the presence of the Church as we follow the Catholic population in those areas where the Church is growing.

While I believe that our commitment to Christ and his Church means that we must face these challenges, I do not believe that this moment in time need be marked primarily by anxiety or despair. Rather, I believe the situation we are facing is one that holds real and blessed opportunities. I believe with all my heart that God is inviting us to reimagine parish life, priestly ministry, and our mission. I believe God is asking us to face our future with creativity and deeper faith and trust that if we ask Him, then He will show us the way toward building something vibrant, sustainable, and enduring into the future.

This is why I am inviting every Catholic in our Archdiocese to join me in a serious two-year process of Archdiocesan restructuring. It will be a journey of discernment that I believe we can accomplish only together—a time for us to chart the best path forward for each of our parish communities and regions. In such an endeavor, every voice matters, just as every prayer matters. The end result will affect each parish and community of our Archdiocese, so each of you has a part to play in shaping the future of our Church.

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PRAY FOR PEACE † LIVE IN PEACE

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 16, 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

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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

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Pray for Our Friends
List of names: 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 Desser, Sylvia Baker, Tim Bowdell, John Prior, Marjorie Peake, Randolph Jackson, Cindy Ianni, Tony & Mervet Farida, Phillip King, Curtis Hagan, Jr, Orlando Eigner, Wendy Price, Ross Brandon, Tom Schrems, Dennis Samoray, Robert Wray, William Biffle, Brain 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 I., Arthur Page, Kathy S., Raymond Biffle, Robert McFadden.

PRAYER FOR ARCHDIOCESAN RESTRUCTURING

Come, Holy Spirit.
Make your presence known as we restructure the parishes and ministries of our archdiocese.
Be our light on the path we walk together. Help us hear your voice in the quiet of our own hearts, in the wisdom of others, and in the world around us.
We know you are with us in every step of the process. Give us clarity, understanding, and direction. In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.
Ste. Anne, pray for us. Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

November 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 is typically back by 11:30am.
- Thursdays, November 20th (no class 27th)- OCIA Meetings! Our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) meet on Thursdays from 7:00–8:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament (9844 Woodward Ave, Detroit). Questions-? Ask Jimmy at 313-309-1263, oleary.jimmy@aod.org
- Sunday, November 16th (Sacristans)- Liturgical Ministry Training after 10:00am Mass. Contact Jimmy with any questions- 313-309-1263, oleary.jimmy@aod.org.
- Sunday, November 16th- Sandwich-making after 10:00am Mass in the lower level of the church.
- Monday, November 17th- NO 7:00-8:00pm Holy Hour in church
- Tuesday, November 18th- Friendsgiving & Adoration Bring your friends for Adoration and a Thanksgiving potluck! Come to Washington Park Apts. at 6pm for food, and we'll move over to the church for Adoration from 7:00-8:00. We need thanksgiving sides! Contact Jimmy (oleary.jimmy@stalloysiusdetroit.com) for details.
- Friday, November 21st- Light the Night: Come to the Church at 6:30 PM to bring Jesus into the festivities of the Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting! We need help serving hot chocolate to passers-by and people to go out into Campus Martius and inviting people to the church. Let Jimmy know if you plan on attending! (oleary.jimmy@stalloysiusdetroit.com)
- Thursday, November 27th- Happy Thanksgiving! There is no 12:15pm Mass on Thanksgiving or Friday, November 28th.