

First Sunday of Advent
LIGHT ONE PURPLE CANDLE ON YOUR ADVENT WREATH

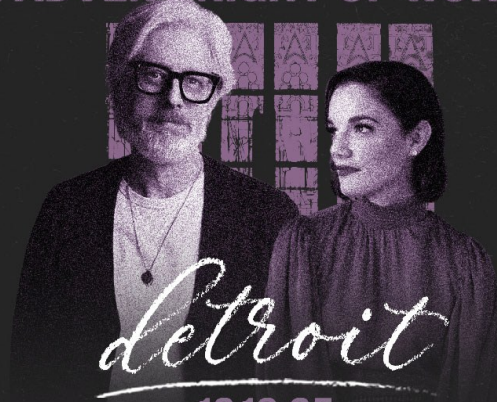
HOPE

12/1 PRAYER: WHAT DO I HOPE FOR MYSELF?	12/2 FIND FIVE ITEMS TO DONATE	12/3 PRAY FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS INFLUENCED ME
12/4 WRITE A NOTE TO SOMEONE YOU MISS	12/5 WHAT CAN I DO WITHOUT BEING ASKED	12/6 PRAY THE ROSARY

MATT MAHER SARAH KROGER

CATHEDRALS

AN ADVENT NIGHT OF WORSHIP



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12.16.25
CATHEDRAL OF
THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

Magnificent Christmas

FRIDAY NIGHT @ 7 P.M.
DECEMBER 12th, 2025

Organ Fanfare Prelude
Classic Carols
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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 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



OK, it is a Happy *Liturgical Calendar* New Year, but that wouldn't fit in the headline!

This is the first Sunday of Advent, when we start the new liturgical year in the Church. We see a change in colors around the Cathedral, St. Aloysius, and Old St. Mary's. We break out the Advent wreath and candles. The celebration of the Mass takes on a slightly different look. Readings take on a different tone. All these changes correspond to our preparing for celebrating the birth of our Savior.

Within society we see changes too. Halloween and Thanksgiving merchandise, that little which remains on the shelves, is heavily discounted, to make room for more Christmas merchandise – some of which has been in the stores well before Halloween. Decorations are pulled from storage and get placed around the home, some homes with more, many with less. Some families look forward to the season, others may not because of losses of one kind or another – family member, job, health. This will be the “First” Christmas for many – First Christmas as husband and wife, Baby's First Christmas, First Christmas in a new house, First Christmas without a parent, a spouse, or a child.

Our readings this weekend are about preparation, not so much about preparing for Christmas exactly, but preparing for the second coming of Jesus. We can be certain that he is coming. What we don't know exactly is *when* he is coming. But the fact that we know Jesus is coming again, we know we should live a Christian life of readiness.

To aid in our Christian life of readiness, our Family of Parishes has several events lined up during Advent. Consider making a *Liturgical New Year's Resolution* to attend one or more of these in addition to regular attendance at Mass. You also may want to include daily Mass or Adoration into your prayer routine.

Seek out how our church family can help get you into the spirit of Advent and Christmas with activities, music, prayer, and almsgiving.

In the peace of Christ,
Deacon Mike

PRAY FOR PEACE ✝ LIVE IN PEACE

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 30, 2025

ST. ALOYSIUS
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

- Monday December 1, 2025
12:15pm †Deceased members of the Marshall, Borg, and Lanzon families
Requested by Antoinette Marshall & Heather Jones
- Readings Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday December 2, 2025
12:15pm †John T. Adamo, 10th anniversary of death
Requested by Richard Adamo
- Readings Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday December 3, 2025
12:15pm † Margarite & Urban Kaufman
Requested by Mike & Karen Allison
- Readings Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday December 4, 2025
12:15pm † John Wendt
Requested by St. Aloysius Neighborhood Services
- Readings Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday December 5, 2025
12:15pm † Carla Holmes
Requested by St. Aloysius
- Readings Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Second Sunday of Advent

- Saturday December 6, 2025
(Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8)
5:00pm The Vandenboom family
Readings Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
- Sunday December 7, 2025
10:00am †Blake N Jones
Requested by Mike & Karen Allison
Fr. Mario
Requested by Steve & Mary Zito
Readings Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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 Roussel, 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 11:30am.

Sunday, November 30th- Happy First Sunday of Advent! May your Advent season be full of hope and peace.

Thursdays, December 4th, 11th, 28th (no class 25th)- 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). Contact Jimmy with any questions- 313-309-1263, oleary.jimmy@aod.org.

Pray for those attending the Advent Retreat December 5-7th!

Saturday, December 6th- 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.

Saturday, December 6th- There is no Confession before 5:00pm Mass.

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.

Tuesday, December 16th- Holy Hour 7:00pm-8:00pm in the 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.

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 (stalloysiusdetroit.com)
Neighborhood volunteer opportunities
stalloysiusdetroit.com/outreach

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