

Join our Liturgical Ministry Team!

Our parish community thrives when everyone shares their gifts in service to the Church. We invite you to consider serving in one of our liturgical ministries!

Whether you have a friendly smile to welcome others as an usher, a deep love for the Eucharist as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC), a calling to proclaim God’s Word as a lector, or a heart for reverent preparation as a sacristan, your service makes a difference. We also need acolytes to assist at Mass and tour guides to host visitors to share the story of our unique and historic church.

We will provide training and pair you with a veteran server for as long as you need. Join us in making our worship more beautiful and welcoming. Your parish family needs you!



Advent Retreat!

Looking for a way to quiet your mind and heart to prepare for the Advent and Christmas Season? Join us *Friday, December 5th to Sunday, December 7th* for a time of prayer, silence, Adoration, and community. The retreat will be co-ed, \$150 per person (lodging and all meals included).

Location- DeSales Retreat Center, Brooklyn, MI (about 1 hour 30 minutes from Detroit)

Schedule: Friday, December 5th- 7:30pm Welcome dinner and social time.

Saturday, December 6th- Breakfast, retreat talk by Fr. Sal, silent time on your own (Eucharistic Adoration available), lunch, time on your own, Mass, dinner, Praise and Worship + Eucharistic Adoration, evening beverages and social time.

Sunday, December 7th- Breakfast, pack up, honorable closure, leave at 11:00am.

Email allison.beth@aod.org to reserve a spot (indicate if you have any dietary restrictions, please). It will fill up fast!

Payments can be made here (please put Advent Retreat in the notes): <https://www.osvhub.com/staloyusdetroit/giving/funds/parish-events-weddings>

October 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.

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

Neighborhood volunteer opportunities: staloyusdetroit.com/outreach



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EVERYBODY’S CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT

Deacon on Duty-28 Steps

Following the diaconate convocation last week, Juanita and I spent a few additional days up north in and around Petoskey. One of our day trips included a drive out to the Cross in the Woods. We had been there once before many years ago. I recall from that first trip standing at the base of the crucifix, looking up at Jesus looking down at me. I was moved at the thought of Jesus looking at me as if to say, “I am here because of your sins.”

Wanting to re-experience that humbling moment, I prepared to climb the steps to reach the base of the crucifix. That is when I saw the two signs for the Holy Stairs. The one sign said not to walk on the marble stairs which ran up the left side of the concrete steps to the crucifix. The other sign briefly explained the tradition of the Holy Stairs in Rome, Italy and how these marbles steps in Indian River, Michigan were for a similar purpose. For those not familiar with the Holy Stairs (Scala Sancta in Latin), they are a set of 28 marble steps located near the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. The steps in Rome are believed to have been part of the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem and Our Lord was said to have climbed the stairs during His Passion (Mark 15:16; John 18:28). The stairs were brought to Rome by Saint Helena, mother of emperor Constantine. Over the centuries a tradition has come about of pilgrims climbing the stairs while on their knees, meditating on the Passion of the Lord.

So, without much thought and preparation, I dropped to my knees and proceeded to climb the 28 cold, wet marble steps. Having no instructions or formal prayers (though I found out later online there are prayers said while climbing the Holy Stairs in Rome) I began my trek up to the Cross in the Woods.

With each step I thought about Jesus walking up his 28 steps, leading to, leading to his meeting Pilate and a death sentence. With each step I thought about Mary at the foot of the Cross. I alternated between praying a Hail Mary and the Fatima Prayer (O my Jesus, forgive us our sins...). I meditated on what Jesus must have been thinking as he climbed those steps, thinking of my sins and his desire to sacrifice himself for me, for all of us.

Those first few steps were fairly easy. But as I prayed and meditated a minute or so on each step the feeling started to change. While it was not a crippling pain, there was a growing discomfort as I moved my way up to the Cross. As the discomfort increased, amidst the prayers I started thinking about Colossians 1:24, Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. Then my thoughts turned to just how much Jesus must have and does love me to have climbed the steps of the praetorium.

I share this in the spirit of the humble tax collector from our Gospel reading this weekend, but also in the spirit of hope and gratitude. The pain resulting from a half hour climbing those 28 marble steps on my knees was a reminder of the pain sin -- my sins -- cause. Yet, meditating on Jesus’ journey up his 28 steps reminded me why he endured his pain, his suffering, his cross. Jesus did so out of love and mercy for me, for all of us.

Years ago, I stood at the foot of the Cross in the Woods looking at the face of Jesus, looking back at me with a sense of him saying, “I am here because of your sins.” This time, I came away with a sense of Jesus saying, “I am here because I love you.” These are not “either/or” takeaways from the experiences, they are “both/and” experiences. Jesus journeyed to the Cross for our sins out of love for us. What a gift to receive from 28 steps!

In the peace of Christ,

Deacon Mike

PRAY FOR PEACE + LIVE IN PEACE

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 26, 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 \$ 4,154

See next week’s bulletin for totals in October

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 October 27, 2025
12:15pm †Sr. Angelita Winkowski, 12th anniversary of death
Requested by Marianne Carson

Readings Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday October 28, 2025
12:15pm The Vandenboom family
Readings Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday October 29, 2025
12:15pm †Nicky Gorski
Requested by Mike & Karen Allison
Readings Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday October 30, 2025
12:15pm †Sr. Elaine Machlik, 7th anniversary of death
Requested by Marianne Carson
Readings Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35

Friday October 31, 2025
12:15pm †Stanley P Pyszynski
Requested by Mike & Karen Allison
Readings Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Saturday November 1, 2025
(Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a)

5:00pm The Vandenboom family
Readings Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11/Jn 6:37-40

Sunday November 2, 2025
10:00am Fr. Mario
Requested by Steve & Mary Zito

†Joseph Pyszynski
Requested by Mike & Karen Allison
Readings Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11/Jn 6:37-40

Pray for Our Friends

Elena Centeio-Srith
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
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

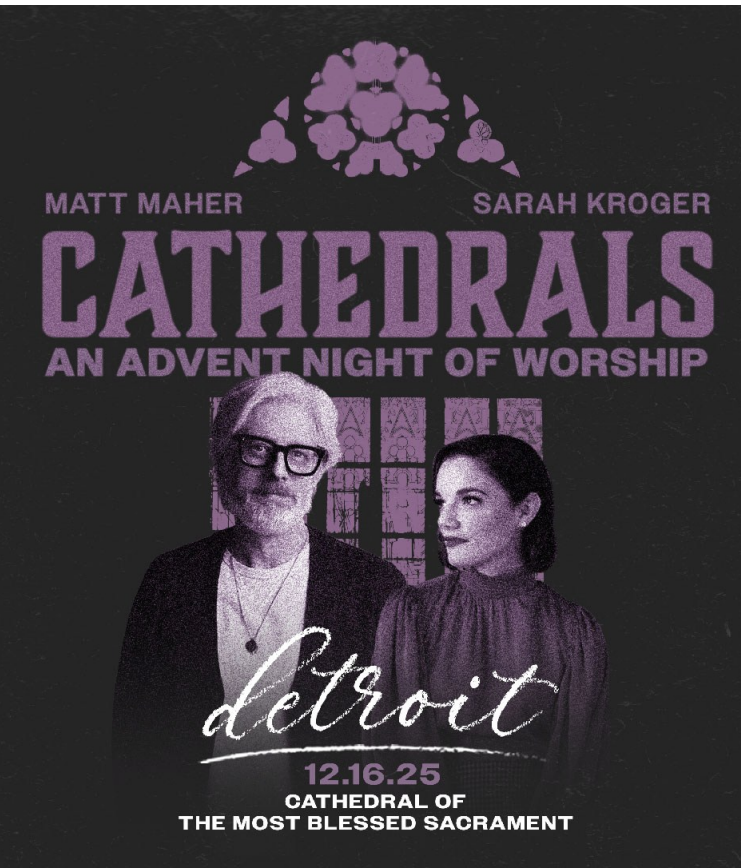
Mary’s Mantle



Mary’s Mantle, an apostolate of the Archdiocese of Detroit, is a local Catholic maternity home serving expectant moms and brand-new families with supportive housing and prayer-fueled goal management. Please join us on Friday, November 14.

Mass: 5:30 PM at Gesu
Dinner & Auctions: 7 PM at U of D Mercy
Tickets: marysmantle.net

See you there!



Weekend Mass Parking at Park Rite Garage

St Aloysius parishioners and guests who attend weekend Mass may park for free in the Park Rite Garage beneath the Detroit City Club Apts. on Washington Blvd. After Mass, ask one of the ushers for a scan pass, then use it at the gate or full validation. This courtesy extends only to Saturday or Sunday Mass, along with religious holi-days, and parish related activities before or after Mass.

It **does not** extend to sporting events or other activities unrelated to St. Aloysius, even if someone attends Mass that same day.