

Saint fest

friday october 30 5-9 pm

Relic Open House in church
70+ relics to venerate including:

the True Cross, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist, St. Michael the Archangel, Bl. Solanus Casey, St. Martin de Porres, the Apostles, St. Peregrine, St. Mary Magdalene...



Seasonal Fun for All Ages in the outdoor plaza

You could wear your Halloween costume and/or dress like a saint

games music Karaoke
photo ops pumpkin painting
costume contest
caramel apple making
bonfire vendors s'mores

no entry fee free parking



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MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Month

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026 | 11 a.m.
Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger, Celebrant

Learn more and RSVP at: [AOD.ORG/OCT-25-MASS](https://aod.org/oct-25-mass)

EVERYBODY’S CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT

Reflection: Is our theology blocking us from hearing the gospel?

Jesus often uses parables to respond to queries from the temple leadership, and we see this in today’s gospel. The chief priests and elders question Jesus’ authority, and Jesus responds with a parable about two sons. The father asks his sons to go to the vineyard and work. The first son says “no”—but eventually changes his mind and goes. The second son says “yes”—but never goes to work in the vineyard.

Jesus compares the two sons to the tax collectors and prostitutes, on the one hand, and the chief priests and elders, on the other hand. The ones most expected to understand and do God’s will, the religious leadership, fail. The ones least expected to understand and do God’s will, the ones most culturally despised, do the will of God. Actions speak louder than words.

Jesus asks, “What does it mean to say yes to God?” Saying “yes” is not the same as doing God’s will. Jesus reminds us that words alone are not enough. The second son says all the right things: “Yes, sir,” but then does nothing.

Similarly, we may also become very good at saying the right things to God without living them. We can say: “I believe in love,” but not love. We can say: “I believe in justice,” but not practice justice. We can say: “I follow Jesus,” but not follow him. True obedience requires action and a humble heart, not just empty religious words.

The vineyard is not a place of words but a place of work. It is a place where faith becomes visible. The first son says “no”, but then changes his mind and heart, and turns around. This shows that there is hope for all of us: Because many of us have also said “no” to God at some point. Maybe we have resisted something God was asking us to do. Maybe we have been afraid or angry. Maybe God called us toward justice, but justice was inconvenient, and we refused. But the good news of this parable is that our first answer does not have to be our final answer. We can change and turn around as grace gives us another opportunity.

Jesus surprises us with who enters the kingdom. Jesus says: “The tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.” These were people whom respectable religious society had pushed to the margins as they were considered sinners and outsiders. But they heard, and they changed direction.

The religious people who thought they already had the right answers were refusing to go into the vineyard. The people we think are far from God may actually be closer to God than we imagine. The people who think they are closest to God may discover that they have stopped listening. It is possible to become so certain we are right that we no longer hear God’s invitation. We can become so comfortable with our theology that we stop being transformed by the gospel.

Grace Ji-Sun Kim
U.S. Catholic.org

Join us for an Advent Retreat

Looking for a way to quiet your mind and heart to prepare for the Advent and Christmas Season?
Join us Friday, December 11th to Sunday, December 13th for a time of prayer, silence, Adoration, and community.

Location- DeSales Retreat Center, Brooklyn, MI (about 1 hour 30 min from Detroit). The retreat will be co-ed, \$150 per person (lodging and all meals included). If you would like a single room, the cost is \$300 (space is limited for single rooms)

Schedule:
Friday, December 11th- 7:30pm Welcome dinner and social time.

Saturday, December 12th- Breakfast, retreat talk by Fr. Sal, silent time on your own (Eucharistic Adoration available), lunch, time on your own, Mass, dinner, Praise & Worship, Eucharistic Adoration, evening beverages, and social time.

Sunday, December 13th- 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/>



HALLOWEEN CANDY FUNDRAISER



Please drop off bags of candy at the parish to help seminarians provide a safe trick-or-treating experience for kids!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

For more information contact Tom Pfaffenbach at pfaffenbach.tom@shms.edu

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 9:00am-4:00pm

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
Weekend Mass Sunday at 5:30pm
Adoration Monday-Thursday- 4:30-5:00pm
Daily Mass Monday-Thursday- 5:30pm
Confession Monday-Thursday- 5:00-5:30pm

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows: Weekly Budget (\$ 4,528), September 20, 2026 (\$ 3,400.35).

If you have moved or are planning to move, please keep us updated! We would love to keep our parish records current and send you a Christmas card in December
Contact Louise: danilowicz.louise@aod.org or 313-237-5810

Mailing Address for the Parish
Our parish office is 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:

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PO Box 44350
Detroit, MI 48244

Mass Intentions and Readings

Table with 2 columns: Day, Mass Details. Rows: Monday (September 28, 2026), Tuesday (September 29, 2026), Wednesday (September 30, 2026), Thursday (October 1, 2026), Friday (October 2, 2026), Saturday (October 3, 2026), NO MASS.

Table with 2 columns: Day, Mass Details. Rows: Sunday (October 4, 2026), Sunday (October 4, 2026).

Table with 3 columns: Pray for Our Friends, Pray for Our Friends, Pray for Our Friends. Rows: Elena Centeio-Smith, Ann Disser, Eileen Page, etc.

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 Washington Park Apts. on Washington Blvd. After Mass, ask one of the ushers for a scan pass, then use it at the gate for full validation. This courtesy extends only to Sunday Mass, along with religious holidays, 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.

October 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 12:30pm.

Weekday Adoration 11:45am-12:10pm before 12:15pm
Daily Mass Monday-Friday.

Saturday, October 3rd- 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, October 4th- Join us near the Capitol Park dog park after the 10:00 am Mass (around 10:30am) on Sunday, October 4th for our annual Pet Blessing! Bring your furry, feathered, or scaly pals along to be blessed as we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals! You don't need to be Catholic to have your pet blessed, so share this with anyone (neighbors, friends, coworkers) you know who has a pet who deserves to get #blessed!

Sunday, October 11th- Coffee and Donuts after 10:00am Mass!

Monday, October 12th- the Dedication Anniversary of our 1930s church building. Join us at 12:15pm Mass to thank God for many blessings of our parish. Fun Fact: Blessed Fulton Sheen gave the dedication speech at the dedication Mass on October 12, 1930!

Saturday, October 17th- 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.

Friday, October 16th- Bonfire at Marybeth's at 6:00pm. Text our parishioner, Marybeth, at (517) 896-3083 for the address.

Sunday, October 18th- Detroit Free Press Marathon! Join us at 8:00am to cheer on the Marathon Runners! *Note: be sure to look up your route to Mass since many of the streets in the city are closed due to the Marathon routes. If you are running in the Marathon or Half-Marathon, let us know! We would love to make you a poster. Email allison.beth@aod.org. No Sandwich-making for Neighborhood Services after 10:00am Mass in the lower level of the church.

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

Neighborhood volunteer opportunities staloyusdetroit.com/outreach

Upcoming Senior Meetings

Meet Inside St. Aloysius from 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Oct 1 – Alpha bible study
Oct 8 — S.H.A.R.E. w/Dr. Barb

