

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! **Contact Jimmy for more info at 313-309-1269.**

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Stay informed, stay inspired. —Fr. John

September Events

Backpack Ministry volunteer after 10:00am Mass on Sun-days. Help us pray and distribute food & essentials to our brothers and sisters in need. See Michael after Mass to get involved. The team is typically back by 11:30am.

Saturday, September 6th- 10:00am **Backpack Ministry.** Help us pray and distribute food & essentials to our broth-ers and sisters in need in the area. Meet *in the church*. No signup required! Contact Michael with any ques-tions schultz.michael@aod.org.

Monday, September 15th- Holy Hour 7:00pm-8:00pm in the church.

Tuesday, September 16th- Join us for Courtyard Catechesis at 7:00pm in the courtyard at Old St. Mary's (646 Monroe Detroit, MI). The topic will be redemptive suffering, for-giveness, and reconciliation presented by Fr. John Maksym. Food and beverages provided. Free parking.

Saturday, September 20th- 10:00am **Backpack Ministry.** Help us pray and distribute food & essentials to our broth-ers 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, September 21st- Sandwich-making for Neighbor-hood Services after Mass in the lower level of the church.

Sunday, September 28th- Join us for the baptism of Adelaide Allison after Mass.

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

For Neighborhood Services volunteer opportunities, go to: stalloysiusdetroit.com/outreach

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 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.

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EVERYBODY’S CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN DETROIT

Before I get into today’s Gospel I want to chat about the archbishop’s determination to assign Fr. Salvatore Palazzolo as the priest here at St. Aloysius. Fr. Sal is a fellow canonist who works in the office next to mine at the chancery. He is the Judicial Vicar and runs the archdiocesan tribunal. He is an incredibly fine priest and a close friend. I recommended this move as my duties as Episcopal Vicar for Clergy Discipline and as the priest exercising governance over Old Saint Mary in Greektown was a more than full time enterprise and I felt I was neglecting St. Al’s just a bit. Both historic parishes need a serving pastor. Accordingly, I thought it best, and the archbishop agreed that both his Judicial Vicar and Episcopal Vicar should have their own parish. That is not to say that I will be disappearing. I love St. Al’s and have real history here. I will continue in my weekday Mass duties and will fill in from time to time on weekends. In short, Fr. Sal and I will be supporting each other’s efforts in our respective parishes. So no worries, I am not going anywhere really. You could not be in better hands than those of Fr. Sal.

In our gospel reading this week, Christ is yet again urging us to place Him first. He is dramatic, even extreme in giving us examples; indicating we must put Him before our families and more radically, carry a cross for Him. What Christ is really telling us is there must be no limits, no contours to our loyalty, our devotion, our commitment to the way of the Christ. We are either “all in” or not in at all. He calls upon us to calculate what we are doing, not to make a hasty decision in choosing His way. We have to throw ourselves into complete and absolute love – nothing less. Christ uses this intentional and terminal language because He wants to leave no doubt as to the way to salvation. You cannot hope to be with Him if you are half a friend – its varsity or nothing.

I don’t know about you but that is pretty intense for me – pretty final. But really, when you think about it, isn’t that how all big decisions in life really are. Sometimes we have to take a side, we have to stand up for principal, we have to commit. We discover all rather quickly that if we try to please everyone, try to “cover our bets” we suddenly end up standing for everything so as to stand for nothing at all.

This Gospel is ever so relevant to our parish and its future. We live in a world where facts no longer matter. It is a world where everyone has an opinion so long as they can advance that opinion in the form of online spears rather than having the gumption to come forward out of the shadows and engage in actual conversation. This is a sickness throughout society. The rectangular device that owns many of our lives – that invention which has as its best-selling sites those which degrade women with pornographic images and urge our young people to enter into a relationship with an “Al girlfriend or boyfriend” in their Facebook advertisements – or worse. Our parents give their children these devices and in many cases do not govern their use. After all, the child is occupied, and the parent gets to pretend they are single again. Earlier this week I was getting carry out at a restaurant across the street from the chancery and was going to say hello to a young, professional woman who was waiting for her food next to me. I was amazed that she could not put the rectangle down – it owned her, consumed her, to the point where she could not care if there was a human being standing next to her.

All of us must ask, are we of God or of this place? To whom do we belong? For which team do we play? God is watching, and each of us in our own time must choose.

See you at Mass.

Fr. John

PRAY FOR PEACE + LIVE IN PEACE

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 7, 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 Thursday 12:15pm
CHURCH OPEN MON-THURS 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 Thursday - 12:00pm
Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 9:30am

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 Thursday at 8:00am

OUR LADY of the ROSARY MASS SCHEDULE
Mass: Monday-Thursday, 5:30pm Friday at 12:30pm

Note: There is NO Monday-Friday or Saturday Mass during the summer months

Saturday at 9am, Sunday at 5:30pm
Confessions at 5:00pm

There is NO Adoration during the summer months

Weekly Budget	\$ 4,154
Total for August 31, 2025	\$4,781. ⁴⁸ 😊

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 48233

Mass Intentions and Readings

Monday September 8, 2025
12:15pm Daphne Wallace
Requested by Carmen Ragland

Readings Mi 5:1-4a/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday September 9, 2025
12:15pm †Deceased Members of the Marshall, Borg, and Lanzon families
Requested by Antoinette Marshall & Heather Jones

Readings Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday September 10, 2025
12:15pm †Rebecca Finley
Requested by the Allison family

Readings Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday September 11, 2025
12:15pm †Augustine Vanden Boom
Requested by Beth Allison

Readings Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

Friday September 12, 2025
NO MASS

Readings 1Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday September 13, 2025
(1Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49)
5:00pm The Vanden Boom family
Readings Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Sunday September 14, 2025

10:00am †Rosemarie Massaini
Requested by Steve & Mary Zito

Ellie McNeill
Requested by Sylvia Baker

Readings Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Pray for Our Friends

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

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
AUGUST IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS



- Over 1,800 meals served through street outreach, breakfasts, and pop-up events
- 4,500+ lbs of fresh produce & pantry staples distributed at our weekly Pop-Up Produce Station
- 1,800+ bottles of water shared to keep neighbors hydrated in the summer heat
- 200+ pairs of socks distributed to neighbors and those living on the streets
- 320 hygiene kits provided to restore dignity and meet daily needs
- 500+ essentials (seasonal clothing, toiletries, blankets, backpacks) distributed
- 18 pets supported through Dorney's Pet Pantry — food and care for our neighbors' companions
- 200+ personal prayer moments offered through Alpha Prayer Clinics, and street outreach
- 15 neighbors journeying through Alpha weekly, finishing watching and discussing The Rescue Project
- Faith Community Nurses partnered with Wayne Mobile Health Unit assisted 90 neighbors with blood pressure checks, diabetes screenings, and health questions—body, mind, and spirit care
- Neighborhood Block Party served 600+ guests with meals, essentials, prayer, and friendship

We're always accepting donations of hygiene items, pantry-safe snacks, seasonal essentials, and socks to keep our ministries thriving. To donate or volunteer, visit staloyusdetroit.com/neighborhood-services or email schultz.michael@aod.org.

WE LOVE YOU,
DETROIT!
Come pray with us!