

# St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church

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**March 15, 2020**



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 60281, 1980, 1978-CCD.

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We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

## Ordinary Mass Schedule

Please look inside bulletin for possible seasonal changes.

**Daily Mass: Weds., Thurs. Fri. & Saturday 9:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday at 7:00 pm**  
**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.**

**Holy Hour: Tuesday 5:30 pm**

**Sacrament of Confession:**  
**Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm.**  
**First Friday and Saturdays of the month following morning Mass.**  
**Every Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm.**

**Rosary : After each Mass**

## Parish Directory

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### St. Aloysius

**Parish Registration** Complete and drop in the collection basket. We thank God for your presence here.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to become a parishioner.
- I'm from out of town. Please add me to your mailing list.

#### Mission Statement

St. Aloysius is a friendly parish with a sense of family. Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ to pray and worship, we serve one another with understanding and compassion. Our mission is to share, live and witness the Gospel, as we celebrate the sacraments and practice the works of Christian service, education, justice and peace. We support a vision for growth rooted in the belief that all things are possible when trusting in God.



Frances Massineo, Helen Thomas, Cathy Mulligan, Abigail Kay Zettle-moyer, Andrew Hailo, Fr. John Currin, Theresa Matt, Dennis Jacobs, Nellie Chadwick, Chuck Shonta, Laura Hager, Steve Buck, Bernie Roberts, Irene Bergeson, Connie Havens, Ret-ta Matt, Christal Hailo, Roseann Farn-strom, Shirley Parmlee

Father, your only Son took upon himself the sufferings and weakness of the whole human race; through his passion and cross he taught us how good can be brought out of suffering.

Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill, whom we now remember in a special way. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

To add someone to our prayer list, please contact the parish office.



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, March 17, 2020**  
**Lenten Weekday**  
7:00 pm For †Cle Roberts req.by Clarence & Mary Mahon

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**  
**Lenten Weekday**  
9:00 am For Irene Bergeson, req.by St. Aloysius Ushers

**Thursday, March 19, 2020**  
**St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
9:00 am For †Delores Klaiber, req. by Joe & Terri Saval

**Friday, March 20, 2020**  
**Lenten Weekday**  
9:00 am For Bernie Roberts, req. by St. Aloysius Ushers

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**  
**Lenten Weekday**  
9:00 am For Susan Duff, req. by St. Aloysius Ushers

**Sunday Anticipatory Mass—**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
5:00 pm For †Cle Roberts, req. by Darryl & Sharon Zilka

**Sunday, March 22, 2020**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
9:00 am For the Parishioners of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church  
11:00 am For †Al & Bea Shephard, req. by Jason Dore

#### BE WILLING

*If you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts. Psalm 95:7-8*

You may think, *No way!* It may be the first thing you think when you understand God's will for you. Maybe that's because his plans seem overwhelmingly difficult, or because they involve too many of your weaknesses. Perhaps it's because God's directions seem to counter to your own ideas and prejudices. Whatever the reason, you really don't want to do as God says.

Reconsider, friend—don't be so quick to say no. God wants to do great things through you—endeavors that will astonish your eyes and bring true joy to your soul. True, it's going to take faith, but if you're willing to do whatever God says, you're sure to be blessed. So say, yes, and trust him.

*God, I want to obey you, but I'm afraid. Fill me with confidence in your ways so I may serve you faithfully and please you. Amen.*



The Scripture that comes with this time, "I love and seek, and I ask you, a Samaritan woman, to drink." Jesus is a great friend to her. "If you know the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Come and drink,' you should have asked him and he would have given you living water."

#### Readings for the Week March 15, 2020

- Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

#### Lay Minister Liturgy Schedule March 21/22, 2020

**Altar Server**  
5:00 pm Pam  
9:00 am Help Needed  
11:00 am William & Pierre

**Readers**  
5:00 pm Paul  
9:00 am Donna  
11:00 am Sharon



**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
5:00 pm Darryl  
9:00 am Nancy  
11:00 am Jean

Raise yourself up after a fall, sweetly and gently, humbling yourself before God.  
-St. Frances De Sales

**Ste. Anne Church in Detroit granted title Minor Basilica**



Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has granted the title of Minor Basilica to Ste Anne Church in Detroit.

As its founding on the Feast of Ste Anne in 1701, the parish was among the first fruits of a new missionary diocese. The church's designation as a basilica is a providential reminder that today, we each are called to continue the same mission to unleash the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the men and women of our time.

We are truly blessed by the Holy Father's recognition of Ste. Anne's historical significance to the City of Detroit and our local Church. More information about this designation is provided on the AOD website,

**Banquet Royale Rescheduled!**

**The decision was made to go ahead with the 2020 Banquet Royale in honor of Steve Kertesz.**

Steve loved his parish family and spent much time in preparation for this event, and those who also are involved in the event know Steve would have wanted us to proceed.

This year's event will be held on April 24th, same venue, same food. Mark Lewkowicz has agreed to step in as our MC this year. Thanks Mark.

We are in anticipation of having a sold out event like in 2019. We are still taking installment payments to make it easier on your wallet, just make sure this information is indicated with your payment. Tickets are \$150 for raffle entry, dinner and drinks. Dinner & drinks *only* can be accompanied by a full cost ticket at \$75.



We hope that those who were not able to attend the original event date can attend on the 24th.

Let's have some fun and fellowship in honor of Steve!

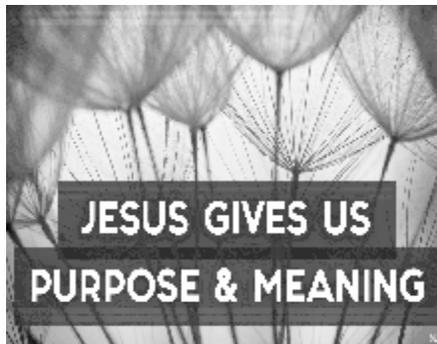
**Spirit and Truth**

***But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth.*** John 4:23-24

There's an industry in helping people explore their physical limitations as they travel the world seeking adventure experiences. We can also recognize the importance of pursuing prayer like an athlete in training. But when it comes to exploring the thick emotional crust that often surrounds our relational habits, it's easy to get stuck. A family member makes a string of poor decisions, for instance, or expresses opinions I don't like, and then find it difficult to tell them I love them.

It can be uncomfortable when someone is growing or changing in their own ways and I feel left behind or powerless around them. And sometimes I know that mercy is called for, but I simply don't want to practice it. To worship in Spirit and truth means acknowledging all our limitations, even our emotional ones, and asking that God's grace will permeate every aspect of our humanity.

Elizabeth Duffy



**Cultivating the Call**

Nurturing and supporting vocations to the priesthood requires the prayerful support of the whole community. Everyone—families, parents, teachers, priests, DRE's, youth ministers, catechists—is invited to join the Office of Priestly vocations for **Cultivating the Call** at Church of the Holy Family (24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, MI 48375) on March 25 from 6-8 p.m. The evening will include a light meal, vocation testimonies, Eucharistic adoration, praise and worship music and more. For additional information and to RSVP, visit [detroitpriest.com](http://detroitpriest.com).

Visit [aod.org](http://aod.org) for information about CSA-supported ministries, programs and services.

**This Coming Week**

**Tuesday, March 17, 2020**

6:15-6:45 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Mass  
7:45 pm Rosary

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

9:00 am Mass  
9:30 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions  
9:45 am Rosary  
6:00 pm Religious Education Classes

**Thursday, March 19, 2020**

9:00 am Mass  
9:30 am Infant of Prague Devotions  
9:45 am Rosary  
6:00 pm Legion of Mary

**Friday, March 20, 2020**

9:00 am Mass  
9:30-4:30 pm Exposition & Adoration  
9:45 am Rosary-Sorrowful Mysteries  
3:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
4:20-4:30 pm Benediction

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
4:30-7:00 pm Fish Fry

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

9:00 am Mass  
9:30 am Rosary  
3:30-4:30 pm Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass  
6:00 pm Rosary

**Sunday, March 22, 2020**

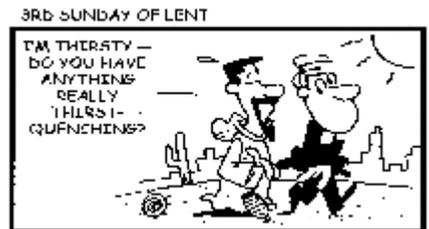
9:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Rosary  
11:00 am Mass  
12:00 pm Rosary

**OUR GIFTS OF LOVE**

March 8, 2020

Envelopes Issued:	190
Envelopes Used:	93
Weekly Budget:	\$3,700.00
Amt. Received:	\$4,269.00

Your Continued Support is Needed and Appreciated.



## The Lord's Prayer

(In Memory of Joseph and Verna Kotlarek)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth  
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin  
against us. Lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours. Now and forever.  
Amen.

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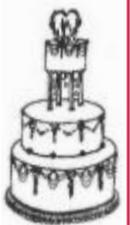
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