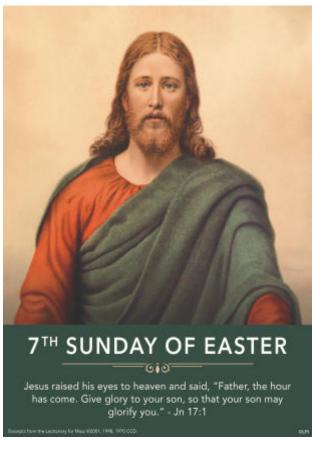
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May 24, 2020





What does faith and religion do for us? Ultimately, they remind us of some truths we conveniently forget: we are created by a loving God, we have imperfections, we sin, we need to be forgiven, we have a mission and a purpose, it's not just about us, and we hunger for the joy of salvation. These are human truths that are not dependent upon whether we like them. Ignoring them places us on the paths of comfort and satisfaction as we blindly pursue the busyness and superficiality of our empty lives. Instead of pursuing supernatural and lasting pleasure, we choose things that are easier and quicker to obtain: sex, drugs, travel, houses, cars, fame, popularity, self-achievement and satisfaction, physical enjoyment, and the like.

We may also find ourselves falling victim to more negative responses to what life brings us: anger, envy, lust,

pride, gluttony, greed, and apathy. Human hearts can become so hardened to the truth that violence becomes the response of first choice. Being a Christian is hard! Yet, as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church needs to be a field hospital that has to be prepared to provide people with the remedy they need. What we need is Jesus Christ. The Church, with all of the glory of the sacraments, exists to help make Christ present and real for us. Once we find Christ, we find joy. Joy is a matter of the heart that is beyond pleasure and happiness. It is not found in some earthly satisfaction, only in Christ.

Once we accept that we are destined to be in Christ, then we will discover eternal life. Namely, "that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." It is easy to conveniently forget truth and pursue illusions immediately within our grasp, but at what price? A man celebrating 60 years of marriage remarked that it took so much effort and so many attempts to convince his wife that they were meant to be together. Even his friends told him he was foolish. He easily could have given up and pursued other interests. He chose to persevere and is so grateful that he made that choice because he now has a pearl of great price. Do we see a value in persevering in our faith regardless of the cost? If we don't take the risk, we could lose more than we know.

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

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St. Aloysius

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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 Zettlemoyer, Andrew Hailo, Fr. John Currin, Theresa Matt, Dennis Jacobs, Nellie Chadwick, Chuck Shonta, Laura Hager, Steve Buck, Bernie Roberts, Irene Bergeson, Connie Havens, Retta Matt, Christal Hailo, Roseann Farnstrom, Shirley Parmlee, Mark Golembiewski, Sylvia Dubisky, Carmen Rossi, Ron Domas

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, May 26, 2020 Saint Philip Neri

7:00 pm For †Ernest Zilka, req. by Darryl & Sharon Zilka

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 Easter Weekday

9:00 am For †Mrs. Martha A.A. Amaefule, reg. by Sr. Michael Paul

Thursday, May 28, 2020 Easter Weekday

9:00 am For the Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Detroit

Friday, May 29, 2020 Easter Weekday

9:00 am For †Marian Hamel, req. by St. Alovsius Parish

Saturday, May 30, 2020 Easter Weekday

9:00 am For †Adam Troia, req. by George & Linda Troia

Sunday Anticipatory Mass Pentecost Sunday

5:00 pm For †Nancy James, req. by Marce Uzark

Sunday, May 31, 2020 Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am For †Joseph & Verna Kotlarek, req. by Jeff & Sue Kotlarek

11:00 am For the Parishioners of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church

Lond, You've Been God to Me

Lord, You've been so good to me That I could almost cry. You've given me so many things that money cannot buy. My home is plain and simple, But filled with love inside For every heart's an altar Where your Spirit can abide. There is food upon the table And plenty we can share As we entertain the needy And angels unaware. There are flowers in the garden So beautiful to see. Any harvest runneth over From every apple tree.

My friends are all around me Like angels from up above And neither gold nor silver Can buy the gift of love. Your blessings flow like rivers That never will run dry. Lord, You've been so good to me That I could almost cry!

Clay Harrison



Note glorify me, I withen earth you, reads the glory that I had with you before the world began. I are ealed your more as those a from your give the out of the world. They belonged to you, and you give them to me, and they had a

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Readings for the Week of May 24, 2020

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6 -7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-

11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

 Wednesday:
 Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

 Thursday:
 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

 Friday:
 Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,

19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3
-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1
-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22 -27/Jn 7:37-39. Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Lay Minister Liturgy Schedule May 30/31, 2020

Altar Server

5:00 pm 9:00 am 11:00 am

Readers

5:00 pm Paul 9:00 am Nancy 11:00 am Jack



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm 9:00 am 11:00 am



Prayer for the Fallen

God our creator and sustainer, today our country brings to our memory those who have defended

this nation in times of trouble.

They have sacrificed their lives to protect our shores

from those who would limit our freedoms

or enslave us to ways that are against your will.

Bring all those who have died in service to our country

into your heavenly presence.

We humbly call down your blessing on those still serving;

grant your heavenly protection to these men and women,

and open your Sacred Heart to give them peace and comfort.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Mary reminds us that new life is possible

The month of May signals to us that something is changing. The winter cold recedes; the sun peeks out from the sweeping clouds. All around us, in grass and trees and flowers and creatures, life is once again unfurling.

Mary experienced many difficult seasons in her life. And yet, these painful experiences gave way to new, untold beauties. She mothered the Son of God, who performed miracles, spoke the good news and rose from the dead.

Suffering can make way for flourishing. The earth itself rejoices in the month of May, and we follow suit, praising God for the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In her, we see his grace at work, making all things new.

First Communion and May Crowning

Today, we will commemorate the First Holy Communion's of Macarius Kolk and Zachary Love. These two young men have worked very hard during their preparation for this wonderous event and have been anxiously awaiting this day for a very long time. Please congratulate them and pray for them as they begin a closer union with Jesus Christ.

We will also be honoring our Blessed Mother today, May 24th (also at the 11:00 am Mass0 with our annual May Crowning which we were unable to accomplish on the first Sunday of May. This has been a difficult couple of months with no public Masses and even now, with our face masks, and social distancing, and most people still out of work, this remains a difficult time of adjustment. So, honoring our Blessed Mother today, during the month of May -albeit late in the month - we are recognizing her very love for each of us as the children of God and we also ask her to place each of us under her special protection. With great confidence let each of us trust in the loving care of our Blessed Mother. May she guide our First Communicants even closer to her son!

> Prayer for the First Communion of Marcarius Kolk and Zachary Love

Lord Jesus,

Bless these children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of you and the Eucharist.

As St. Augustine reminds us, may their hearts ache for you so that they might turn to you for comfort, quidance, and wisdom. May their innocence and goodness also inspire each of us to love and cherish you in this most holy Sacrament of your Body and Blood.

Amen.

This Coming Week Tuesday, May 25, 2020

9:00 am Mass

Wednesday, May 26, 2020

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Thursday, May 27, 2020

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Infant of Prague Devotions

Friday, May 28, 2020

9:00 am Mass

Saturday, May 29, 2020

9:00 am Mass

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, May 30, 2020

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

OUR GIFTS OF LOVE

May 10 & 17, 2020

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It is quite simple, log into give.aod.org and fill in the appropriate information needed. Please make sure that you choose St. Aloysius, Romulus under the organization name.

Your donation will appear in our LDP savings account. Thank you in advance for supporting your church family,

When I raise my eyes to the grace of divine assistance, I am confident I can accomplish virtuous deeds.

-ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE

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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