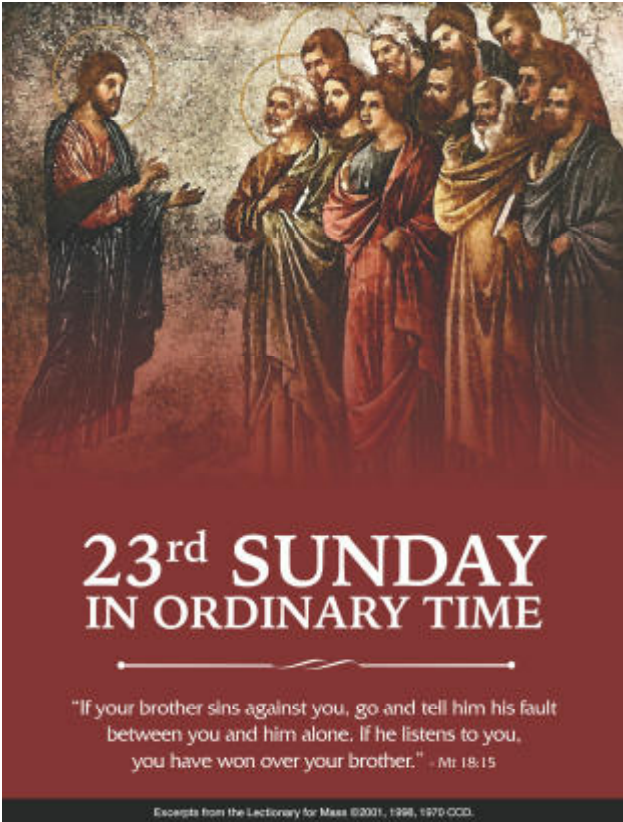


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September 6, 2020



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt. 18:15

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It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

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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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, Nellie Chadwick, Chuck Shonta, Laura Hager, Steve Buck, Bernie Roberts, Irene Bergeson, Connie Havens, Retta Matt, Christal Hailo, Roseann Farnstrom, Shirley Parmlee, Mark Golembiewski, David Buck, Rob McLachlan, Brad Newby, Bonnie Wysocki, Jim Caczor, Jack Kramer, Edward Hagedon

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, September 8, 2020

Weekday

9:00 am No Mass

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Weekday

9:00 am No Mass

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Weekday

9:00 am No Mass

Friday, September 11, 2020

9:00 am No Mass

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Weekday

9:00 am No Mass

Twenty Fourth Sunday Anticipatory Mass

5:00 pm For †Judy Kotlarek req. by Jeff and Sue Kotlarek

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For †Ron Collins req. by Barbara

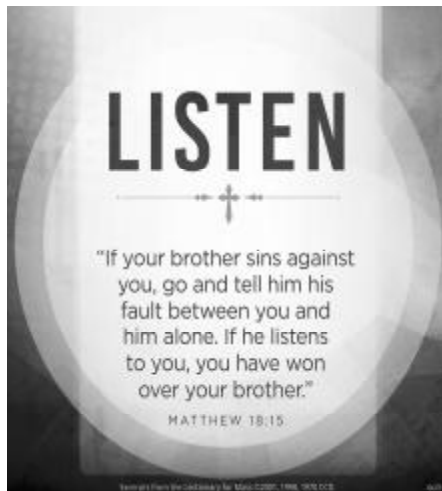
11:00 am For †Cle Roberts req. by Marianne Curran

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Due to COVID19 restrictions, the Parish Office remains CLOSED for casual visitors but we are maintaining shortened hours to conduct business and to allow those who must come into the office the opportunity to do so. Please be sure to wear a mask if you must come into the Office. For the foreseeable future our Office Hours will be:

Monday:
8am until 1pm

Tuesday thru Thursday:
10am until 2pm



Readings for the week of September 6, 2020

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Lay Minister Schedule September 12/13 2020

Altar Server

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

Reader

5:00 pm Paul
9:00 am John
11:00 am Jackford

EMHC

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



WHITE ELEPHANT

We are now accepting donations for our annual White Elephant Sale. Please contact the parish office for more information.

(Romulus will not host the annual Pumpkin Festival this year but we plan to have our White Elephant Sale anyway, only later, possibly in October.)

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS**

The Blessing of the Community

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community.

– Tracy Earl Welliver



Angels are always with us
(by Philip Kosloski)

Whether we realize it or not, angels are with us at home, work, school and every other place we go! Catholics firmly believe that angels exist and are constantly surrounding us with their care. They protect and guide us, even when we don't ask! In the 19th-century book *The Glories of the Catholic Church*, the author provides an example of such a situation:

A pious woman, having one night received information that a poor person in the suburbs was lying in extreme necessity, and none of her [servants] being within, sent her son with something for the poor person's relief. The boy, being very young, was greatly afraid going by himself to such a lonely place, until a page appeared, bearing a torch, and conducted him safely to his destination. His mother did not doubt that it might be his good angel who had rendered him the charitable office.

There are many other modern stories of people being saved by mysterious figures. Sometimes these are later confirmed to be an actual person, but often their appearance is too miraculous to be any human being. However, angels are not sent to us only for these times of crisis, but are constantly with us.

The angels, says St. Augustine, enter and go forth with us—they have their eyes ever fixed on us, and on what we do. If we remain at home, they stay with us; if we walk out, they accompany us; let us go where we will, on land or at sea, they are always with us; they are no less present with the merchant in his counting-house, or the matron in the cares of her household, than with the recluse in his desert, or the religious in his cell. O excessive bounty!—even while we sleep, they watch over us—they are always at our side.

This reality can be a comforting thought, especially if when we are alone. We may not be able to see them with our eyes, but often we can sense their presence. The key is to **trust God**, who did send us angels who are here for us, ready to guide us along the path to eternal life.

This Coming Week

Tuesday, September 8, 2020
9:00 am No Mass
Wednesday, September 9, 2020
9:00 am No Mass
Thursday, September 10, 2020
9:00 am No Mass
6:00 Legion of Mary Meeting
Friday, September 11, 2020
9:00 am No Mass
Saturday, September 12, 2020
9:00 am No Mass
5:00 pm Mass
Sunday, September 13, 2020
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

**NOTE REGARDING
CONFESSIONS**

Confessions are now being heard following the 9am morning Mass on the First Friday and First Saturday of each month. Confessions will also be heard at other times by pre-arranged appointment. Please contact the Parish Office to make these arrangements. Hopefully, we will return to our normal 3:30pm to 4:30pm Saturday. Confession schedule by the end of August.

OUR GIFTS OF LOVE
August 30, 2020

Envelopes Issued:	190
Envelopes Used:	51
Budget:	\$3,700.00
Amt. Received:	\$3,584.00

Your Continued Support is Needed

For safety precautions donations can also be mailed to the parish office, to the following address:

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On Line Giving Now Available

For your convenience the Archdiocese of Detroit has a new on line giving program through give.aod.org.

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,

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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