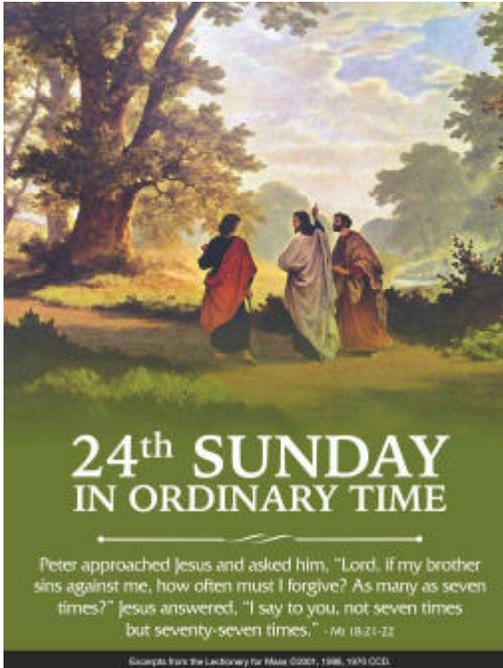


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What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is

hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

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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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, Dennis Jacobs, Nellie Chadwick, Chuck Shonta, Laura Hager, Steve Buck, Bernie Roberts, Irene Bergeson, Connie Havens, Retta Matt, Christal Hailo, Roseann Farn-strom, Shirley Parmlee, Mark Golem-biewski, David Buck, Rob McLachlan, Brad Newby, Bonnie Wysocki, Jim Caczor

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 15, 2020

Weekday

9:00 am For Sylvia Dubisky, Bonnie Wysocki & Rob Mc Lachlan req. by: Legion of Mary

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Weekday

9:00 am For † Cle Roberts req. by Bob and Jane Currier

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Weekday

9:00 am For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. by Darryl & Sharon Zilka

Friday, September 18, 2020

9:00 am For † Margaret Taylor req. by Sharon & Darryl Zilka

Saturday, September 19, 2020

Weekday

9:00 am For † Steve Ryznar req. by Tim & Cindy Rhoton

Twentieth Fifth Sunday Anticipatory Mass

5:00 pm For The Parishoners of St. Aloyisus Church

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Twentieth Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For † Virgil & Donnabelle Malburg req. by Gerry & Nancy Gomes

11:00 am For † Joan Glazer req. by Kathy Krajewski

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 October 2,3 &4)

A Summer Thought

Let me walk in the woods of home
On a peaceful Summer day,
And know the joy of being alone
Where God's little creatures play.
Let me sit by the shallow creek
Where hangs the new muscadine
And watch the diving osprey streak
From atop some lofty pine.
Let me lie in the woven shade
Of an ancient sweetgum tree
And watch white clouds slowly fade
Into the massive marquee.
Let me feel the sun
Where wildflowers bow with bloom,
And let me rest when day is done
In my chosen wooded room.

M. Rosser Lunsford



Readings for the week of September 13, 2020

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

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Lay Minister Schedule September 19/20 2020

Altar Server

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

Reader

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

EMHC

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



FORGIVE

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

MATTHEW 18:21-22

Third Lesson: On the Unity and Trinity of God Part III:

19. Q. Is every truth which we cannot understand a mystery?

A. Every truth which we cannot understand is not a mystery; but every revealed truth which no one can understand is a mystery.

20. Q. Should we believe truths which we cannot understand?

A. We should and often do believe truths which we cannot understand when we have proof of their existence.

21. Q. Give an example of truths which all believe, though many do not understand them.

A. All believe that the earth is round and moving, though many do not understand it. All believe that a seed planted in the ground will produce a flower or tree often with more than a thousand other seeds equal to itself, though many cannot understand how this is done.

22. Q. Why must a divine religion have mysteries?

A. A divine religion must have mysteries because it must have supernatural truths and God Himself must teach them. A religion that has only natural truths, such as man can know by reason alone, fully understand and teach, is only a human religion.

23. Q. Why does God require us to believe mysteries?

A. God requires us to believe mysteries that we may submit our understanding to Him.

24. Q. By what form of prayer do we praise the Holy Trinity?

A. We praise the Holy Trinity by a form of prayer called the Doxology, which has come down to us almost from the time of the Apostles.

25. Q. Say the Doxology.

A. The Doxology is: "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

26. Q. Is there any other form of the Doxology?

A. There is another form of the Doxology, which is said in the offering of the Mass. It is called the "Gloria in excelsis Deo" or "Glory be to God on high," or simply "The Gloria." These are the words sung by the Angels at the birth of Our Lord.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, *Should I Stay, or Should I Go*, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

– Tracy Earl Welliver

This Coming Week

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

9:00 am Mass

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Thursday, September 17, 2020

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Infant of Prague Devotions

6:00 Legion of Mary Meeting

Friday, September 18, 2020

9:00 am Mass

Saturday September 19, 2020

9:00 am Mass

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 20, 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

September 6, 2020

Envelopes Issued: 190

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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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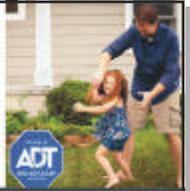
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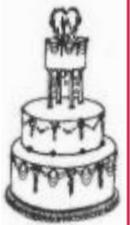
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