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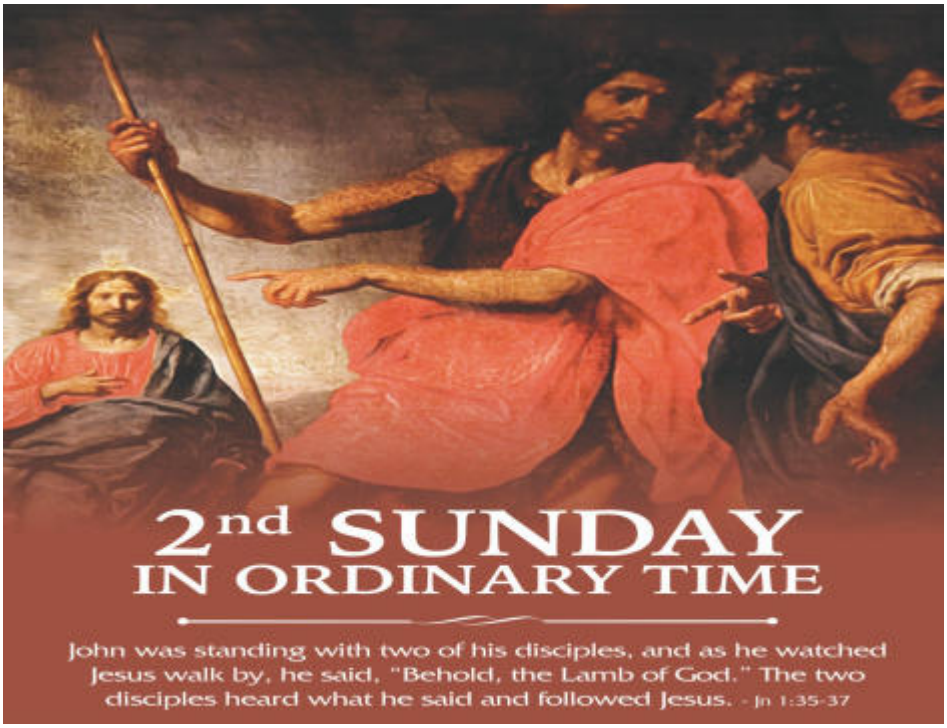

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

Ordinary Mass Schedule

Please look inside bulletin for possible seasonal changes.

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

Holy Hour: Tuesday 6:00 pm

Sacrament of Confession:

Tuesday evenings 6:15 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:_____

Address:_____

City/Zip_____

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.

Irene Bergeson	Connie Havens
Barbara Bruckner	Jack Kramer
Jim Caczor	Retta Matt
Nellie Chadwick	Rob McLachlan
Roseann Farnstrom	Richard Niemiec
Carol Gilliland	Chuck Shonta
Edward Hagedon	Angela Stambersky
Laura Hager	Greg Wendland
	Peggy Zachrey

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, January 19, 2021
Weekday
7:00 pm †Fr. Richard Thomson, OSC
Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Weekday
9:00 am †Kenneth Johnson req. by The Klein Family
Thursday, January 21, 2021
Weekday
9:00 am †Souls in Purgatory req. by Darryl and Sharon
Friday, January 22, 2021
Weekday
9:00 am †For the Deceased Members of the Wroblewski Family req. by Family and Friends
Saturday, January 23, 2021
Weekday
9:00 am †Helen Rupinski req. by Dick and Julie Huff
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Anticipatory Mass
5:00 pm The Parishioners of St. Aloysius Gonzaga
Sunday, January 24, 2021
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am The Parishioners of St. Aloysius Gonzaga
11:00am †Delores J. Van Houteghen req. by The Bergeson Family

NOTICE

Contribution Statements may be requested by calling the parish office or by emailing the parish. Statements will be sent later in January to make sure all contributions for 2020 have been received/posted. Thank you!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Due to COVID19 restrictions, the Parish Office remains **CLOSED** for casual visitors. We are maintaining shortened hours to conduct business. **IF you must come to the office, please call and make an appointment and be sure to wear a mask for your safety and that of the office staff.**

For the foreseeable future our Office Hours will be:

Monday: 8am until 1pm
Tuesday thru Thursday: 10am until 2pm.
Friday: Closed

Readings for the week of January 17, 2021

Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a] 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42
Monday:	Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b] Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5] Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b] Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25—8:6 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a] Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a] Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6] Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a] 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

Lay Minister Schedule
January 23 and 24, 2021

Altar Server
5:00 pm
9:00 am
11:00 am
Reader
5:00 pm Elizabeth
9:00 am Nancy
11:00 am Jackford
EMHC
5:00 pm
9:00 am
11:00 am

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

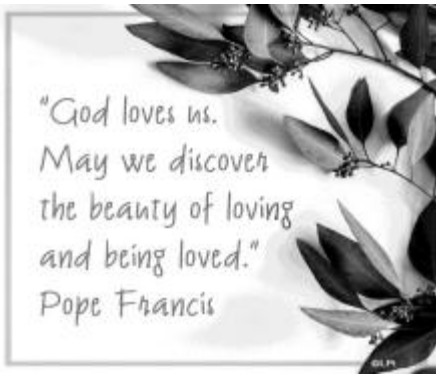
In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted His only Son;
in you Mary places her trust;
with you Christ became Man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father and
guide us in the path of life.
We consecrate our family, our home, and our lives to your protection.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen
(and Pope Francis adds)
Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph,
whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.
Take under your protection the serious and troubling situation that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome.
My beloved father, all my trust is in you.
Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen

2021 Faith Challenges

Want to join others from the Archdiocese of Detroit, our parish, and the world in a challenge? The opportunities are seemingly endless and what a wonderful way to start 2021 with a challenge to grow in our faith. So, take a minute and check out the following links and see which one (or 2 or 3) inspires you.

These challenges will be emailed to you Monday - Friday:

Popes in a Year: flocknote.com/popes

Catechism in a Year: flocknote.com/catechism

If digging into the Bible is the challenge you are looking for, the following link will give you all the details to get signed up:

This challenge will create a digital calendar for you to follow.

Unleashthegospel.org/scripture-challenge/

This has various choices so you can pick the one that works best for you!
Let us make 2021 the year we grow in our knowledge of the Popes, the teachings of the Church, and Sacred Scripture.

May God bless you as you challenge yourself (and perhaps others).

This Coming Week

Tuesday, January 19, 2021
6:00 pm Holy Hour
6:15 pm Confession
7:00 pm Mass
Wednesday, January 20, 2021
9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion
Religious Education—Online
Thursday, January 21, 2021
9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Infant of Prague Devotion
6:00 pm Legion of Mary Meeting
Friday, January 22, 2021
9:00 am Mass
Saturday, January 23, 2021
9:00 am Mass
3:30 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass
Sunday, January 24, 2021
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

A flyer in regards to this is posted on the bulletin board in the church.

OUR GIFTS OF LOVE

January 3, 2021

Envelopes Issued:	190
Envelopes Used:	44
Budget:	$3,700.00
Amt. Received:	$2,855.00

Your Continued Support is Needed and appreciated.

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

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On Line Giving Now Available

For your convenience the Archdiocese of Detroit has a new online 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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