St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church

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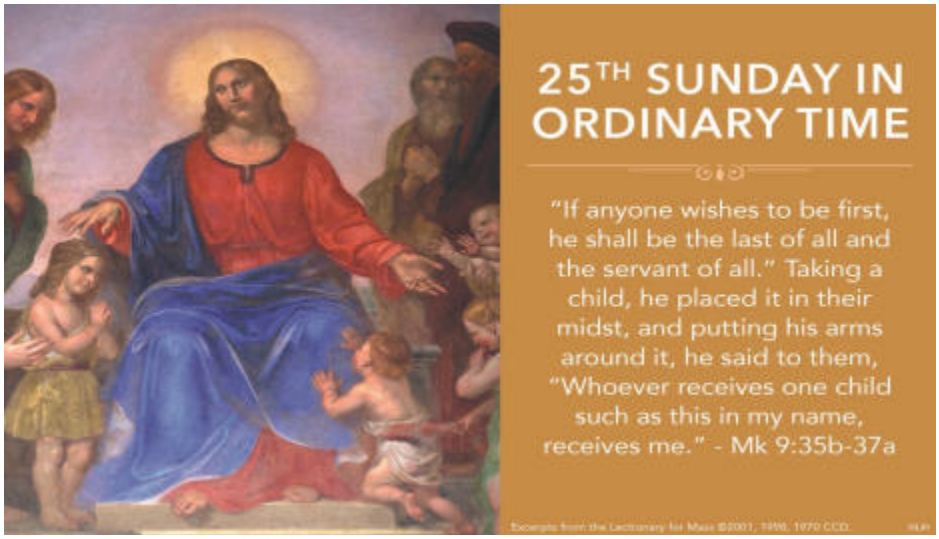

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

Ordinary Mass Schedule

Please look inside bulletin for possible seasonal changes.

Daily Mass:
Weds., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. 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 Saturday 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.

Pray For...

Ron Ark	Retta Matt
Irene Bergeson	Rob McLachlan
Dave Buck	Cathy Mulligan
Barbara Bruckner	Richard Niemiec
Nellie Chadwick	Oliver Sadler
Hal Dubisky	Chuck Shonta
Roseann Farnstrom	Angela Stambersky
Carol Gilliland	Helen Thomas
Connie Havens	Greg Wendland
Jack Kramer	Darryl Zilka

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.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE:

Laura Hager
Jerome "Jerry" Ladach
Mary Kay Loosbrock
Joyce Weber

And All the Faithful Departed

MEMENTO MORI

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Weekday
NO MASS
Wednesday, September 22, 2021
Weekday
NO MASS
Thursday, September 23, 2021
9:00 am †Phil Renke req. by Michele
Friday, September 24, 2021
Weekday
9:00 am For the Religious Ministering within the Archdiocese of Detroit
Saturday, September 25, 2021
Weekday
9:00 am For the Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Detroit
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Anticipatory Mass
5:00 pm Darryl and Sharon Zilka
50th Wedding Anniversary
Req. by Sharon
Sunday, September 26, 2021
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Fr. John Dumas
11:00 am For the Parishioners of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 8, 9, 10, 2021
ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA
WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Feather Party Bingo
November 12

Please contact the office for Raffle Tickets.

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20 Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b] Jas 3:16—4:3 Mk 9:30-37
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3] Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5] Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9 Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4beghn, 7-8 [1b] Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a] Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5] Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d] Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a] Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Lay Minister Schedule
September 25 and 26, 2021

Altar Server
5:00 pm
9:00 am
11:00 am

Reader
5:00 pm Elizabeth
9:00 am Nancy
11:00 am Cindy

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

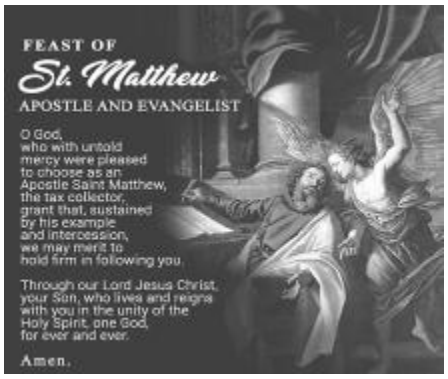
We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

— 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

Festival Fund News

The Festival Fund drawing will take place next Sunday, September 26, 2021, between Noon and 1 p.m. For those who are new to the parish, many years ago due to the depletion of volunteers and looking at the return on our investment of a 3-day festival, the parishioners decided to subsidize the festival fundraiser with a Festival Fund donation. This fundraiser was and still is needed to balance our budget and cover our expenses. Beginning the month of March a Festival Fund Envelope appears in your donation packet, with the opportunity to donate to this fund until August. To sweeten the pot, like with our past festival's Grand Raffle, for every $100 donation to the Festival Fund your name is entered into a drawing to win one of three prizes, $1000, $500 or $250. Please help us balance this years' budget by participating in this Annual Fundraiser.

This Coming Week

Rosary prayed after every Holy Mass

Tuesday, September 21, 2021
NO MASS
Wednesday, September 22, 2021
NO MASS
Thursday, September 23, 2021
9:00 am Holy Mass
9:30 am Infant of Prague Devotion
6:00 pm Legion of Mary
Friday, September 24, 2021
9:00 am Holy Mass
Saturday, September 25, 2021
9:00 am Holy Mass
3:30 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Holy Mass
Sunday, September 26, 2021
Coffee and Donuts after All Sunday Masses
9:00 am Holy Mass
11:00 am Holy Mass
Noon—1:00pm Festival Fund Drawing

OUR GIFTS OF LOVE

September 6, 2021

Envelopes Issued:	150
Envelopes Used:	69
Budget:	$3,700.00
Amt. Received:	$4,299.00

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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Online 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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Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen

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