

# St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church

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**December 26, 2021**



## THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how

guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

## 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.

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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.



- Laura Ash, Dave Buck, Barbara Bruckner, Nellie Chadwick, Hal Dubisky, Carol Gilliland, Connie Havens, Jack Kramer, Retta Matt, Rob McLachlan, Chet Riddle, Chuck Shonta, Angela Stambersky, Greg Wendland, 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: 11/1/2021 thru 10/31/2022 Leonard Ottenbreit And All the Faithful Departed MEMENTO MORI



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

7:00 pm †For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. by Jeff and Sue Kotlarek

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

9:00 am For Archbishop Allen Vigneron

Thursday, December 30, 2021

9:00 am For the Priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit

Friday, December 31, 2021

9:00 am For the Deacons of the Archdiocese of Detroit

First Saturday, January 1, 2022

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:00 am For the Religious Ministering within the Archdiocese of Detroit

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Anticipatory Mass

5:00 pm For the Parishioners of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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

11:00 am †James Bergeson req. by The Bergeson Family

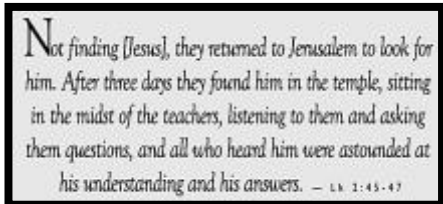


It's that time of year when we look for a way to do something special to help others.

The Legion of Mary (LOM) is again asking for your help with the Giving Tree for the Wee Care Program. The Giving Tree will be in the vestibule of church with gift tags. Please take a tag and purchase the suggested gift. Kindly return the unwrapped gift back to the church or parish office.

Thank you in advance!

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Legion of Mary



Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1], Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28, Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a], 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24, Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4, Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]
Tuesday: 1 Jn 20:1a, 2-8, Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7], Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11, Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a], Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17, Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a], Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21, Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a], Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a], Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11], Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12

Lay Minister Schedule January 1 and 2, 2022 Altar Server: 5:00 pm Pam, 9:00 am Mike, 11:00 am The Kuengnes Reader: 5:00 pm Paul, 9:00 am Donna, 11:00 am Jackford



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

**All in the Family**

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

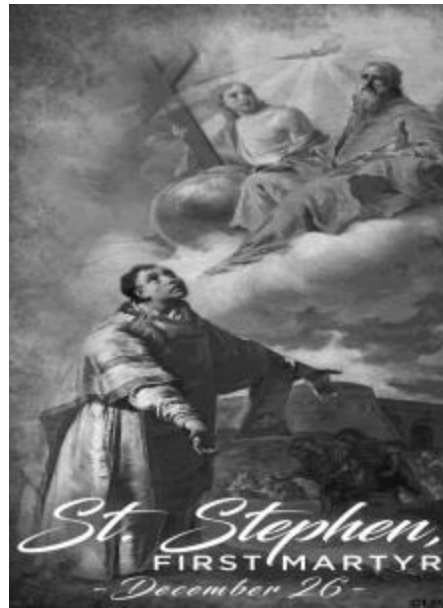
Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

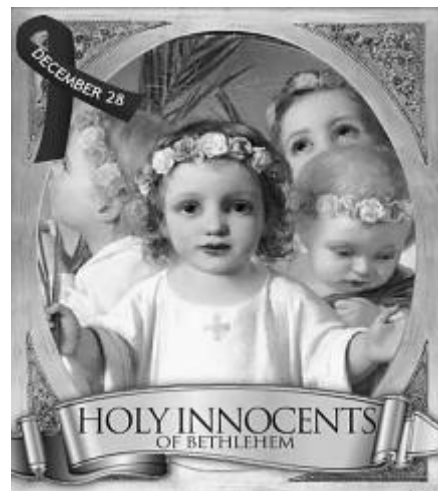
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**The Parish Offices will be  
closed from Tuesday,  
December 21, 2021  
through  
Sunday, January 2, 2022.**

**Please call the office for any  
urgent matters!**



The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin. Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death. Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.



**This Coming Week**

Rosary prayed after every Holy Mass

**Tuesday, December 28, 2021**

6:00 pm Holy Hour w/Confessions  
7:00 pm Holy Mass

**Wednesday, December 29, 2021**

9:00 am Holy Mass  
9:30 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion  
7:00 pm Bible Study @ St. Stephen

**Thursday, December 30, 2021**

9:00 am Holy Mass  
9:30 am Infant of Prague Devotion  
6:00 pm Legion of Mary

**Friday, December 31, 2021**

9:00 am Holy Mass

**First Saturday, January 1, 2022**

9:00 am Holy Mass w/Confessions  
3:30 pm Confessions  
5:00 pm Holy Mass

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

Coffee and Donuts after All Sunday Masses  
9:00 am Holy Mass  
11:00 am Holy Mass

**OUR GIFTS OF LOVE**

December 12, 2021

Envelopes Issued:	150
Envelopes Used:	58
Budget:	\$3,700.00
Amt. Received:	\$4,140.00

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](http://give.aod.org).

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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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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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