

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church

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January 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- Mt 2:10-11

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In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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

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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, Nellie Chadwick, Hal Dubisky, Carol Gilliland, Jack Kramer, Retta Matt, Rob McLachlan, Chet Riddle, Chuck Shonta, 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, January 4, 2022 7:00 pm For Father Dumas
Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:00 am For Archbishop Allen Vigneron
Thursday, January 6, 2022 9:00 am For the Priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit
First Friday, January 7, 2022 9:00 am †Phillip Renke req. by Michele
Saturday, January 8, 2022 9:00 am For the Deacons of the Archdiocese of Detroit
Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord Anticipatory Mass 5:00 pm †Sylvia Dubisky req. by The Troia Family
Sunday, January 9, 2022 Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord 9:00 am For the Parishioners of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish 11:00 am †Irene Bergeson req. by Mark and Candy Lewkowicz



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



And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

- 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
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10, Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18, Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13, Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17, Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13, Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21, Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b, Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7, Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b], Acts 10:34-38, Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11, Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1], Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7, Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Lay Minister Schedule January 8 and 9, 2022

- Altar Server 5:00 pm Paul, 9:00 am Donna, 11:00 am Barbara

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



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805. After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."



This Coming Week

Rosary prayed after every Holy Mass

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

6:00 pm Holy Hour w/Confessions

7:00 pm Holy Mass

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

9:00 am Holy Mass

9:30 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

7:00 pm Bible Study @ St. Stephen

Thursday, January 6, 2022

9:00 am Holy Mass

9:30 am Infant of Prague Devotion

6:00 pm Legion of Mary

First Friday, January 7, 2022

9:00 am Holy Mass w/Confessions

Saturday, January 8, 2022

9:00 am Holy Mass

3:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Holy Mass

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Coffee and Donuts after All Sunday Masses

9:00 am Holy Mass

11:00 am Holy Mass

OUR GIFTS OF LOVE

December 19, 2021

Envelopes Issued:	150
Envelopes Used:	52
Budget:	\$3,700.00
Amt. Received:	\$4,476.00

Your Continued Support is Needed and Appreciated.

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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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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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