# St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church

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May 1, 2022





# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

#### 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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#### MASS or BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that all Mass or Bulletin announcements must be received by the Parish Office a minimum of two weeks in advance. Thank You.

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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.



Dave Buck Retta Matt
Nellie Chadwick Rob McLachlan
Carol Gilliland Chuck Shonta
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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. Any Parishioner my add someone to the Prayer List. Please contact the Parish Office.



#### REQUIESCANT IN PACE:

11/1/2021 thru 10/31/2022

Leonard Ottenbreit Laura Ash Bernard "Bernie" Roberts Joe Matt William Sovinski

And All the Faithful Departed

MEMENTO MORI



### Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

7:00 pm †Jean Michalski req. by John Jarrett

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

9:00 am †Phillip Renke req. by Michele Renke

Thursday, May 5, 2022

9:00 am †Carol Abrego req. by Nina Ozog

First Friday, May 6, 2022

9:00 am The People of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish

First Saturday, May 7, 2022

9:00 am Archbishop Allen Vigneron

4th Sunday of Easter Anticipatory Mass

5:00 pm †Sylvia Dubisky req. by Walter and Dianne Zaleski

4th Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day) May 8, 2022

9:00 am The Parishioners of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish

11:00 am †Joan Lakos req. by The McLachlan Family



Join us on Sunday, May 1, anytime between 5:30-7:30 pm to see the miraculous

#### International Virgin Pilgrim Statue

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# Readings for the week of May 01, 2022

**Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

Rv 5:11-14

Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15

Ps 119:23-24, 26-27,

29-30 Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8

Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8

Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a

Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40

Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20

Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20

Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42

Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

**Next Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52

Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

"Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

#### Lay Minister Schedule May 7 and 8, 2022

#### Altar Server

5:00 pm Pam 9:00 am Levi

11:00 am The Kuengnes

#### Reader

5:00 pm Paul 9:00 am Sharon 11:00 am Sharon



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

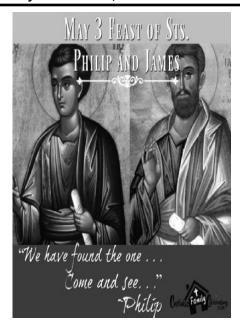
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Saint Joseph the Worker Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Wary Feast day Way I<sup>se</sup> Pray for us!

A humble carpenter from Nazareth was the support and guardian of the Divine Child and His Virgin Mother on earth. He is now honored above all other men as the

personification of the dignity of the manual laborer and the provident guardian of the worker's family.



#### ~Festival Fund Raffle News~

You have probably notice in the month of March a Festival Fund Envelope appears in your donation packet, with the opportunity to donate to this fund until September. 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: \$1,000, \$500, or \$250.

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. Please help us balance this years' budget by participating in this Annual Fundraiser.

The Festival Fund drawing will take place Sunday, September 25, 2022, between Noon and 1 p.m.

## 200 CLUB RAFFLE WINNER!!!

\*Bruce Hamel\*

Congratulations and thank you for supporting this parish fundraising effort.

The next drawing will be on Sunday, May 22, 2022 10 tickets drawn for \$25 each.



#### ~This Coming Week~

Rosary prayed after every Holy Mass

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

6:00 pm Holy Hour w/Confessions

7:00 pm Holy Mass

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

9:00 am Holy Mass

9:30 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

7:00 pm Bible Study @ St. Stephen

Thursday, May 5, 2022

9:00 am Holy Mass

9:30 am Infant of Prague Devotion

6:00 pm Legion of Mary

First Friday, May 6, 2022

9:00 am Holy Mass w/Confessions

First Saturday, May 7, 2022

9:00 am Holy Mass w/Confessions

3:30-4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Anticipatory Holy Mass

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Coffee and Donuts after All Sunday Masses 8:30 am-11:30 am KofC Breakfast @ St.

Stephen

9:00 am Holy Mass 11:00 am Holy Mass

#### **OUR GIFTS OF LOVE**

April 17, 2022

Envelopes Issued: 147
Envelopes Used: 57
Budget: \$3,700.00
Amt. Received: \$3,359.00

Your Continued Support is Needed and Appreciated.

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church 37200 Neville St. Romulus, MI 48174

#### **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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Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of

God, pray for us sinners now,

and at the hour of death. Amen

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