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December 27, 2015
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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WEEKEND EUCHARIST
Saturday  4:30 p.m.
Sunday  8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday  1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Monday  5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday  8:30 a.m.
Friday  8:15 a.m.

SUNDAY BULLETIN
Deadline for new items  Tuesday 4:00 p.m.

HOLY DAYS
Please check Parish Bulletin

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION
Saturday  3:30 – 4:00 p.m. (or by appointment)

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK
The Church recommends this sacrament to all who are seriously ill or in danger of death. Please call the office.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM
Please contact Father John for Baptismal Preparation.

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE
Couples planning marriage must meet with Father John at least six months before your proposed date. Weddings will not be performed after 2:00 p.m. or before 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

FUNERALS
In order to secure the services of a priest or the use of the Church, it is necessary to contact the Church Office before making arrangements with a funeral home.
Dear Parish Family,

The Sunday after Christmas, the Church celebrates the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph. God chose to make Himself manifest in this world in the context of a family, and by that gift, has made the human family a holy mystery. Throughout His ministry, Jesus constantly made Himself present in different family situations – and not all of them were perfect.

The scriptures tell us that Jesus grew in wisdom and stature in His family home in Nazareth, (Luke 2:52) and when He began His ministry He brought wisdom, compassion, mercy and love into the families He met.

I am reminded of the time Jesus went to the house of Zacchaeus the tax collector (Luke 19) to dine with Him. Entering into that family, Jesus’ presence cured the family of the sins committed by the father, Zacchaeus. Jesus went into the home of Simon Peter to cure his mother-in-law. Again, Jesus’ presence in the family brings healing. Jesus reached into the life of the widow of Nain and restored life to her son (Luke 7:11). Jesus was often with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus – brother and sisters. Jesus felt very close to this family, and even wept (John 11:35) when sorrow struck them at Lazarus’ death.

Jesus wants to be at the center of your family, too. It does not matter if the family is big or small, broken or whole, with problems or without. Jesus loves every family equally, and His overwhelming desire is to be present in the midst of EVERY family through prayer and reading of the Sacred Scripture.

What we receive at Mass we are to take with us back home and let it be the center of our lives. Let’s all look to make sure we have all invited Jesus to be the center of our family, so that our family can be just like the Holy Family of Nazareth.

With Prayers and Blessings,

Father John

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MASS INTENTIONS
December 26– January 3
Saturday (4:30 p.m.)……………….+ Martha Venz
Sunday (8:30 a.m.)………………. Rosalie Giambrone
Sunday (11:00 a.m.)…………… Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Monday…………………………. Rinda Stanley and Family
Tuesday………………………….+ Jim Lowery
Wednesday……………….+ Steve Tate and Sawyer Foster
Thursday…………………………. Adam Lockhart

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (no 8:15 a.m. Mass)
Friday (10:00 a.m.)…………… Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Saturday (4:30 p.m.)………… Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Sunday (8:30 a.m.)………………. + Cathie Barron
Sunday (11:00 a.m.)………………. Bob Williams, Jr.

SYMPATHY
The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of Judy Bjorkman Allison, who is survived by her husband, Bobby, daughters, Carrie (Scott) Hewitt and Bonnie Farr, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, sisters, Carolyn Woodward and Connie (Rufus) Carroll, brothers-and-sisters-in-law, Eddie (Penny) Allison, Donnie (Pat) Allison, Aggie (“D.J.”) Johnson, Tommy (Carol) Allison, Pat (Albert) Moniz, Jeannie (Paul) Otto, Cindy (Tom) Kincaid, and numerous other family members. Please keep this family in your prayers.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Eucharist for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated on Friday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m.

VOCAITION REFLECTION
Jesus was born into a Holy Family, not a storybook family. Today, pray for married couples and for parents, who strive to remain faithful to their commitments in a changing and challenging world.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
He gave His whole life for us. Can we give one hour a month for Him? The parish’s monthly Eucharistic Adoration will be on Saturday, January 2 from 4:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. A sign-up list will be in the sanctuary to keep a record of who is attending Adoration and at what hour. For more information, please call Kathy Tortorice at 426-1797.

SECOND COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND
The second collection next weekend will be the monthly Building and Grounds Fund collection.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED
The Church Offices will close at Noon on New Year’s Eve and be closed on New Year’s Day.
NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
January 3 – The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

PARISH STEWARDSHIP
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SAINT ALOYSIUS CHOIR
The choir will take a holiday break from weekly practices and will resume on Thursday, January 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. For more information, please contact Ellen Albright at 999-7297 or saintalloysiuschoir@gmail.com.

CHILDREN’S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES
Saint Aloysius Parish offers boxed children's offertory envelopes for those families who wish them. They are available after the weekend Masses in the Ministries Office or during the week in the Church Office. Please sign the list by the number of the box that you receive so we can properly credit the children who contribute.

LABELS AND PULL TABS
Please save Boxtops for Education coupons, Campbell’s UPCs, and pull tabs from aluminum cans for our school to redeem items for the students. Place your labels and aluminum pull tabs in the wooden box on the bulletin table in the Narthex. Nestle water labels are no longer being accepted. Thanks for your help!

PARISH WEBSITE
The weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, Online Giving link, religious education information, etc. are accessible on our parish website at www.stalloysiuscc.org. Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Recently Discharged From Hospital

Sick and Shut-in
This list is intended for homebound members of Saint Aloysius Parish. Those from our parish recently discharged from the hospital will be listed for two weeks. Individuals outside our parish community may be placed on this list for a two-week period only. All the sick are remembered weekly in our General Intercessions.

Philip & Myra Antonio; Margaret Blake; Jim Bradley; Barbara Bridges; Pat Clarke; Hazel Contorno; Jack & Ginger Dempsey; Terry & Pat Glasgow; Jim Horton; Carl & Lucille Hum; Irene Jones; John V. Jones, Jr.; Meredith Jones; Adam Lockhart; Jim Lowery; Pat McConnell; Jo Melton; Leon Messina; Sharon Miglionico; Peggy Short; Steve Tate; Tommy & Irene Tutten; Kathy Wages; Janet Zauchin

Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living
Clyde Fuller (Golden Living Center-Meadowood); Jackie Russo, Pam Wallace (Self); Claudia Charmie, Charles Pardi, Dorothy Perry (Plantation Manor Retirement); Rudy Cooper, Margie Lee, Kathy Whited, Lori Wieczorek (The Woodlands Assisted Living); Virginia Zito (The Oaks on Parkwood); Tina Kilpatrick (Maplewood Lane); Bill Vaughan (Brookdale University Park); Frances Pardi (Golden Living Center-Riverchase); Jean Contorno (Chateau Vestavia); Jack Roberts (Minnesota)

If you are or you know of someone on the shut-in list who’s well enough to be removed from this list, please call the Church Office.

NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS
If any parishioner knows of a nursing home or assisted living resident who is Catholic and is not on the above list, please call the Church Office.

VISITING HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES
Father John would be happy to visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes if the person or family requests a visit.

SICK, SHUT-IN, AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS
If a lay minister is not visiting you on a regular basis, please call the Church Office so we can make the proper arrangements.
SAINT ALOYSIUS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
As Catholic Christians and members of the Parish Family of Saint Aloysius Catholic Church, we are committed:

- To provide all our members (adults and youth) opportunities for spiritual development through worship, prayer, religious education and social interaction.
- To spread the Word of God and support our Parish Family with the gifts He has given us by using our time, talent, and treasure to His glory.
- To strive continually to witness our faith as we journey toward the future that God has promised those who accept His Word.
- To reach out to the larger community of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and the world.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS
Chris Bowers, Chairperson
Geoffrey Bull, Vice Chairperson
Stacy Small, Secretary
Sharon Weathers
Falencia Marshall
Shelley Ryan
Jeff Evans
Brian Boyd
Greg Blake

BIBLE STUDY
There will be no weekly Bible study on December 30, due to the holidays. The class will resume on Wednesday, January 6 at 6:30 p.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS
Prayer is powerful and we need all the prayer warriors that we can get. Sheila Zito e-mails prayer requests for the Mother of Christ Altar Guild and the Choir. If any parishioner has a prayer request or wishes to be notified of other people's requests, contact Sheila at fsz321@bellsouth.net.

FIRST MONDAY MASS
Every First Monday at 5:30 p.m., a Votive Mass will be offered for the peaceful repose of all the deceased parishioners from the previous month as well as for any anniversaries of death which fall in that month. Please come and join us in our prayers which help accompany the faithful souls on their journey to the Eternal Father.

FAITH FORMATION
Faith Formation Classes, for students in grades 1-8 who are attending schools other than Catholic schools, are held on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. in the school. There will be no Faith Formation classes on December 27 and January 3. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 10.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Day Chapel directly behind the altar. All are welcome.

SPONSOR A CANDLE
Please pick up your burned down Sponsor Candles on the bulletin table in the Narthex. If you don’t see one that you requested, keep in mind that it takes six days for one candle to burn so check back again!

NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY
The Italian American Heritage Society will host its 2nd Annual New Year’s Eve Party on Thursday, December 31 from 9:00 p.m. until Midnight at Prince of Peace Parish (4600 Preserve Parkway in Hoover). Tickets are $25.00 which includes music, snacks, and a light breakfast; BYOB. For more information, please call Anthony Graffeo at 902-0129 or visit www.iahsbham.com.

MARCH FOR LIFE
Help protect innocent life made in the image and likeness of God by taking part in the Birmingham March for Life on Saturday, January 16 at 10:45 a.m. at Brother Bryan Park (22nd Street South at 10th Avenue in Birmingham). A Respect Life Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (2120 3rd Avenue North in Birmingham) at 9:00 a.m. For more information, please visit www.birminghammarchforlife.com.
UNITY BREAKFAST
The 30th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast will be held on Monday, January 18 at the BJCC North Meeting Hall in Birmingham from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be U.S. Congresswoman Terri Sewell. Tickets cost $30.00 per person. E-mail reservations to 2016unitybreakfast@gmail.com or call 324-8797.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST
Please pray for our military that have been deployed around the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

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Call the Church Office at 424-2984 or send an e-mail to stalloysius@bellsouth.net with the names of people and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

THANK YOU FROM EUTAW
To all parishioners at Saint Aloysius Parish,

On December 5, some families from Sumter and Greene counties received Christmas gifts provided by you as part of your Christmas project 2015.

Some of them couldn’t believe they got what they had asked for! Thank you for your constant support to our mission in Eutaw, especially for helping us to provide these moments of joy, happiness, and some relief to these families.

May God’s source of all happiness bring you abundant blessings. Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Missionaries Guadalupanas of the Holy Spirit

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries:
December 29. . . . . . . . . . Ronnie and Frances George
December 30. . . . . . . . . . John and Mary Sandra Virciglio

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS
December 27. . . . . . . . . . Vickie Stoves, Sean Brazier,
December 28. . . . . . . . . . Irene Tutten, Sunny Richards,
December 29. . . . . . . . . . Shunna Cannon, Pam Manzella
December 30. . . . . . . . . . Rita Williams, Sandy Jolivette,
December 31. . . . . . . . . . David Wade

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph