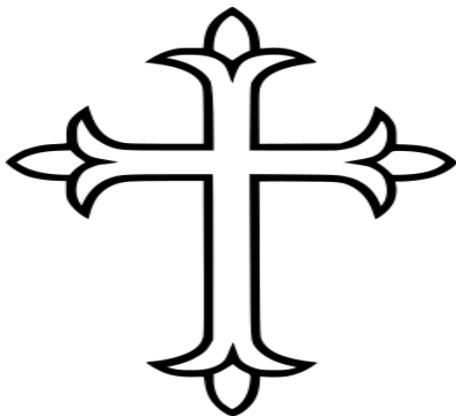


# St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC 9, 2018



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## **Mass schedule**

Saturday 4:00 PM St. Aloysius

Sunday 9:00 AM St. Aloysius

11:00 AM Gate of Heaven

## **Weekday**

**Mon, Tues, Fri** 8:15 AM St. Aloysius

**Thursday** 12:00 PM St. Aloysius

Adoration on Mon, Tues, Fri 7:30 to 8.15 AM

Adoration on Friday 9.00 AM to 12.00 PM

## **Holy Day of Obligation**

Eve of Holy Day: 5:30 PM. at Gate of Heaven

Holy Day: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM at St. Aloysius

## **Sacraments**

**Confession:** before all mass

**Baptism:** call the rectory for the arrangement

**Marriage:** call the rectory to schedule your  
Wedding and pre-Cana classes.

**Pastoral Visitation:** when confined at  
home, please call the rectory to arrange  
for a visit and Holy Communion. Please  
call the rectory if you are facing surgery  
or hospitalization and would like the  
Sacrament of Sick.

## **Parish Staff**

Rev. Edward Bader, Administrator

Rev. Antony David MMI

Rev. Fr. Joseph Raj MMI

Deacon Donald Prendergast

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## **Trustees**

Ms. Jane Ryan

Mr. Andrew Carlson

## **Religious Education**

Mrs. Danielle Carlsen

## **Youth Activities**

Mrs. Mary Davis

## **Parish Council Chairperson**

Mr. Chris Tuleweit

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As a parish, we strive to bring our communities of Catholic Christians together, as we have for over 100 years, by loving and serving God and Each other through Worship, education and service.

### MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 8 - Dec 16, 2018

#### Saturday, Dec 8

4:00 PM - Frances & Edwin Lake  
Bill kocher(Living)

#### Mon, Dec 10

8:15 AM -

#### Thurs Dec 13

12.PM - Maureen Lee

#### Sunday, Dec 9

9:00 AM - Bill kocher(84<sup>th</sup> birth day-Living)  
11:00 AM - Anna & Margaret bier

#### Tues. Dec 11

8:15 AM -

#### Fri. Dec 14

8.15 AM- Byrne

#### Saturday, Dec 15

4:00 PM - Gerald Jack

#### Sunday Dec 16

9:00 AM- Romina Migliorini  
11:00 AM- Jack yelle

**NOTE: No Gifts can replace offering a mass to departed soul or welfare of living. We have openings for weekdays and weekend masses. The first come will be served first. The mass stipend per mass is \$15.**

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & DECEASED

**For the Sick:** Jim Engelhardt, Kevin & LarryMcHugh, Joni & Vinny Salvatore, LilianCoy, Colleen&JerrilynnO'Neill;Nora Fernandez, Mary Jones, James Knack, Laurene Symanski, Lisa Grieco, Ken Duffy; Laurie & William McMichael, Robyn Morganbesser, Carol Faughn,Christopher Merklin, Jack Tempel, Robert Ackerly, Sr. Grace, Maureen Connolly, Dave Tucker, Shannon Bruning, Patty Lewis, Lynne Hyzer, Beth Marie Martin, Kristi Romolo, Erma-Carlson, Linda Bonin, Jim Wilbur, Dom Formato, Darren Steele, Jonell Dalton, Carrie Neer-Molinari. Mary Muhlig. Scott Branning. Easton Gorr. Joyce conroy.

**For the Deceased:** Pete DeVantier, Candy Misner, Barbara Ferris, Richard Marchino, George Weber, Teodozja Przyborowski, Lillian Foster, Judith Herbst, Bill Smith, Jack Salvagin, Nick DeVito, Richard Costello, Christopher Canonico, Berta Endriss, JoAnn Carlino Lewis Kleingardner, George Weber, Rita Jeanne Schwarz, Charles Irace, Ann M.Klein, Romina Migliorini. Mary Ann Regan, Sean A.Fredenbourg.

### COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Is in need of spaghetti sauce, soup, tuna fish and jelly

<p><b>Collection for last Week</b> Total: \$1516 Thank you</p>	<p><b>Readings for Next Sunday</b> <b>Zephaniah 3:14-18a</b> <b>philippians 4:4-7</b> <b>Luke 3:10-18</b></p>	<p><b>BIBLE STUDY</b> Good Soil Bible Study Group will meet this week. Time: Tuesday 4.00 PM at Church basement</p>
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### **Christmas' Decoration**

Christmas decoration will take place on December 23 after 9.am mass at St. Aloysius. All the volunteer are welcome to decorate the church. We are informing you in advance so that you can spare sometime to beautify the church for Christmas. Gate of Heaven will be decorated on December 16 after 11am mass. Everyone is welcome to decorate the Church.

### **Gifts of Immeasurable Value**

We are constantly surrounded by advertising in a growing variety of forms. Ads creep into nearly everything we do. And this ramps up even more during the weeks leading up to Christmas. Advent invites us to take a break from the deluge of ads and seek something deeper and more lasting than the latest electronics or the best deal on that kitchen appliance that everyone needs this year. Advent invites us to seek a sense of peace and wholeness in our hearts and in our daily lives. If we do that even in small ways this year, we will have an immeasurable gift to share with our loved ones and possibly even with our world.

### **Don't Lose Wonder**

If you don't have special times in your life that are liminal, that put the ordinary into eclipse, then you are condemned to a dull life of facts and predictability. You have no enchantment, and without the charm of the liminal your soul goes to sleep and you become like a robot. Your very humanity depends on the interplay of the ordinary and the wondrous. We all know that children are especially susceptible to the thin veil of Christmas, but in our own way we adults could be more open to its impact. You don't have to "believe" in Santa Claus to get into the spirit of the season or to be uplifted by its special charm, but you have to be aware of your need for light and have some hope and vision that light will be there.

### Reflection on Sunday's Readings

**Scripture lessons summarized:** In the first reading, the prophet Baruch introduces Yahweh, the God of Israel, preparing the way for, and leading the Babylonian exiles to, Jerusalem. Hence, the prophet invites the weeping Jerusalem to rejoice and go to high places to watch the return of the exiles. Baruch's prophecy announces the return of the whole human race to God. During this Advent season, we, too, are asked to return to the Lord from our slavery to sin. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 126) offers us a close-up of the exiles who had wept bitterly on leaving Jerusalem now returning home, rejoicing. In the second reading, Paul advises the Philippian community members to prepare themselves for Christ's Second Coming by practicing Christian love and by leading pure and blameless lives. John the Baptist, in today's Gospel, challenges the Jews to prepare their lives for receiving their long-awaited Messiah. They have to prepare a highway in their hearts for their Messiah by levelling the mountains of pride and valleys of impurity and injustice and omissions and by straightening their crooked ways. They are to get ready by repenting of their sins, renewing their lives, and expressing their repentance by receiving the baptism of repentance in River Jordan.

**Life messages: #1:** We need to prepare our hearts and lives for Jesus our Savior to be reborn in us during this Christmas time. We have to fill in the "valleys" of our souls, formed from our shallow prayer life and a minimalist way of living our Faith. We have to straighten out whatever crooked paths we've been walking, like involvement in some secret or habitual sins or in a sinful relationship. If we have been involved in some dishonest practices at work or at home, we are called to straighten them out and make restitution. If we have been harboring grudges or hatred, or failing to be reconciled with others, now is the time to clear away all the debris. As individuals, we might have to overcome deep-seated resentment, persistent fault-finding, unwillingness to forgive, dishonesty in our dealings with others, or a bullying attitude. And we all have to level the "mountains" of our pride and egocentrism by practicing the true humility of rendering humble service to others.

**#2:** We need to repent and seek forgiveness from God and our fellow human beings: John's message calls us to confront and confess our sins. We need to turn away from them in sincere repentance and receive God's forgiveness. Next, we need to forgive others who have offended us and ask forgiveness for our offenses. Jesus is very explicit about this in Matthew 6:14-15. He says, *"For if you forgive men their transgressions, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions."*

