



FEAST OF THE
PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD

February 2nd

Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban
819-663-5244
My Church, My Community, My Friends

-----My Church-----

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- Website:** www.staloyisus-stcolumban.com
- Confession:** Available 15 minutes before weekend Mass.
- Baptism:** By appointment. Registration required. Please call or email the office
- First Communion & Confirmation:** Registration required. Please call or email the office.
- Wedding:** Couples are asked to call the office for an appointment **at least one year** prior to their date of marriage to allow adequate preparation time. A marriage course is required.
- Visiting the sick:** Father Greg is available for visits with the sick, either in the hospital or at home.

Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2025

- Reading I Malachi 3.1-4
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord of hosts, he is king of glory!
Reading II Hebrews 2.10-11, 13b-18
Gospel Luke 2.22-40

MASS Intentions:

Fri. Jan 31	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sun. Feb. 2	11:00 a.m.	For Sanscia Nkwate by Teresa Asong For Pierre Whelan by his mother, Jeannine and his Brothers and sisters
Fri. Feb. 7	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sun. Feb. 9	11:00 a.m.	For Sanscia Nkwate by Diane and Jim Brownrigg

St. Blaise – Blessing of the throats on Sunday, February 2 at the end of the Mass

ST. ALOYSIUS FINANCES

2023		2024	
Revenues -	\$ 102,857.00	Revenues -	\$ 114,696.04
Expenses -	<u>\$ 103,915.77</u>	Expenses -	<u>\$ 108,418.41</u>
Net Income - minus	\$ 1,058.77	Net Income -	\$ 6,277.63

Year-end financial statements are posted at both entrances to the Church.

Sunday collection - \$685.00 – January 26th **Attendance:** 75

Please note that some parishioners donate monthly through the diocese.

Note: 2024 tax receipts are now available, please see Jo Anne Lambert after mass on Sunday.

Thank you for continuing to support our Church.

Jo Anne Lambert, Finance Warden

MEET AND GREET – February 2nd.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: - EUCHARIST AND RECONCILIATION



First Session : January 26, 2025 Introduction with the parents.
- Mass at 11 am, Lunch, Sessions begin at 12:30 until 2 pm.
Registration forms available at the entrance of the church, west wall.

\$35.00 Registration Fee (cash or cheque only, payable to St Aloysius Parish) (Fee includes: family workbooks, instruction and other materials.)

- We Prepare for Reconciliation: Family Book (Child and Parent)
- We Share in the Eucharist: Family Book (Child and Parent)

Contact Louise MacMillan for details. 819 319 4121

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Marvella Harvey, Adeline Gendron, and Diane Morey and Glenn Harvey.

FUTURE PLANNING FOR OUR CHURCH RENEWAL

You are invited to meet with Monique Washnuk, pastoral agent from the diocese. She has agreed to assist us in the process of future planning for St Aloysius. She will speak on this important initiative on February 9th after mass she will answer questions and provide more details. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

ST. AL'S MISSION OF PRAYER – The Parish Pastoral Council invites us, as a community, to focus on prayer. Based on the survey we were asked to fill, it was determined that many of us pray with the rosary. Consequently, the following are opportunities that will be offered to us to pray as a community.

Thursday evenings 7 pm – Rosary – Zoom meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81922462787?pwd=JVXJApqCypbxbHyMj2nAO1kcWLbPAV.1>

Meeting ID: 819 2246 2787

Passcode: 3Peqzg

Friday morning 9 am - Mass

Devotion of our Lady of Perpetual Help

Prayer Intentions box

Devotion to Mary (Audio CD by Fr. Jim Duffy - St Louis de Monfort's True Devotion to Mary for group listening and discussion)

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Children ages 7 and up are invited to gather in the hall and listen to the Word. (Readings and Gospel). This activity is during mass and the children return to their parents just after the prayers of the faithful. Two adults take turns in leading this activity.

REFLECTIONS



If you would like to read, with a group of fellow parishioners, the Scripture readings of the following Sunday in order to better absorb them and let them speak to you during the week, send your e-mail address to the parish office and we will get in touch with you.

ST. COLUMBAN MASS SCHEDULE

St. Columban Mission will be closed until April 2025. If there are any questions, please contact Amanda Foley.

-----My Community-----

TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND ALL THOSE BRINGING COMMUNION TO THE SICK

The diocese is organizing two training sessions for all communion ministers of the archdiocese, especially those bringing communion to the sick in health centers or at home, including family members. Anyone interested is also welcome.

Dates to remember:

- May 24, 2025

Time: 10 AM to 12.30 PM

Location: Diocesan Center, (Grande Salle)

Contact: chancelier@diocesegatineau.org or phone 819-771-8391 ext. 307

DIOCESAN PASTORAL CARE FOR HEALTH

On the occasion of the World Day of the Sick, a information session (6 pm) followed by a mass at 7 p.m. dedicated to the sick will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 11 at Jean XXIII Church, 1194 St-Rene Blvd. West, Gatineau. During this celebration, the sacrament of the sick will be administered to those who wish to receive it.

Information session by Albatros Gatineau – La Lievre: The services offered by our volunteers to support people in palliative and end-of-life care and to provide respite for caregivers.

ST. MARK'S PARISH INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM FOR THIS EVENT.

SYNODALITY AND THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH:

The recently concluded Synod of Bishops on the theme, "For a Synodal Church," has called for important changes to the way of proceeding in parish and diocesan life. What might this mean for our parish and diocesan communities?

We are delighted to announce that Catherine Clifford will be the presenter at our next Faith Formation Session on Monday, February 17, 2025 – 7 pm. Catherine is a professor at St. Paul's University in Ottawa, and was one of the lay people who was chosen to attend the Synod on Synodality at the Vatican. We are delighted that she is taking time to be with us, sharing about the Synod, and the path forward. Please mark your calendar for Monday, February 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

- Lorraine Whitworth - 1st
- Robbie Miller - 1st
- Amanda Foley - 4th
- Maximilian McMackin - 4th
- Julie McCann - 10th
- Joseph McMackin - 11th
- Father Greg Murray - 19th
- Louise D'Entremont - 21st
- Hannah Burns - 22nd

