

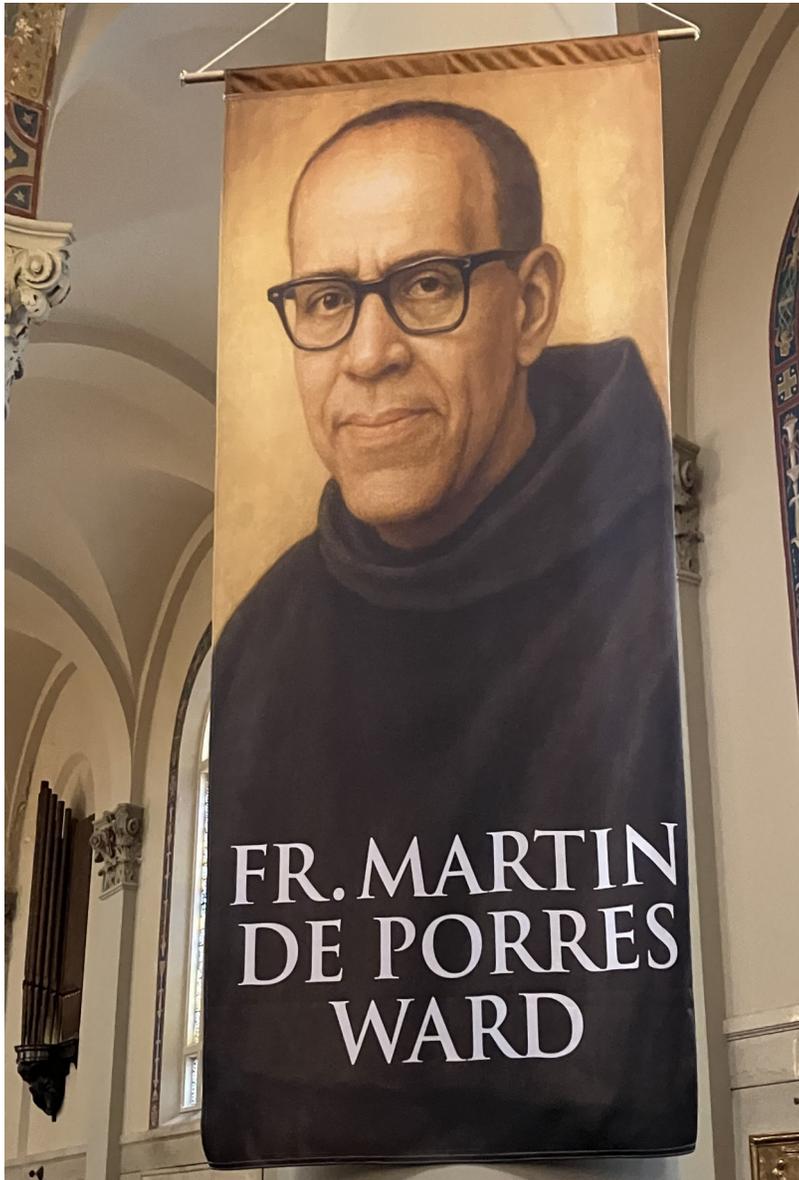
Saint Aloysius

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2026



MISSION OF THE PARISH

We are a welcoming Catholic Parish
Embracing its African American culture,
Empowering its members
And sharing its love of Christ
Through service to the community.

**10932 ST. CLAIR AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OH 44108-1939**

Parish House: 216-451-3262 • **Fax:** 216-268-3830

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (weekdays)

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Please call Parish House to include prayer intentions or announcements in Sunday Liturgy

St. Aloysius—St Agatha School

640 Lakeview Road • Cleveland, Ohio 44108

Phone: 216-451-2050 • **Fax:** 216-541-1601

Monday thru Friday: 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

St. Aloysius Preschool

Phone: 216-451-4144

Pastoral Staff

Sr Mary Jean Raymond OSU..... Parish Life Coordinator
Fr. Daniel Schlegel.....Presbyteral Moderator
Mrs. Nancy Lynch.....St. Aloysius School Principal
Ms. Carol Bunn Hunger Center Director
Ms. Kim JamesPreschool Director

Parish Leadership

Gregory Clifford.....Pastoral Council
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Belinda Sims Liturgy-Spiritual Life Committee
Carol Bunn..... St. Vincent dePaul Society
Marguerite Strickland.....Choir Representative
Chris Sledge Men's Club President
Beverly Berry.....Evangelization Committee

Community Services

Project HopeAndrea Wasdovoich-Duffner
Connecting Seniors to Services.....Carol Bunn

Eucharistic Celebration

Sunday Mass:10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Before Sunday Mass or by appt.

Marriages: Arrangements made at the Parish House at least 6 months prior to the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: Contact the Parish House.

First Communion, First Reconciliation: Contact the Parish House.

Anointing of the sick and Hospital Visits: Contact the Parish House.

Funerals: All arrangements must be made at the Parish House before publication in Newspapers.

Registration: Everyone should be properly registered in the Parish. New parishioners should contact the Parish House. Those moving in or out of the Parish are asked to notify the Parish House.

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Sr. Mary Jean's Column

Let's Stamp Out Spiritual Amnesia This Lent!

At our weekly Mass this past Tuesday, Fr. Dan Schlegel reflected on the story of the apostles when they were in the boat with Jesus and how they became worried that the one loaf of bread that they had would not be enough for all of them to eat.

These were the same apostles who had witnessed Jesus repeatedly feeding thousands of folks with a limited supply of food. They had forgotten all the great deeds that they had witnessed first-hand throughout Jesus' ministry. **They certainly suffered from spiritual amnesia.**

How can we overcome this malady? What is the solution? Is there a cure?

The prescription for healing spiritual amnesia is relatively simple. Sit quietly and let your mind recall all the good things that the Lord has done for you, your family, our city, our nation. As you recall each time the Lord has blessed your life, sit with that memory and cherish it. Then, say a prayer of thanksgiving for all of these blessed moments.

This is not a Pollyanna way to look at the world today or to minimize the struggles that exist in our lives, but a real spiritual act that brings us hope in a world that seems mired in darkness at every turn.

The book of psalms can be especially helpful in healing spiritual amnesia.

Psalms 30-36 speak of God's care in the face of misfortune and attacks from enemies.

Psalm 136 reminds us of God's everlasting love.

Psalms 140-144 speak to us of praying in times of trouble and relying on God.

The next time we echo the chant: "God is good. All the time." and "All the time, God is good."

Let's truly believe it and show it in our lives.

After these 40 days, we will be cured of spiritual amnesia! Give it a try.

MINISTERS - February 22, 2026

LECTORS	
Joe Harbert	Karen Clifford
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Belinda Sims	Walter Morris
Greg Clifford	David Woody
SUNDAY COUNTERS	
Marguerite Strickland	Noel Egensperger
Molodian Price	

MASS INTENTIONS - FEB 22-MAR 1, 2026

Feb 22	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the POPSIE family
Feb 24	Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	St. Aloysius & St. Raphael Parishes
Mar 1	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Angel Vega & Ellie Vega

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sharon Alexander, Eben Anderson, Jr., Denise Brewster, Henritta Broadus, Lois Bunker, Greg Clifford, Angela Comedy, Jerri Evans, Joe Fears, Miles Frierson, Irene Gantt, Victoria Harden, Jamar Harland, Kellen Harland, Jermaine Harland, Keli Harland, Madelyn Harland, Deborah Howard, Eugene Jones, Marlene Jones, Paulette Jones, Rosetta Mackey, Mary McCombs, Deborah McIntyre, Yvonne Nettles, Toni E. Payne, Trudy Payne, Jaxon Peck, Jordyn Peck, Clarice, Barbara Williams, Ann White, Vermonte Wright

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES

Marilyn Anthony, Margaret Atwell, Barbara Bridges, Evelyn Davis, Vyrdy Hopes, Paulette Jones, Everette Matlock, Sr., Mary Ann Melton, Jackie Reese, Etta Reynolds, Vivian Watkins, Lavonia Williams

Lenten Observances

The forty days of Lent will be here soon. A reminder about the rules for fasting and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

In addition, Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

On all Fridays during Lent, Catholics who are 14 years of age and older, do not eat meat.

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics who are from 18-59 are obliged to fast. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Fasting and abstinence are just two ways that Lent can be observed. The bishops' conference also encourages us to pray, give alms, and perform works of mercy during the forty days of Lent.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Sunday	Feb 22	<u>10:00 a.m. - Mass</u>
Monday	Feb 23	
Tuesday	Feb 24	<u>11:30 a.m. - Adoration & Prayer Service</u> <u>5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Community Meal & food distribution</u> <u>5:30 p.m. - Scripture Gathering - Guild Room</u>
Wednesday	Feb 25	
Thursday	Feb 26	
Friday	Feb 27	
Saturday	Feb 28	
Sunday	Mar 1	<u>10:00 a.m. - Mass</u>
Monday	Mar 2	
Tuesday	Mar 3	<u>11:30 a.m. Mass</u> <u>5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Community Meal & food distribution</u> <u>5:30 p.m. - Scripture Gathering - Guild Room</u>

COLLECTION SUMMARY 2/15/26

\$1,723.00 - Offertory
 \$117.00 - Renovations
 \$138.00 - Special Collections
 \$83,200.00 - Collection Annual Target (till 6/30/26)
 \$74,663.96 - Collections Year to Date

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SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading - Gensis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
The creation of man, the Garden of Eden, and the serpent tempting Eve to eat the forbidden fruit.

2nd Reading - Romans 5:12-19
Paul explains how sin entered through Adam but grace abounds through Jesus Christ.

Gospel - Matthew 4:1-11
Jesus is led into the desert, fasts for 40 days, and is tempted by the evil.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Mon Feb 23 – Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
 Tue Feb 24 – Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
 Wed Feb 25 - Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
 Thu Feb 26 - Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
 Fri Feb 27 - Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 Sat Feb 28 - Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Why do we stand? When should we sit?

When should we sit down after communion? When the tabernacle is closed? When Father sits down? When the last person receives communion? I asked Fr. Dan about this and he offered the following advice: We stand during communion praying in support and solidarity with everyone who is receiving communion. It is proper to sit after the last person has received communion. I hope this helps to clarify our response after communion.

Sr. Mary Jean

Save the Dates

Women's History Month - 1978-2026 Celebration Luncheon - **March 7, 2026** - St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima - Tickets \$20.00 - Honoring Sr. Juanita Shealey CSJ & Edna Duffy, Duffy Liturgical Dance

Fling into Spring Tea Luncheon and Fashion Show
 Saturday, **April 18, 2026** - 1:00 p.m. - \$20.00 - St. Aloysius

