



Saint Aloysius

PARISH



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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"As they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight."
Acts 1:9

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

MAY 17, 2026



Mother's Day Blessing



Welcome to Christine Roberts
St. Aloysius Principal
26-27 school year

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
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Parish House: 216-451-3262 • Fax: 216-268-3830
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St. Aloysius—St Agatha School
640 Lakeview Road • Cleveland, Ohio 44108
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Pastoral Staff

Sr Mary Jean Raymond OSU..... Parish Life Coordinator
Fr. Daniel Schlegel.....Presbyteral Moderator
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Ms. Carol Bunn Hunger Center Director
Ms. Kim JamesPreschool Director

Parish Leadership

Melissa MorrisParish Council
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Carol Bunn..... St. Vincent dePaul Society
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Chris Sledge Men's Club President
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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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Sr. Mary Jean's Column

A moral call to defend Black voting rights: How Catholics should respond

By Efran Menny - 12 May 2026

Black Catholic Messenger

During the Civil Rights Movement, lawmakers and President Lyndon B. Johnson pushed to address the country's deeply embedded racism with White Supremacy through social and political legislation. In his "Great Society" reforms, Johnson signed groundbreaking bills aimed at reversing racial injustice and expanding opportunity for Black Americans, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act.

While there has been little legal contest to the former, the latter has been systematically dismantled and weakened over the years, creating barriers and disenfranchising Black voters across the country. These legal roadblocks are in direct opposition to the moral and spiritual vision of those that made a bloody sacrifice on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, and whose courage was the catalyst of the 20th century federal voting rights protections.

On April 29, 2026, the U.S. Supreme Court's conservative supermajority gutted Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act in Louisiana v. Callais, striking down Louisiana's active congressional map in a 6-3 decision. The court found that the Republican-led state legislature's creation of a second majority-Black district in 2024—the results of a lower court ruling that a previous map violated the Voting Rights Act—was an unconstitutional form of racial gerrymandering.

For many Black activists, leaders, and organizations dedicated to social and political progress, the intent of the high court is clear: to roll back long-fought for voting rights. Tragically, the decision will impact Black voters' access to expressing their political power.

Derrick Johnson, who serves as president and CEO of the NAACP, rebuked the Callais ruling in no uncertain terms:

"The Supreme Court betrayed Black voters, they betrayed America, and they betrayed our democracy."

Today's decision is a devastating blow to what remains of the Voting Rights Act, and a license for corrupt politicians who want to rig the system by silenc-

ing entire communities. <https://t.co/mbeo93k18V>
pic.twitter.com/Fa4WKslIOSp

-Derrick Johnson (@DerrickNAACP) April 29, 2026

The Congressional Black Caucus, the nation's nonpartisan voice for Black Americans in Congress, issued its own statement on the court's far-reaching decision:

"Without the protections of the VRA, Republicans now have the ability to move forward with a nationwide scheme...to manufacture more districts for themselves by eliminating majority-Black districts."

This attack on voting and representation for Black Americans isn't a sudden political tactic. It began after the historic Reconstruction Amendments in the 19th century, which outlawed slavery, granted citizenship to African Americans, and granted voting rights. These laws, in theory, created partial pathways to fundamental freedoms. However, since the passage of the 15th Amendment in particular—which prohibited race-based disenfranchisement—state and local governments have introduced various barriers, including poll taxes, literacy tests, and other forms of Jim Crow policies—all of which impeded Black voting power.

Continued in next week's bulletin

Efran Menny is a husband, father, and a regular contributor to BCM. His work is informed by his experience as an educator and his studies in social work. He has a passion for elevating topics on justice and theology for Black Catholics.

MINISTERS - May 17, 2026

LECTORS	
Paul Martin	Barbara Martin
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Belinda Sims	Annie Easterling
Gerri Evans	Sister Mary Jean Raymond
THIRD SUNDAY COUNTERS	
Kevin Ford	Dana Baker
China Brown	

MINISTERS - May 24, 2026

LECTORS	
Joe Harbert	Deidre Whitted
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Belinda Sims	Walter Morris
Dana Baker	David Woody
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Marguerite Stricklan	Noel Egensperger
Molodian Price	

MAY 17, 2026

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Sunday	May 17	10:00 a.m. - Mass
Monday	May 18	
Tuesday	May 19	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Community Meal & food distribution 5:30 p.m. - Scripture Study - Guild Room
Wednesday	May 20	11:30 a.m. Prayer Service 6:00 p.m. Grade 8 Graduation
Thursday	May 21	9:00 a.m. Kindergarten Graduation
Friday	May 22	9:30 a.m. Pre-School Graduation
Saturday	May 23	Food Distribution
Sunday	May 24	10:00 a.m. - Mass Pentecost Sunday
Monday	May 25	
Tuesday	May 26	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Community Meal & food distribution

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
"Don't just stand looking at the sky; Jesus has given us work to do on earth".

2nd Reading - 1 Peter 3:15-18
"Since we are raised with Christ, we must set our hearts on heavenly things".

Gospel - John 14:15-21
"True eternal life is knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He sent".

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Mon May 11 - Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a
Tue May 12 - Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
Wed May 13 - Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15
Thu May 14 - Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17
Fri May 15 - Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
Sat May 16 - Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

COLLECTION SUMMARY 5/10/26

\$1,633.00 - Offertory
 \$143.00 - Renovations
 \$132.00 - Special Collections
 \$83,200.00 - Collection Annual Target (till 6/30/26)
 \$95,699.36 - Collections Year to Date

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sharon Alexander, Eben Anderson, Jr., Denise Brewster, Henritta Broadus, Lois Bunker, Angela Comedy, Jerri Evans, Joe Fears, Miles Frierson, Irene Gantt, Victoria Harden, Jamar Harland, Kellen Harland, Jermaine Harland, Keli Harland, Madelyn Harland, Deborah Howard, Terry Jackson, Eugene Jones, Marlene Jones, Paulette Jones, Rosetta Mackey, Mary McCombs, Deborah McIntyre, Yvonne Nettles, Toni E. Payne, Trudy Payne, Jaxon Peck, Jordyn Peck, Chloe Rachells, Brunilda Rivera, 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

MASS INTENTIONS - MAY 17-24, 2026

May 17	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
May 24	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory

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Save the Date

Friday, June 19 - 10:00 a.m.
Juneteenth Celebration
at St. Dominic's

Sunday, June 21 - 10:00 a.m.
Mass with Bishop Malesic.
Close of 125th Anniversary year.

Saturday, June 27 - 12:00 p.m.
Mass - Funeral for Rosemary McKeon - Repast
in church hall following Mass. All are invited.