

# Saint Aloysius

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (SOLEMNITY)

**MAY 31, 2026**



**10932 ST. CLAIR AVENUE  
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 640 Lakeview Road • Cleveland, Ohio 44108  
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## Pentecost Celebration at St. Aloysius



### 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.**

### 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 James .....Preschool Director

### Parish Leadership

Melissa Morris .....Parish Council  
 Joe Harbert ..... Finance Council  
 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 Hope .....Andrea 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*

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

By Efran Menny - 12 May 2026  
Black Catholic Messenger

Continued from last week - In the wake of the *Callais* ruling, one thing noticeably missing is any response from the nation's catholic bishops. No acknowledgement from Archbishop Paul Coakley, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, or any statements from high-ranking officials to urge action to protect voting came.

With more than a million Black Catholics living in the South, Sr Mary Antona Ebo - the Black religious sister that marched in Selma, who proclaimed, "I'm here because I'm Negro, a nun, a Catholic, and because I want to bear witness" - would chide the Church's inaction and remind them of justice and human dignity.

The ecclesiastical apathy continues the track record of powerful Catholics being indifferent to the needs of Black Catholics and Black Americans. When it's time to rise up and showcase the power of Jesus to condemn the powers of evil that exist in systems of injustice and White Supremacy, the Catholic witness is far too often missing. The Church's refusal to speak up consistently on matters impacting the Black community doesn't convey a message of neutrality but instead reinforces injustice.

The bishops have addressed the importance of civic and political responsibility in what now feels like the long-distant past. In "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States," originally released in 2007, they affirmed the following:

"It is important for our society to continue to combat any unjust discrimination, whether based on race, religion, sex, ethnicity, disabling condition, or age, as these are grave injustices and affronts to human dignity."

The boldness of this statement adds to the spiritual and moral imperative that the Church must adhere to in the present. Failure to heed their own words demonstrates an indifference toward Black Americans having their voting power systematically weakened by Republicans across the county.

Furthermore, basic themes of Catholic social teaching help us understand why a courageous witness is required. At the foundation, the dignity of the human person is the principle that all other themes revolve around.

If we attest that every human has sacredness and inherent worth by virtue of being a reflection of the Creator, then we must affirm that they have a right to life. If we uphold the importance of the preferential option of the poor and vulnerable, we have to recognize and accept that Black Americans have had a long history of being historically neglected, under-resourced, and powerless. Lastly, when we think about participation in society, if the systems and structures that are intended to be aimed for human flourishing are inefficient or place barriers to access, how can those most at-risk influence structures that directly impact their livelihood? If these precepts are neglected, the cycle of exclusion stands in contrast to the demands of Church teaching.

*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 31, 2026

LECTORS	
Rosemary Egensperger	Debra Paul
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Belinda Sims	Deidre Whitted
Noel Egensperger	Dana Baker
FIFTH SUNDAY COUNTERS	

### MINISTERS - June 7, 2026

LECTORS	
Noel Egensperger	Dana Baker
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Belinda Sims	Annie Easterling
Gerri Evans	Rosemarie Egensperger
FIRST SUNDAY COUNTERS	
Paul Martin	Joe Harbert

# MAY 31, 2026

## EVENTS THIS MONTH

Sunday	May 31	10:00 a.m. - Mass
Monday	Jun 1	
Tuesday	Jun 2	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Community Meal & food distribution 5:30 p.m. Scripture Gathering - Guild Room
Wednesday	Jun 3	11:30 a.m. Prayer Service
Thursday	Jun 4	
Friday	Jun 5	
Saturday	Jun 6	
Sunday	Jun 7	10:00 a.m. - Mass
Monday	Jun 8	
Tuesday	Jun 9	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Community Meal & food distribution

### SUNDAY READINGS

**1st Reading - Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9**  
*"God is a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, and rich in faithful love".*

**2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**  
*"Strive for peace and harmony, and the God of love will dwell within you".*

**Gospel - John 3:16-18**  
*"God's love for the world is so boundless that He sent His Son to offer us eternal life".*

### WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

**Mon Jun 1** - Tobit 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mark 12:1-12  
**Tue Jun 2** - Tobit 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17  
**Wed Jun 3** - Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12:18-27  
**Thu Jun 4** - Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mark 12:28-34  
**Fri Jun 5** - Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mark 12:35-37  
**Sat Jun 6** - Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mark 12:38-44

### COLLECTION SUMMARY 5/24/26

\$838.00 - Offertory  
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### 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 24-JUNE 7, 2026

May 31	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
June 7	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory

#### Save the Date

**Friday, June 19 - 10:00 a.m.**  
**Juneteeth 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.**

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