

Weekly Bulletin
St. Aloysius and St. Columban
My Church, My Community, My Friends

-----**My Church**-----

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Confession: Available 15 minutes before weekend Mass or by appointment.

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: Please call or email the office to make arrangements.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28th, 2025

Reading I Amos 6.1a, 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, O my soul! (Psalm 146)

Reading II 1 Timothy 6.11-16

Gospel Luke 16.19-31

FOOD FOR THOUGHT ON THIS WEEK'S READING *(brought to us by Fr. John)*

All our possessions, spiritual and material, are divine gifts to be shared because God is the first owner of all goods! This is the first order in creation with regard to our goods.

"When sought or accepted with a religious attitude, poverty opens one to recognizing and accepting the order of creation. In this perspective, the "rich man" is the one who places his trust in his possessions rather than in God, he is the man who makes himself strong by the works of his own hands and trusts only in his own strength. Poverty takes on the status of a moral value when it becomes an attitude of humble availability and openness to God, of trust in him. This attitude makes it possible for people to recognize the relativity of economic goods and to treat them as divine gifts to be administered and shared, because God is the first owner of all goods." **(Compendium of the Social Teaching of the Church #324)**

ST. ALOYSIUS MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS

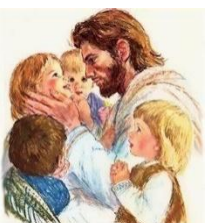
Friday, September 26 th	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sunday, September 28 th	11:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Tuesday, September 30 th	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners
Wednesday, October 1 st	9:00 a.m.	For all parishioners

ST. COLUMBAN MISSION MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 18th 5:00 p.m.

ST. COLUMBAN MISSION CEMETERY SERVICE

Once a year we gather as a community to remember our loved ones. St. Columban Mission Cemetery service will be held on **Sunday, September 28th at 2:30 p.m.** at the Cemetery. Please join us in remembrance and prayer.



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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



On **Monday nights, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**, we have a virtual gathering to reflect on the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings. This very pleasant gathering requires nothing more than a willingness to listen carefully to what God is telling us and to enrich each other with our perceptions. All are welcome! If interested, please send an e-mail to the parish office.

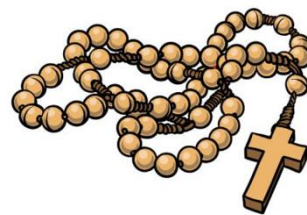
ST. AL'S MISSION OF PRAYER

The Parish Pastoral Council invites us, as a community, to focus on prayer. The weekly Zoom meetings to pray the Rosary together are on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** Please use the following link to join:

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

Meeting ID: 819 2246 2787 Passcode: 3Peqzg

If you are having trouble signing in, please contact Louise Macmillan at 819-319-4121



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

MANHOLE REPAIR PROJECT - REPORT OF MEETING OF PARISHIONERS – SEPTEMBER 21ST

THANK YOU to those who were able to stay for the general meeting of parishioners Sunday, Sept. 21st. The Wardens' Board really appreciates your support in these difficult decisions. For those who missed the meeting, this is the information you need to know.

- Parishioners authorized the Board to open a line of credit with Caisse Populaire Desjardins in order to retain the services of CS Terrec Inc. to repair our manhole problem. The company has been waiting for our reply for more than a month so the work should start soon.

- Concern was expressed that we had only one bidder. Five requests were sent out; three did not respond; one bid on only a portion of the work and did not follow up when this was pointed out to him. We simply do not know why the four others did not bid. The Diocese has authorized us to go ahead even though we had only one bidder. It was ascertained that CS Terrec had all the required credentials, and the bid is considered reasonable considering all the work to be done.



Of course, the main concern is how we will raise that much money. These are a few examples that were given:

- If 20 families or individuals give \$1,000; 10 give \$500; 10 give \$250; 40 give \$100; 50 give \$75. It is obvious that it will not suffice if we are all satisfied to give an extra \$5, but every little bit will be received with gratitude and added to the common pot.

-Individual parishioners use their creativity to invent ways of fundraising in their own milieu of friends and colleagues: a meal where guests pay, a sale of crafts, a garage sale... We are trying to avoid that it be always the same people who are solicited to give.

-Of course, the School Board was asked to help us pay. They are seriously considering the request but have not yet responded.

-We will request a donation from our MLA.

-We will send a letter to all registered parishioners.

- Two parishioners have each offered an interest-free loan of \$10,000 and, after the meeting, three others have joined to offer an interest-free loan of \$15,000. That means that we will not have to pay interest by borrowing from the bank. Of course, we still have to repay parishioners for these loans.

- It was stressed at the meeting that the donations for the manhole project must not reduce the regular Sunday collection which is essential to pay the regular bills.

We are sure and are thankful that everyone will collaborate according to their means.

DONATIONS FOR PARKING LOT MANHOLE REPAIR PROJECT

If you would like to donate to help with the cost of repairing the manhole in our parking lot, please use the envelopes provided at the entrance, indicate your envelope number, and put your donation in the collection basket. If you do not have the Sunday Offering envelopes, please provide your name and address on the envelope in order to get a tax receipt for your donation.

	
MANHOLE REPAIR PROJECT	
ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA PARISH	
AMOUNT: _____	ENVELOPE #: _____
NAME: _____	
ADDRESS: _____	
Email or Phone number: _____	
<small>Please place this envelope in Collection basket located at the entrance of the Church</small>	

Please remember to continue your regular donations as we still need to pay our monthly expenses.

ST. ALOYSIUS FINANCES

Sunday collection – September 21st: Regular Collection: \$450.00

Monthly donations through the Diocese: \$ 1,115.00

Thank you for continuing to support our Church. Jo Anne Lambert, Finance Warden

WEBSITE

You can find some really interesting information on our website. One thing that was just added is a short biography of Fr. John. Please visit <https://www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/about-us>. While you are there you may want to read the history of our parish or learn about the sacraments or take a virtual tour. A lot of information that is good to re-learn as adults!

USHERS NEEDED

We have decided to start using the ushers again, but we need volunteers. Ideally, we should have a minimum of 6 ushers that would rotate. 2 ushers per Sunday mass.

The general duties of the usher would be:



- Greet people at the entrance to the Church
- Register the number of parishioners attending mass
- Assisting the flow of people in the Church or answering questions
- Take up the collection during mass

If you would like to volunteer as an usher, please contact Julie McCann at 819-598-2609 or mccannjd@icloud.com. Thank you.

WARDENS' BOARD

By Quebec provincial law, the Act Respecting Fabriques, a parish must have 6 wardens to administer the assets of the parish. In our parish each warden is assigned a particular task to oversee and report to the Board or consult with the Board for a decision. Normally, at the end of December each year, two wardens have completed their three-year term and can either be re-elected for a second three-year term or must be replaced after two consecutive terms. **This year we will need to replace three wardens: Maintenance and Public Relations for three-year terms and Secretary to complete two years of a term.** The titles give the responsibility of each. Broadly speaking, the Maintenance warden oversees all maintenance requirements for the church and rectory and grounds. Public Relations sees to all announcements and thanks and outside contacts. The Secretary warden takes the Minutes of the Board meetings. **PLEASE**, if you feel you could fulfill one of these services, contact the chair of the Board, Ann Marie Plante, Fr. John or any one of the present wardens. If you know of someone who could do this, try to convince him/her to step forward. What is really required is a profound love for this parish and a deep commitment to have it thrive. You can read more about the wardens' board at the following link:

https://www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/files/ugd/3ab9d3_aa9c22e3f4464697a50db37c714795a8.pdf

HALL RENTAL

Would you love to have family and friends over for a special occasion but simply do not have the space? Your problem is easily solved: rent our parish hall! Simply phone our hall warden Syveren Kamguia at 343-551-7586 to reserve the date and time and arrange for payment. Please let your colleagues and acquaintances know about this possibility.



ARCHBISHOP'S BRUNCHES



The 3rd edition of the Archbishop's Brunch (Archdiocese of Gatineau) is taking place this fall with one of the brunches being organized by five local English parishes (English-speaking pastoral zone), Our Lady of Mount

Carmel, Kazabazua; Our Lady of Sorrows, Venosta; St. Martin's, Martindale; Holy Cross, Fieldville and St. Camillus, Farrellton.

Come and enjoy some fabulous food, music and an opportunity for a leisurely social gathering to connect with friends, family and acquaintances and at the same time support many organizations. Proceeds from the brunch will be used to support local organizations.

Date: Saturday November 8, 2025

Location: Heritage Hall, 4 Ch D'Amour, Low, QC

Time: 11:00am - 2:00pm

Cost: \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 (children 12 and under).

For more information and to purchase tickets, please use the following link:

<https://arch.diocesegatineau.org/en/conferences-trainings/detail/archbishops-brunch-for-parishes-in-the-english-speaking-pastoral-zone/71118>

DIOCESE NEWSLETTER

Learn more about the events taking place within the Archdiocese of Gatineau by signing up for their newsletter: <https://www.diocesegatineau.org/en/newsletter/>

CHEZ VINCENT

For a great selection of clothing for the whole family at affordable prices, please visit the new Chez Vincent, just two minutes away from our parish! <https://chezvincent.org/en/about-us/>



-----My Friends-----

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Suzanne and Glenn Harvey's family, Adeline Gendron, Diane Morey, and Pat McCann (brother of Mike McCann).



BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

If you would like to have your birthday and/or anniversary included in our bulletins, please email the office at st.aloysius@bellnet.ca or call us at 819-663-5244.

We wish to celebrate all parishioners!

Mary Jane Champagne	13 th
Michael McCann	19 th
Margaret Burns	21 st
Angela Kelly	29 th