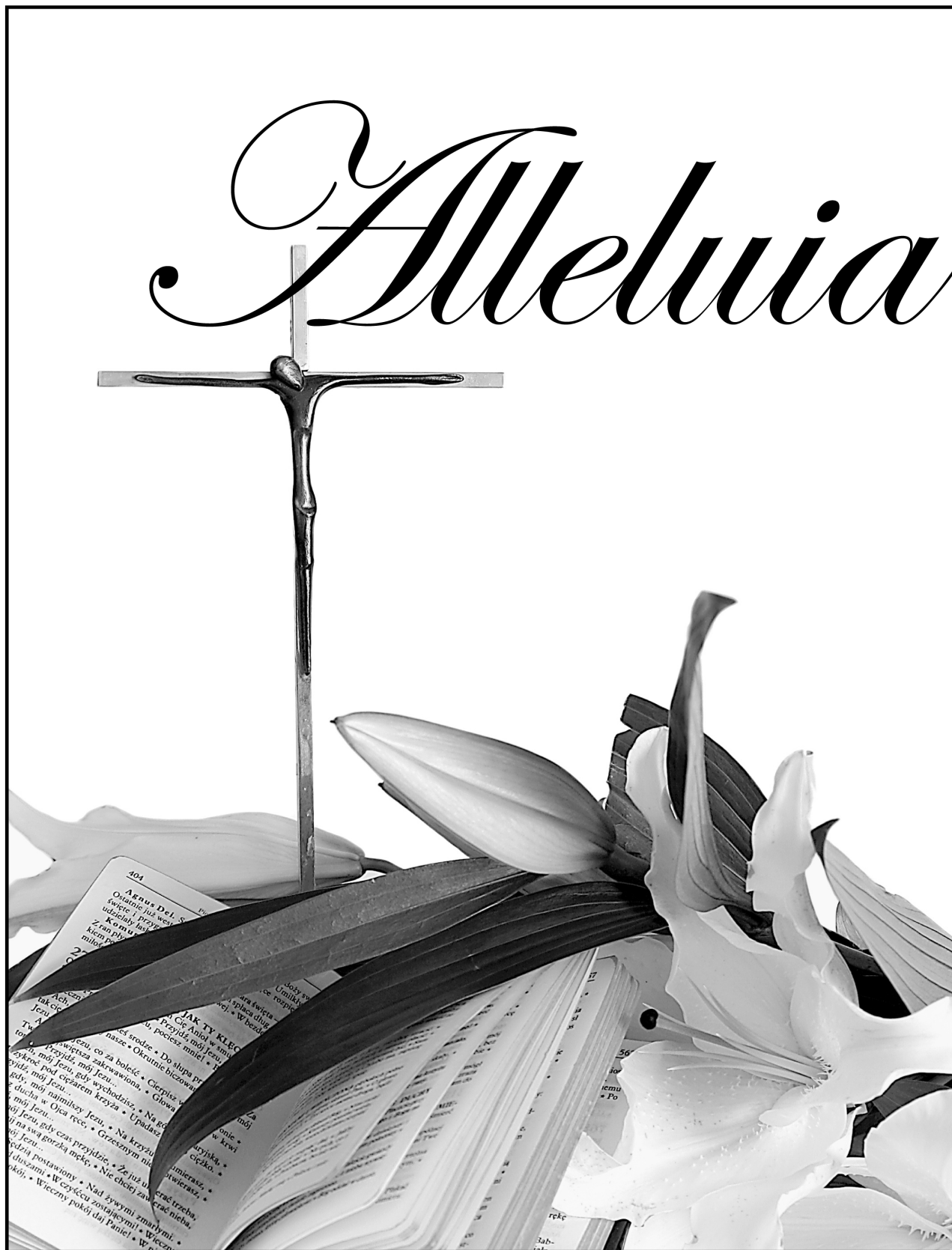


APRIL 20, 2025

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA



A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Holy Saturday

8:00pm: Nick & Lacey Chemsak

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Easter Sunday

6:00am: Bob & Elaine Sayre

8:15am: +Nancy Marie Leslie

11:15am: For the Parish, Jack Dickinson

MONDAY, APRIL 21

7:00am: Dr. Bob Fry

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

7:00am: +Paul Borgatti

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

7:00am: +Lutze Klein

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

7:00am: +Wayne Woods

9:00am*: Mary Jean Travis

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

7:00am: Prunty Ancestors & Descendants

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

8:00am: +Margaret & Joseph McGinn

5:00pm: +Joshua St. Germain

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Divine Mercy Sunday

8:15am: For the Parish, +Michael Chvala

11:15am: +Kenton Hughes

***HFS School Mass**

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Sayre Family, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Cindy Morales, Linda Dimmock, Josephine Stratton, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Judi Trygg, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Jane and Dena Bell, Marie Basta, Richard Brown, Jena Lanzell, Charlotte Johnson, Emma Lang, Matthew M., Selena M., Jackie Weems, Bob Strang, Jacqueline Meador, Adrianna Hilburn, Jason & Jaxon Rivera, Therese Thomas, Mary Bell, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Mary Vandergraft, Jeff Baldwin, Ben Sunde, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Claude Davis, Mary Flatt, Kennita Turner, Eva Nave, Judy Blanche, Anna Belander, the Price family, Gail Johnson, Sally Cox, Mary Andrus family, Bruce Jansen, Mary Jean & Ron Travis, Jean Arndt, Mil White, Fr. Tim Pfander, Bobbie Quintana, Jr., Ezra Morris, Mark Manning, Larry Barnett, Susan Sheehy, Mike Harwood, Janice Ingalls.

Note

If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the parish office. When that person recovers, please call again to remove their name so that others can be put on the list. **Thank you, Fr. Joe**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Happy Easter! The Lord has Risen! The Lord has Risen indeed! I hope that you are filled with Easter Blessings and that you will enjoy time with family and friends this day. Now, starts our 50-Day Celebration of Easter.



Sunday, April 27 is Divine Mercy Sunday

The History

Jesus began appearing to St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, in 1931. The message and devotion to Jesus as the Divine Mercy is based on her published diary recording the revelation she received from Jesus. Saint Faustina died in 1938, at 33 years old, And was canonized by Saint John Paul II in 2000.

The Promise

Our Lord Jesus said, "the soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates through-out which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet ... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Font of My Mercy." *Saint Faustina, Diary, 699*

Why is this promise from Jesus so wonderful and merciful?

Temporal punishment and suffering

The Catholic Church teaches that sin has two consequences, or punishments, (CCC 1472). The first is eternal punishment in which the soul loses heaven and is confined to an eternity in Hell. This punishment is remitted through forgiveness of sins. The second is temporal punishment, in which a person must expiate, or make reparation for his sins. This temporal punishment remains even after sin is forgiven. This temporal punishment is known as Purgatory.

So, Jesus' amazing promise to Saint Faustina amounts to offering all mankind the graces of a COMPLETE PARDON; An opportunity to have all temporal punishment, time in Purgatory, that which would be necessary before entrance into Heaven, completely removed!

To Observe Divine Mercy Sunday

Sincerely repent of all of your sins. Place your complete trust in Jesus. Go to Confession, the church permits up to 20 days before the Feast. Receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. Venerate the image, such as a prayer before it, "Merciful Jesus, I trust in You!" Be merciful to others, through actions, words, and prayers.

The Image

"I desire that this image be venerated throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I promise victory over its enemies, already here on earth, and especially at the hour of death ... I Myself will defend it as My own glory."

The Chaplet

"Pray unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priest who recommended to sinners as their last hope of salvation."

The Conversion Prayer

"If you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith, on behalf of some sinner, I will give that soul the grace of conversion: 'O Blood and Water that gushed forth from the heart of Jesus, as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.' - *Diary 186, 187*

Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered." - *Diary 1397*

Spread Of The Devotion

"Do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to my mercy, I will make up what you like."

Please consider coming to St. Joseph on Sunday, April 27, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be time for adoration, confession, prayer, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Matthew 28:8-15	Friday	Acts of the Apostles 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a John 21:1-14
Tuesday	Acts of the Apostles 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 John 20:11-18	Saturday	Acts of the Apostles 4:13-21 Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21 Mark 16:9-15
Wednesday	Acts of the Apostles 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Luke 24:13-35	Sunday	Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31
Thursday	Acts of the Apostles 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 Luke 24:35-48	<i>Divine Mercy</i> <i>Sunday</i>	

ST. JOSEPH EASTER SCHEDULE 2025

Easter Sunday April 20 *Easter Sunrise Mass* at Monte Sano at 6:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday Masses at 8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
in the church

Easter Reception in St. Francis Hall after the 8:15 a.m. Mass
Easter Celebration in the Messmer Center after the 11:15 a.m. Mass



EASTER RESURRECTION CELEBRATION
The Easter Egg Hunt

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary invite all families to our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**. Come join us in the Fr. Messmer Center for fun activities and the **EASTER BUNNY**.

Time: Easter Sunday after the 11:15 a.m. Mass

CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 11,397.10
Other Designated Funds	\$ 2,508.58

JOIN DEACON GREG ON SUNDAY, APRIL 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel for a reflection on the Good News of Easter and God's Divine Mercy! With our salvation in hand, and in spite of our doubts, there is joy and mercy truly in our midst allowing our hearts to proclaim, "My Lord and my God."

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL—April 26/27 The annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports dioceses in the United States and its territories that need financial help to sustain core pastoral services and missions of mercy to those they serve, including the Diocese of Birmingham. Without this national collection, essential ministries would not be possible in many dioceses of the United States.

To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

APRIL 26-APRIL 27, 2025

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Larry Bayer, Kara Harmon
8:15am: Jacob Spradlin, James Spradlin
11:15am: Kaylen Nyochembeng, Zoey Emmett

LECTORS

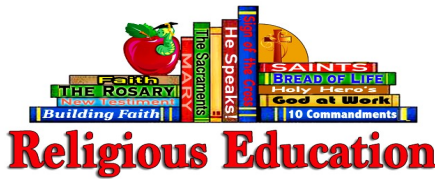
5:00pm: Maria Craig, Grady Harmon
8:15am: Bart Lynch, Gina Bain
11:15am: Jeffrey Taylor, Florence Okafor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Patty Ayala*, Webb Tadesse, Marian Kilgore,
Geri Donnelly, Maureen Chemsak
8:15am: Alicia Owens*, Michelle Nash, Kevin Nash,
Laura Hall, Teri Lynch
11:15am: Donnis Aragon*, Jerolyn Golightly, Jane Dodds,
Bernita Briggs, Brenda Brown

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

April 20	NO RE/OCIA—Easter Break
April 19/20/27	OCIA Candidates & Catechumens Entrance into the Church @ Easter Masses
April 27	First Communion Retreat 8:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall
May 3	First Communion & Reception 10:00 a.m. Church/St. Francis Hall

THE GOLD CHALLENGE We are looking for scrap gold and silver items to be sold for cash. Proceeds will go to the Holy Family School Capital Campaign.

Acceptable items include:

- ◆ Crimped or broken chains and bracelets
- ◆ Single earrings
- ◆ Rings with missing stones
- ◆ Cuff links and tie tacks

They must be of 10K gold or better, or solid sterling silver—no plated items.

To submit, place your donations in a plain envelope to go in the offertory at Mass, or deliver to the parish office. For more information, please call 256-534-1480.

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2025 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN. Join the fun this summer and enjoy many new and different camps, including sports, academics and art. Grade levels are for the 2025-2026 school year.

Most camps are held at St. John Paul II Catholic High School, 7301 Old Madison Pike NW in Huntsville.

Visit www.jp2falcons.org/camps or email camps@jp2falcons.org for details and questions.

SPRING PLANT SALE April 26/27 in the Messmer Center. Hours are Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Perennial flowers, day lilies, heirloom tomatoes, angel trumpets and more will be available.

HAPPY EASTER! BUNCO RETURNS ON FRIDAY, APRIL 25 in St. Francis Hall with play starting at 7:00 p.m. Enter via the north parking lot portico an hour earlier by knocking as the doors are kept locked.

Please bring \$5 to play (nothing larger than a \$10 bill, please), and food or drink to share. 50/50 Raffle will be available and Bunco cash prizes will be made at the end of three rounds of play.

Next Bunco is Friday, June 6.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, APRIL 21

Parish Office Closed

5:00pm: HFS School Board (LMR)

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
11:00am: HFS Grant Committee (LMR)
5:00pm: Joyful Workers (LIB)
6:00pm: Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul (LMR)
6:00pm: 11:15am Mass Choir (SJC)
7:00pm: 8:15am Mass Choir (SJC)

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)
4:00pm: Finance Council (LMR)

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

6:00pm: Bunco (SFH)

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Joyful Workers Plant Sale
9am-3pm (FMC)

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Joyful Workers Plant Sale
10am-1:30pm (FMC)

8:00am: First Communion Retreat (SFH)

Facilities Key

FMC = Messmer Center/Gym
SJC = St. Joseph Church
SFH = St. Francis Hall
LMR/LIB = RE Center
STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel
BRZWY = Breezeway
VBC = Von Braun Center