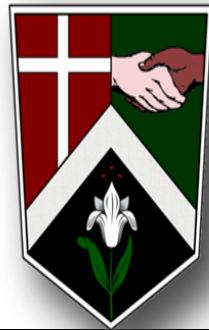


# Saint Joseph

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipated): 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 8:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.  
 Weekdays: 7:00 a.m.  
 Saturday: 8:00 a.m.  
 Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.



### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For all inquiries, please call Maritza Holland at the parish office. For sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, there must be at least one year of formation immediately prior to the preparation for the sacraments.

BAPTISM. Parents and godparents must attend a baptism preparation session before scheduling a baptism.

MARRIAGE. If you intend to be married at St. Joseph Church, you must be registered in the parish and be active by donating your time, talent or treasure in support of parish projects. Regular Mass attendance on Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation is also required. Couples planning marriage should contact the parish before setting a wedding date.

OCIA. Adults and children of catechetical age are welcomed into the Church through a process called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call Fr. Joseph Lubrano at the parish office to schedule an anointing.

### FUNERALS

We have a number of people to help plan funeral liturgies. Please call the parish office before contacting the funeral home to avoid scheduling conflicts.



### PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our parish and wish to register, please call the parish office for the appropriate forms.



### Holy Family School—Huntsville

Jim Bell, Principal  
 256.539.5221

### St. John Paul II Catholic High School

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 256.430.1760

# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00am: +Dave Royer  
5:00pm: Michael & Maureen Chemsak

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:15am: For the Parish, +Jim Watt Maloney  
11:15am: +Jerry Damson

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00am: +Elena Barbieri

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00am: +Ariel Tellez Muñoz

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

### *Ash Wednesday*

7:00am: +George Banks  
9:00am\*: +Mike Linder  
7:00pm: +Thomas Joseph Rathz

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00am: +Tricia Voytko

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00am: +Bobby Rioux

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00am: Ezra Morris  
5:00pm: +Victor Pesqueira

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:15am: +Demy Robley  
11:15am: For the Parish

**\*HFS School Mass**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Sayre Family, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Cindy Morales, Linda Dimmock, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Judi Trygg, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Jane and Dena Bell, Marie Basta, Richard Brown, Jena Lanszell, Charlotte Johnson, Emma Lang, Jackie Weems, Bob Strang, Jacqueline Meador, Adrianna Hilburn, Jason & Jaxson Rivera, Therese Thomas, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Mary Vandergraft, Jeff Baldwin, Ben Sundey, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Kennita Turner, Eva Nave, Anna Belander, the Price family, Gail Johnson, Sally Cox, Mary Andrus family, George deVuyst, Milly Kuszynski, Brent Weisbecker, Mary Jean Travis, Jean Arndt, Mil White, Fr. Tim Pfander, Bobbie Quintana, Jr., Ezra Morris, Larry Barnett, Susan Sheehy, Chris Johnson, Peter Donnelly.

### **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:



We are about to embark on a very special time in our church year. The annual observance of Lent is a special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its two-fold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the Right of Election, the scrutinies and catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises.

As we approach the Lenten season, let us look at the reflection from *The Word Among Us: Daily Meditations for Catholics* for Ash Wednesday, February 18. The readings for that day are: ***Joel 2:12-18/Psalm 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/2 Corinthians 5:20-6: 2/Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18.***

**"Even now, says the Lord, return to me." (Joel 2:12)**

Here we are at the beginning of lent! We often look at the season with an eye toward the future: as the time of preparation for Easter, or as an extended time of repentance, fasting and almsgiving in the hope of a change of hearts somewhere down the line. Of course, there's some truth to that view. But looking only to the future can cause some anxiety. What if I start strong but give up halfway through Lent? Or what if I succeed, but still don't feel any different by Easter?

So, let's focus on the present as well. Let's follow God's call from today's first reading and turn to the Lord . . . even now (***Joel 2:12***).

Even now. You don't have to wait, no matter what obstacles seem to stand between you and God. You don't have to wait until you feel enough sorrow for your sins or until you've fasted or given away enough. If you turn to the Lord right now, he will turn to you.

Even now. It's an invitation, not a threat. Your heavenly father is ready to help you - even now. That's the wonder of his love! He has already decided to forgive you and welcome you. In Christ, he has already provided cleansing for every one of your sins. He is ready - even now - to shower you with his mercy and his love.

Even now. You don't have to get everything exactly right to deny yourself for 40 days before he answers you. Just "rend your heart" before the Lord (***Joel 2:13***). Reach out your arms to him. Cry out to him, even wordlessly. If all you can muster is a heartfelt "Father! Forgive them!" he'll come running to you and gather you into his embrace.

If you we only knew how much our Father loves us, we would never hesitate to come to him. So, turn to the Lord this Lent and ask him to change your heart. Even now.

**"Here I am, Lord! I need your mercy today!"**

I hope you have a blessed day and a blessed start to this blessed season of Lent. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

***Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe***

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## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

I want to thank Holy Family School for helping us celebrate Catholic Schools Week. A special thank you to the young people from St. John Paul II Catholic High School who spoke at the Masses on the weekend of January 31/February 1, and Holy Family School students Grecia Gonzales, Jacob Spradlin and Xzariah M. White who made their presentation this past weekend on February 7/8.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	James 1:1-11 Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 Mark 8:11-13	Friday	Isaiah 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Matthew 9:14-15
Tuesday	James 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 Mark 8:14-21	Saturday	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Luke 5:27-32
Wednesday	Joel 2:12-18	Sunday	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-14, 17 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	<i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Luke 9:22-25		

## BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION February 21/22, 2026

For 141 years, the Black and Indian Mission Collection has changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans. Historically, our evangelization efforts are funded by the Collection's grant awards, which are instrumental in building Christian communities, educating seminarians and sharing the joy of knowing Christ.

In our diocese, this collection supports six parishes, four schools and four diocesan ministries each year.

Education is fundamental in changing the morals of a society. Your assistance creates opportunities for solid Catholic education in our mission schools, allows the purchase of catechetical materials and bibles and helps with the formation of lay leadership.

Lenten Dinner MenusFish Fry

Fried fish (catfish or tilapia)  
French fries, hushpuppies, coleslaw, brownies  
Cheese pizza available  
Drinks: tea or lemonade

Enchiladas

Cheese enchiladas (four per plate)  
Rice, beans  
Street corn available @ \$5.00/cup  
Drink: soda

## 2026 ST. JOSEPH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

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Adoration & Stations of the Cross

All Fridays during Lent  
11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Church

Lenten Communal Anointing

Saturday & Sunday, March 14/15  
After all Masses Church

Lenten Communal Reconciliation

Thursday, March 19  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Church

Fish Fry

Friday, February 20/March 6/March 20  
5-7 p.m. Fr. Messmer Center  
\$15 adults, \$6 ages 6-12

Enchiladas/Beans/Rice

Friday, February 27/March 13/March 27  
3:30 –6:30 p.m. Fr. Messmer Center  
\$10 per plate

WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 20,713.32
Other Designated Funds	\$ 14,830.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 21, 2026 – FEBRUARY 22, 2026

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: John Johanneman  
8:15am: Maddie Lynch, Paige Howell  
11:15am: Robert Whitehead, Christian Ejimah

LECTORS

5:00pm: Grady Harmon, Patty Ayala  
8:15am: Bart Lynch, Christina Pohl  
11:15am Jeffrey Taylor, Maggie Taylor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Maritza Holland\*, George Holland, Geri Donnelly, Philip Graham, McKinley Curtis III  
8:15am: Anne Heatherly\*, Teri Lynch, Rita Cusack, Ashley Medina, Laura Hall  
11:15am: Jim Powell\*, Michelle Jansen, Christopher Prchal, Nelene Odutola, Bob Varga

# Religious Education

## Formation and Catechesis



### Religious Education

#### FORMATION CALENDAR

Feb. 15	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building Rite of Welcoming and Sending - OCIA 11:15 a.m. Mass
Feb. 22	Confirmation I Parent Meeting—HFS #120 9:50 a.m. Spanish, 10:25 a.m. English RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** If you attend Mass regularly at St. Joseph, you should be registered here. Single adults who no longer share an address with their parents should have their own separate registration. If you are planning to be married or are newly married, you are invited to join the parish. As a general rule, registration with a particular parish is important for any sacrament, such as baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, marriage and becoming a godparent. Please call the parish office if you have questions.

**BAPTISM:** Baptismal preparation class is required for parents and godparents. We offer the class four times a year, at the beginning of each quarter. Please call the parish office to register. If you are a godparent from another parish, you must provide a letter of good standing from your pastor.

**MARRIAGE:** Marriage preparation classes are required if you plan to be married at St. Joseph. The preparation time is six months. You must be registered in the parish, complete the marriage preparation classes, attend an Engaged Encounter day or weekend and supply all the necessary documentation.

**FUNERAL:** Please call the parish office before making arrangements with a funeral home to ensure that the church and pastor are available. Schedule an appointment with the pastor to plan the service.

#### PARTICIPANT UPDATE

If you are 18 years of age or older, attend St. Joseph on a regular basis and have not registered or if you have had an address or telephone number change, please complete the following information and drop in the offertory basket or bring it to the parish office. If you are not catholic but are interested in learning more about the faith, please check "O.C.I.A."

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ O.C.I.A.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Leaving Parish

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Address Change

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Telephone Change

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are new to St. Joseph, please fill out a parish registration form.*

## Here Is What's Happening This Week

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

*Ash Wednesday Masses @ 7am, 9am & 7pm*

10:30am: Adult Formation (LMR)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:30am: Ladies Bunco Group (LMR)

6:00pm: Knights of Columbus (LMR)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

*Joyful Bakers Bake Sale*

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

*Joyful Bakers Bake Sale*

9:30am: RE/OCIA (LMR/LIB/HFS/SFH)

Confirmation I Parent Meeting—HFS #120

9:50 a.m. Spanish, 10:25 a.m. English

### 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