

JULY 26, 2026

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
or by appointment with the pastor.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is closed during lunch 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Submit all bulletin announcements to bulletin@saintjosephcc.com no later than Friday, a week prior, at 12:00 p.m.



Holy Family School—Huntsville

Jim Bell, Principal
256.539.5221

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

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256.430.1760



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.

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 25

8:00am: +Carole Eskridge

5:00pm: +José Plinio Lopez

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:15am: +Dave Royer

11:15am: For the Parish

MONDAY, JULY 27

7:00am: +Matthew Keke

TUESDAY, JULY 28

7:00am: HFS Teachers & Students

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

7:00am: +Viviana Uribe-Torres, +Sara Nava

THURSDAY, JULY 30

7:00am: Elaine Sayre

FRIDAY, JULY 31

7:00am: Warrant Officer (Ret) Joe Shiver

SATURDAY, AUGUST 01

8:00am: +Marilyn Rodriguez

5:00pm: Huntsville Hospital Cardiovascular Unit & Staff

SUNDAY, AUGUST 02

8:15am: For the Parish, +Nancy Lindsay

11:15am: +Brian Lowe

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The following reflection is from *The Word Among Us: Daily Meditations for Catholics* for July 15, 2026, the Memorial of St. Bonaventure. The readings for that day were: **Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16 / Psalm 94:5-10, 14-15 / Matthew 11:25-27.**

You have revealed them to the childlike (**Matthew 11:25**)

The Gospel offers a welcome voice of encouragement after Jesus' rebuke of Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum in Matthew's gospel. Those towns couldn't seem to recognize him and respond to his mighty deeds and with repentance. But in this reading, in stark contrast, Jesus praises the father that "although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to the childlike" (**Matthew 11:25**).

What was the difference between the people of these towns and the people who received God's revelation? A "childlike" disposition. So, let's look at two qualities that help form this disposition, both in the disciples and in us.

Humility: When we're humble, we see that we are completely dependent on God. The disciples were humble enough to understand that they didn't have all the answers. Even though they didn't always understand Jesus' words, they knew that he was their teacher. They approached him with a genuine desire to know the Father and trusted Jesus' ability to reveal him.

Openness: A humble attitude helps us to be open - to be ready to hear and embrace God's word. It enables us to be docile and teachable. The disciples were willing to listen to Jesus, even when his words challenged their long-held ideas. They were ready to change their minds about who God was and to accept the way Jesus revealed him to them.

Like any good father, our heavenly Father wants us to know him and to feel free enough to draw near to him so that he can teach us. We know that the Father sent his only Son - the second Person in the Trinity, the One who has intimate knowledge of him and calls him Abba - to reveal himself to the world. All he's looking for are humble, open hearts.

So, let's come to our Father today with a childlike attitude. Let's come with humility, knowing that we don't have all the answers. And let's come with openness, willing to be taught and to allow our ideas to be challenged and reshaped.

"Father, give me the grace to become like a child before you."

Have a blessed day. You are always in my thoughts and prayers.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

From the City of Huntsville

"On behalf of the City of Huntsville, we are pleased to share that St. Joseph has earned a City of Huntsville Beautification Award for 2026. Out of four hundred properties judged this year, your hard work and stunning landscaping truly set your property apart. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!"

Acacia Moore, Chair
City of Huntsville – Beautification Board



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Elaine Sayre, Maddie Clearly, John Rourke, Jr., Cindy Morales, Linda Dimmock, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Judi Trygg, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Jane and Dena Bell, Marie Basta, Richard Brown, Jena Lanzell, Charlotte Johnson, Emma Lang, Jackie Weems, Bob Strang, Jacqueline Meador, Adrianna Hilburn, Jason & Jaxson Rivera, Therese Thomas, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Mary Vandergraft, Ben Sunday, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Kennita Turner, 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, Jeff Jansen, Gary Wilson.

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**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Jeremiah 13:1-11 Ps Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21 Matthew 13:31-35	Friday	Jeremiah 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Matthew 13:54-58
Tuesday	Jeremiah 14:17-22 Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13 Matthew 13:36-43	Saturday	Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 Matthew 14:1-12
Wednesday	Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21 Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17, 18 John 11:19-27	Sunday	Isaiah 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9, 15-18 Romans 8:35, 37-39 Matthew 14:13-21
Thursday	Jeremiah 18:1-6 Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab Matthew 13:47-53		



YOU ARE INVITED TO

ST. JOSEPH Ministry Fair

WHERE ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE THIS SEASON?
STEP INTO THE HARVEST — THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU.

 **22-23**
August

 **HFS
Gym**

 **After Mass**
Sat 5 pm
Sun 8:15 am & 11:15 am

Explore more than **20+ ministries** that provide ways to share your time, talent, and treasure. There is a place for you to serve and make an impact.
Volunteers are needed to serve our growing community.
Plan to connect with ministry leaders at the Ministry Fair!

Official Sign-Up Coming Soon

- ✓ Liturgy/Worship
- ✓ Faith Formation
- ✓ Fellowship and Parish Life
- ✓ Outreach & Services
- ✓ National Organizations

***Put your Faith into action:** Faith Formation Teacher, Administer Communion to the sick (hospital/home), Campus Ministry, School Volunteer, Joyful Workers

***Serve at the Altar:** Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Choir, Altar Server

***Charity:** SVDP, Food Pantry, Catholic Center of Concern, Knights of Columbus, Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver, and more.

+No matter your age, interests, or schedule, we have a ministry for you+

FUN DAY 2026 Join us on Saturday, September 12, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for the annual Fun Day hosted by Holy Family School and St. Joseph parish. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHARE THE HARVEST food pantry collection will be held on August 1/2. Please drop off food items at the collection point in front of the church before Mass and do not leave items unattended or exposed to the elements.

We especially need: cereal, canned fruit, canned meat, jelly, soup, spaghetti sauce, pasta, rice, mashed potatoes, pancake mix and snacks/cookies. Please no bulk items or glass jars.

Thank you for your continued support of those in need in our community. For more information or to volunteer, contact Kevin Nash at kmn444@hotmail.com or (315) 664-0755.

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND APPEAL August 1/2, 2026
You are invited to prayerfully consider giving to this fund, which directly supports the 19 seminarians who are being formed to become priests of the Diocese of Birmingham. Thank you for your support!

WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 7,941.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 2,640.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

AUGUST 01, 2026-AUGUST 02, 2026

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Kara Harmon
8:15am: Levi Stewart, Henry Franzo
11:15am: Christian Ejimah, Robert Whitehead

LECTORS

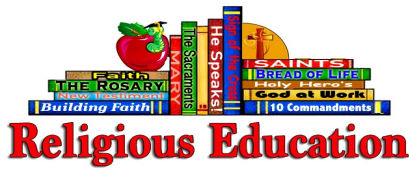
5:00pm: McKinley Curtis III, Lydia Tadesse
8:15am: Robert Styles, Ellen Styles
11:15am: Bruce Taylor, Helen Taylor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Marian Kilgore *, Sherri Lynn Ross, Gus Smith, Michelle Sanner, Webb Tadesse
8:15am: David Brost*, Laura Hall, Ashley Medina, Anne Heatherly, Alicia Owens
11:15am: Nelene Odutola*, Jim Powell, Bob Varga, Donnis Aragon, Jennifer Luna

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

Aug. 9 OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Parish Office Building

RE REGISTRATION FOR 2026/2027 has begun. Registration forms are available in the church breezeway or the parish office. Classes begin on Sunday, August 16, 2026.

ANSWER THE CALL!

BECOME A

CATECHIST

OR A CATECHIST ASSISTANT!

Share Your Faith!

★ **Teach our Children**

★ **Make a Difference**

★ **Inspire Young Hearts!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SIGN UP TODAY!

Fill out one application, call or email
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St. Joseph Catholic Church • 2300 Beasley Ave, Huntsville AL

The Catholic Center of Concern in Huntsville
will host its annual

Back-to-School Drive

July 6-July 31

Our clothing room will collect
new socks and underwear
for school age children

Items will be distributed free of charge to
families in our community

Donations may be dropped off at:
Catholic Center of Concern
1010 Church St NW
Huntsville, AL 35801

Monday through Friday
8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Here Is What's Happening This Week

TUESDAY, JULY 28

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

HFS Teacher Workday

6:00pm: 11:15am Choir (SJC)

7:00pm: 8:15am Choir (SJC)

THURSDAY, JULY 30

5:00pm: HFS Advisory Council (LMR)

HFS Capital Campaign (LMR)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 01

Hospitality after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 02

Hospitality after the 8:15 a.m. Mass

9:30am: Catechist In-Service (SFH)

12:30pm: KPC/KPCLA Junior Knights
& Junior Daughters (LIB/LMR)

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