

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

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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.



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Jim Bell, Principal
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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).

ANOIDING 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, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00am: +James Chvala
5:00pm: +Lola Light

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Howard Fry

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00am: +Dave Royer

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00am: **No Mass**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00am: **No Mass**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00am: **No Mass**
9:00am*: HFS Students

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00am: **No Mass**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00am: **No Mass**
5:00pm: +Jagoe Wade

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:15am: +Joseph Matis
11:15am: For the Parish

***HFS School Mass**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It's time for the 2027 Diocesan Annual Appeal. The theme for this year is "Jesus Christ Is The Way Forward". Jesus Christ is the way forward. He calls each of us personally: "Come, follow me." And he sends us to share his love with others.



As members of one Catholic family, we have both a responsibility and a beautiful opportunity to care for one another. The Diocesan Annual Appeal allows us to extend the love we experience in our parish beyond our own community and into the lives of people throughout our diocese.

Because of your generosity, a family can receive food when the pantry is bare, help with rent or utilities when a crisis threatens their home, or counseling when a marriage or family is struggling. A child can encounter Christ through Catholic education and faith formation. A young person can find community encouragement to live their faith. A woman facing an unexpected pregnancy can find compassionate support and hope.

These are not simply programs. These are people, families and our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please prayerfully consider how God may be inviting you to participate in the 2027 Diocesan Annual Appeal. What a blessing it is to be able to give and, in giving, to become part of Christ's work in the lives of others.

Our parish goal for the 2026 Diocesan Annual Appeal was \$38,000 and we pledged \$30,110. I appreciate all those who participated.

It is easy for an annual campaign to become focused on a parish goal or a dollar amount. But the number is not the mission. The mission is the reason behind the number.

More than a dozen diocesan pastoral ministries depend upon the Diocesan Annual Appeal to fund their work each year. These ministries touch tens of thousands of people throughout central and northern Alabama.

- They respond when families are struggling to put food on the table.
- They provide assistance when rent or utilities cannot be paid.
- They offer counseling and support when marriages and families are hurting.
- They accompany women facing unexpected pregnancies.
- They provide Catholic education and faith formation.
- They support youth and campus ministry.
- They strengthened Hispanic and Black Catholic ministries.
- They assist parishes with evangelization and catechesis.
- They help form the priests and leaders who will serve our Church in the future.

Behind every ministry is a person, behind every person is a story and every person is a child of God. As parishioners, you are invited to participate in the Church's mission of charity, evangelization, education and service. For more information, visit catholiccharitiesbhm.org.

You are in my daily thoughts and prayers. May God keep and bless you each and every day. Please also keep the 32 of us in your prayers as we travel to Poland and Eastern Europe visiting: Warsaw, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Krakow, Wadowice, Budapest, Vienna and Prague. We leave on Monday, September 14 and return on Friday, September 25. Fr. Roy Runkle will be with you on the weekend of September 19/20.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

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 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, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Kennita Turner, Anna Belander, the Price family, Gail Johnson, Sally Cox, Mary Andrus family, George DeVuyt, 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, Gary Wilson, Kevin Guettler, Janett Onisick.

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	Numbers 21:4b-9	Friday	1 Corinthians 15:12-20
<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38		Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15
	Philippians 2:6-11		Luke 8:1-3
	John 3:13-17	Saturday	1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a		Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14
	Ps 100:1b-2, 3-5		Luke 8:4-15
	John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35	Sunday	Isaiah 55:6-9
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13		Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
	Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22		Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
	Luke 7:31-35		Matthew 20:1-16a
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11		
	Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28		
	Luke 7:36-50		

PLEASE NOTE I will lead a Pilgrimage to Eastern Europe from September 14–25, 2026. During that time, there will be no 7:00 a.m. daily Masses from September 15 through September 25 and no 8:00 a.m. Saturday Mass on September 19. The church will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

On the weekend of September 19/20, Fr. Roy Runkle will be here on Saturday for Confessions at 3:30 p.m. and Mass at 5:00 p.m., and for Sunday Masses at 8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

In addition, no meetings or activities are to be held on campus after 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, from September 14-25 and no meetings or activities on the weekend. Thank you for your understanding.

Fr. Joe

ST. JOSEPH LADIES BRUNCH BUNCO meets on the third Thursday of the month in the RE Center beginning at 10:30 a.m. and ending at about 1:00 p.m. This month's Bunco is scheduled for September 17.

All parishioner ladies and guests are invited to join us for three rounds of Bunco, great food and fellowship. Cost is \$5 and bring a potluck brunch item to share.

Please call or text 256-520-7650 if you plan to attend or if you have questions.

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE
Holy Family School's 70th Birthday Celebration
70 Years of Faith • Education • Integrity**

Our goal is to have 70 families donate \$1,000 each for a total of \$70,000 to support the Holy Family Capital Campaign in honor of Holy Family School's 70th birthday. Your family's name will be added to the Family Scroll, which will be placed in a time capsule and opened in **September 2096**. Imagine your children and grandchildren seeing your family's name **70 years from now!**

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

**October 3 & October 4 in St. Francis Hall after each Mass
Sign the Birthday Card—it will also go in the time capsule!**

*Help us make history today that will be remembered
for generations to come!*

WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 11,577.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 4,313.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026-SEPTEMBER 20, 2026**

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm:	John Johanneman
8:15am:	Levi Stewart, Henry Franco
11:15am:	Jackson Lewis

LECTORS

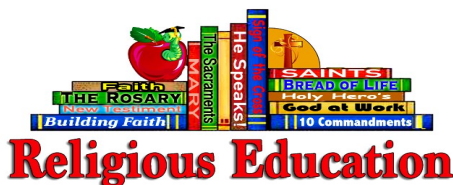
5:00pm:	Geri Donnelly, Randy Buckner
8:15am:	Bart Lynch, Don Gregory
11:15am	Helen Taylor, Bruce Taylor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm:	Tammy Hoskins *, Gus Smith, Patty Ayala, Webb Tadesse, Rita Cusack
8:15am:	Laura Hall*, Kevin Nash, Michelle Nash, Josette Dant, Teri Lynch
11:15am:	Nelene Odutola*, Jeffrey Taylor, Maggie Taylor, Jim Powell, Bea Terry

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

Sept. 20 **NO RE/OCIA**
 Sept. 27 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
 St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building

ANNUAL RED MASS October 1, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at The Cathedral of St. Paul, 2120 Third Avenue No., Birmingham, Alabama. The Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and the Catholic Lawyers of the St. Thomas More Society cordially invite all judges, lawyers, law students, legal professionals and the public they serve to attend.

The Red Mass is a Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated annually at the opening of the judicial year to invoke divine guidance for all who seek and administer justice.

The celebrant will be The Most Reverend Steven J. Raica. A reception for all in attendance will follow in the Family Life Center. For more information, contact Deacon Rick DiGiorgio at 205-422-8734 or rdigiorgio@corywatson.com.

MINISTRY TRAINING for EMHC Ministers and Lectors. Have you marked your calendar for the October 10/11 Refresher Training following your weekend Mass? This will sharpen your skills and reinforce the reason behind what you do for your community at the Lord's Table.

If you are new to a ministry, please attend and plan to stay a little longer to practice your craft.

Refresher: approximately 30 minutes after Mass

New Ministers: an additional 15-20 minutes.

If your contact information is up to date, you will be put in the rotation beginning in December 2026.

SARAH HART CONCERT The St. Joseph 8:15 a.m. choir is sponsoring Sarah Hart's return to our parish for the **You Are The Light** concert on Friday, October 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$25.00 each (18 and under free). They will be available at all three weekend Masses and the parish office. Proceeds benefit the Holy Family Capital Campaign.

Join us for a night of reflection and relaxation with Sarah Hart's inspiring songs celebrating God's presence in our lives.

"THE SPIRITUAL CARE OF THOSE GRIEVING SUICIDE LOSS" will be presented by the HAPC School of Applied Ministry on Tuesday, September 17, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 600 Governors Drive in Huntsville. Please enter at The Community Room, Entrance 7.

Supper and registration at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$35.00 per person, except for sponsoring churches. CEU's are available for nurses and social workers. Zoom option is also available.

Contact malmcarl@hotmail.com or 256 883-6539 for more information or to register.

IF YOU PLAN TO MOVE: Please give the church office your new address so that we can correct our mailing lists, or take you off if you are leaving the area.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

10:00am: Ladies Bunco Group (LMR)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

NO RE/OCIA

NO NURSERY SERVICE

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