

SEPTEMBER 27, 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
256.539.5221

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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).

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, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00am: +V.O. Abraham
5:00pm: +Eva Banks

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Linda Alt

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:00am: +Rev. Dr. Charles Merrill

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:00am: +Dottie Potts

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 01

7:00am: +Louise Cavins
9:00am*: Pro-Life Novena

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 02

7:00am: +Louise Hickey

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 03

8:00am: +Sr. Jean Marie Hauck, S.D.S.
5:00pm: Rebecca Sikora

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 04

8:15am: +David Weaver
11:15am: For the Parish
5:00pm: Elaine Sayre

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This weekend is the *2027 Diocesan Annual Appeal - The Way Forward Pledge Sunday*. Today, we have the privilege of responding to Christ's call together.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal is an opportunity to look beyond ourselves and remember that we are part of something much larger: one Church, one family, united in Christ.

Every day, people across our diocese are searching for hope, for help, for belonging and for a way forward. Because of the generosity of Catholics like you, they can encounter that hope through the Church.

A meal. A helping hand when rent is due. Support after a disaster. A listening ear when a family is hurting. Guidance for a woman choosing life for her child. A teacher who helps a child discover the love of Jesus. A parish strengthened to welcome and serve people of different cultures and languages.

Behind every ministry is a person who matters to God and to us.

Today, on Pledge Sunday, we invite you to prayerfully consider what part God is asking you to play. There is no gift too small when it is given with love. What matters is that, together, we respond.

Giving is a responsibility, but it is also a blessing. It allows us to share what God has entrusted to us and to become a blessing for someone else.

This is *The Way Forward*: following Jesus, caring for one another and walking together as His Church.

Please make your pledge or gift this weekend. Thank you for your generosity and the love you bring to the life of our diocesan family.

Learn more at catholiccharitiesbhm.org.

The Appeal and the Diocesan Tax

Parishioners sometimes confuse the Diocesan Annual Appeal with the diocesan tax. They serve different purposes.

The diocesan tax supports the operation and administration of the diocese, including functions such as the Office of the Bishop, Marriage Tribunal, legal services, human resources and other administrative functions.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal supports the Bishop's pastoral ministries, including social services, family services, education, formation, evangelization, multicultural ministry and other ministries serving people throughout the Diocese.

One supports the operation of the Diocese, the other supports the pastoral mission of the Diocese.

You are in my daily thoughts and prayers. May our Gracious God bless you and your families with his grace, mercy and love.

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 Lanzell, 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 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, 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	Job 1:6-22 Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 Luke 9:46-50	Friday	Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 John 1:47-51	Saturday	Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 Luke 10:17-24
Wednesday	Job 9:1-12, 14-16 Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-15 Luke 9:57-62	Sunday	Isaiah 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43
Thursday	Job 19:21-27 Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 Luke 10:1-12		

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. The next Ladies Brunch Bunco is scheduled for October 15.

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.

THE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS group will meet at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, for lunch at Ol Heidelberg, 6125 University Drive NW in Huntsville.

For information, reservations or cancellations, please call Cathy at 256-489-7111 by October 6.

Newcomers are always welcome. We are an informal group that gathers monthly for fellowship and to enjoy a meal together at different local restaurants. Come join us.

AN ADDITIONAL WEEKLY SUNDAY MASS at 5:00 p.m. will begin on October 4, 2026 for an initial three-month trial period, after which we will evaluate. This is to accommodate the growth of our parish and alleviate some of the space pressure at our current Sunday Masses. It will be a simple Mass without music and volunteer lectors and ushers.

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	\$ 6,326.93
Other Designated Funds	\$ 10,901.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 03, 2026-OCTOBER 04, 2026

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Clark Harmon
8:15am: Dawson Amos
11:15am: William Taylor, Kevin Garcia-Escudero

LECTORS

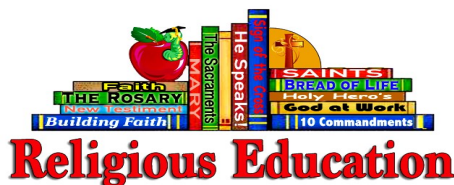
5:00pm: McKinley Curtis III, Lydia Tadesse
8:15am: Ann Kvach, Laura Hall
11:15am: Beatrice Terry, Booker Terry

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Michelle Sanner *, Gus Smith, Patty Ayala,
Webb Tadesse, Maureen Chemsak
8:15am: Linda Billingsley*, Bill Billingsley, Paula Bertrand,
Josette Dant, David Brost
11:15am: Jennifer Luna*, Barbara Brodeur, Robert Brodeur,
Michelle Jansen, Jerolyn Golightly

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



FORMATION CALENDAR

Sept. 27	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Oct. 4	NO RE/OCIA—FALL BREAK
Oct. 11	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Oct. 18	RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
Oct. 25	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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S SHARE THE HARVEST food pantry collection will be held on October 3/4. We especially need: canned meat, soup, spaghetti sauce, pasta, rice, mashed potatoes, pancake mix, canned fruit, cereal, jelly, snacks/cookies, toilet paper and paper towels. Please no bulk items or glass containers.

We ask that you drop off your food items at the collection point in front of the church only before the weekend Masses on October 3 or 4. Please do not leave items unattended or exposed to the elements.

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.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

4:00pm: HFS Capital Campaign (LMR)
5:00pm: HFS Advisory Council (LMR)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
5:00pm: Environment Committee (SJC)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

6:00pm: 11:15am Choir (SJC)
7:00pm: 8:15am Choir (SJC)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

11:00am: Eucharistic Adoration (SJC)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00am: KPC Initiation (LMR/LIB)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:30am: RE/OCIA (SFH/HFS/LMR/LIB)
12:30pm: KPC/KPCL Junior Daughters
& Junior Knights (LMR/LIB)

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