

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

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For all inquiries, please call Carmen Amato 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.

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

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Please call Father 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.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 03

8:00am: +Evelyn Baker
5:00pm: +John O'Malley

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 04

8:15am: +Maddalena Volpe
11:15am: For the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 05

9:00am: +Carmen Campbell

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 06

7:00am: +Mary Ford

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 07

7:00am: +Mary Ford

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 08

7:00am: +Irene Matis
9:00am*: +Ted & Jean Sikora

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 09

7:00am: +John Meier

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00am: +Mary Wissel
5:00pm: +Charlotte Ann Peavy

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Carol Stimac

*HFS School Mass

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Often times when I read the Scriptures, I find something that I never saw before, something small that I overlooked because I focused on just one part of the section. That happened on Monday, January 29. I read the Scriptures and prayed over them as I do before Mass. The Gospel was the story of Jesus driving out a legion of demons from a man and they go into a herd of pigs and, in turn, the pigs run into the sea and drown. I read the meditation from *The Word Among Us: Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations*. The Scriptures for that day were as follows: **2 Samuel 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13/ Psalm 3:2-7/Mark 5:1-20**. It was very insightful for me, and so I share it with you. I hope you find it helpful.



"Go home to your family." (Mark 5:19)

In the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*, George Bailey grows up with dreams of leaving his hometown of Bedford Falls to become an architect in a big city. But a series of circumstances keeps him rooted in his small town. It takes the intervention of an angel to show George how important his life is and how his presence in Bedford Falls has been a huge blessing to so many people there.

In today's Gospel, we see someone who also wants to leave his town: the man from whom Jesus drove out a legion of demons. Who can blame him? He was probably so overwhelmed with gratitude that he decided he would follow Jesus wherever he went. Or maybe he thought of staying in a place where he had suffered so much was too difficult to bear.

But this is one instance where Jesus actually tells a potential disciple to stay put. Why would he do that?

Sometimes following Jesus means making a dramatic change - like when Jesus called Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John to leave their careers as fishermen and travel with him. But sometimes following Jesus means staying right where you are and making a difference there.

Obedying Jesus, the man in today's Gospels stayed. He told his family and neighbors what Jesus had done for him, "and all were amazed" (**Mark 5:20**). Jesus knew that this man needed to be reconciled with his community, not a change of scenery. He also knew that the evidence of his dramatic deliverance could change people's hearts in a way that even Jesus' preaching, which shocked and scared them so much, might not.

Staying in the same place doesn't always look exciting, but it can sometimes take more courage to do God's work right where you are. Each of us has a different calling, no two will look the same. Jesus knew what was best for this former demoniac, and he knows what is best for you. If parts of your life - a job, family duties, a home - feel stuck, Jesus may be nudging you to make changes. But prayerfully consider a different perspective: maybe he wants you to be an agent of his love right where you are.

"Jesus, help me to grow in holiness and share your message no matter where I am."

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

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe



Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Sayre Family, Richard Wertz, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Cindy Morales, John & Linda Dimmock, Josephine Stratton, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Antonio Beltran, Ramona Hallit, Rene Gonzalez, Bernice Geigel, Jane and Dena Bell, Juliana Goode, Marie Basta, Wanda Boren, Richard Brown, Jena Lanszell, Charlotte Johnson, Emma Lang, Diane Goguen, Matthew M., Selena M., Steven Weems, Serge Corvington, Bob Strang, Mateo Hernandez, Jacqueline Meador, Adrianna Hilburm, Jason & Jaxon Rivera, Therese Thomas, Mary Bell, Emma Rose Montague, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Heidi Brown, Mary Vandergraft, Jeff Baldwin, Ben Sundey, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Claude Davis, Mary Flatt, Kennita Turner.

Note

If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please contact Renate at 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	1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mark 6:53-56	Friday	1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15 Mark 7:31-37
Tuesday	1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3-5, 10, 11 Mark 7:1-13	Saturday	1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22 Mark 8:1-10
Wednesday	1 Kings 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mark 7:14-23	Sunday	Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45
Thursday	1 Kings 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40 Mark 7:24-30		

2024 LENTEN FISH FRIES have been scheduled for Friday, February 23, March 8 and March 22 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Father Messmer Center. Details in upcoming bulletins.

THE ST. JOSEPH 11:15 AM AND 5:00 PM MASS CHOIRS invite singers of all ages to add their voices. If interested, please contact Jerry McAllister or Rebecca Whited for more information.

BUNCO before Lent on Friday, February 9. Arrival and fellowship begins at 6:00 p.m. and three rounds of play begin at 7:00 p.m. and end around 9:00 p.m. Players are asked to bring food or drink to share and \$5 to play. Cash prizes for the most Bunco, most wins, most mini-Buncos, and fewest wins, plus the 50/50 raffle. Next Bunco will be on April 12.

VOW RENEWAL All St. Joseph parish couples celebrating 25 years of marriage or more are invited to a Renewal of Marriage Vows Ceremony at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 10, followed by a reception in St. Francis Hall which is open to the entire parish. Those couples participating are asked to bring a photo of their wedding to display at the reception.

If you would like to join us, please contact Maureen or Michael at 256-830-4610.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS for parents and godparents on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish office. Please call 256-534-8459 to register if you plan to attend. Classes are offered in English and Spanish.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2024 *Women who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.* Join us for a morning of inspiration on March 2 at 10:00 a.m., St. Francis Hall, St. Joseph Church. Reception to follow.

Featured Speaker: Michelle Gillian Jordan

Your donation of \$20 will help fund a new Holy Family Catholic School.

Hosted by the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary #286



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation to seasonal flower arrangements or request a special commemoration, please call the parish office at 256-534-8459.

CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 10,070.02
Other Designated Funds	\$ 1,943.33

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 10-FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Please see the full liturgical schedule for ministry assignments on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 @ 7:00pm

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Joey Ross
8:15am: Lucy Fried
11:15am: Christian Ejimah

LECTORS

5:00pm: Mallory McDonald, Mary Graham
8:15am: Connie Abbott, Patricia Maloney
11:15am: Nancy Mbomson, Florence Okafor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Josette Dant*, Rita Cusack, Philip Graham, Sherri Lynn Ross, Laura Hall
8:15am: Muriel Weston*, Kevin Nash, Michelle Nash, Ellen Styles, Jamie Stewart
11:15am: Gerald Wocken*, Maggie Taylor, Bernita Briggs, Norma Whitehead, Donnis Aragon, Jane Dodds

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Our Religious Education classes will begin to prepare for the Lenten season on February 11 during RE time. We ask our families to focus on the three aspects of Lent:

- ◆ Prayer, fasting and almsgiving

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

BAPTISM PREPARATION for parents and godparents on Tuesday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the parish office building. Please call the parish office to register if you plan to attend. Classes are offered in English and Spanish.

FORMATION CALENDAR

Feb. 4	RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. HFS (enter via Messmer Center) OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Parish Office Building
Feb. 11	RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. HFS (enter via Messmer Center) OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Parish Office Building LWC at 8:15am & 11:15am Masses
Feb. 18	RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. HFS (enter via Messmer Center) OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Parish Office Building
Feb. 25	RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. HFS (enter via Messmer Center) OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Parish Office Building LWC at 8:15am & 11:15am Masses

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEW STUDENT OPEN ENROLLMENT Grades K-8 for the 2024/2025 school year begins on February 1. For more information, call 256-539-5221 or visit www.holy-family-school.com.

ARE YOU IN HARMONY WITH GOD? Our catechism teaches us that Christian faith requires us to live in vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. But how? Find out in *The Gift*, a six-part video program featuring teaching on spiritual gifts and the working of the Holy Spirit by current and former leaders of national or international Catholic organizations.

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., Our Lady, Queen of the Universe in Huntsville, February 15 to March 21.

Life in Faith and the Prayer Group members will be present to answer questions and share their personal experience.

Contact Jeff Anderson at 256-852-8734 for more information.

ST. JEAN DE BRÉBEUF RELIC TOUR This Lent, Jesuits of Canada and the United States will escort the skull of St. Jean de Brébeuf on a tour of 28 American cities, February 9, 2024 through March 9, 2024.

The skull of St. Jean de Brébeuf, Jesuit missionary and North American Martyr, will be at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Birmingham, Alabama on Friday, February 23.

A presentation on the life of the martyr will begin at 7:00 p.m., with veneration of the holy relic from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The presentation and veneration are open to the public.

Born in France, Jean de Brébeuf was one of the first missionaries to work in North America for the conversion of native peoples to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He arrived in what is now Ontario, Canada in 1626 to spread the Christian faith among the Huron people. In 1649, he and another Jesuit companion were captured and killed by an opposing tribe.

Visit <https://brebeuftour24.org> for more information on the tour.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 06

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
6:00pm: Baptism Prep (LMR)
6:00pm: Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 07

10:00am: Adult Formation (LMR)
6:00pm: Knights of Columbus (SFH)
6:00pm: 11:00am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)
7:00pm: 8:15am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 08

9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 09

6:00pm: Bunco (SFH)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

6:00pm: Marriage Vow Renewal
Reception (SFH)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:30am: RE/OCIA (LMR/LIB/HFS/SFH)
12:30pm: KPC/KPCLA (LMR)

Facilities Key

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