

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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256.430.1760



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).

ANOIDING 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 10

8:00am: +Mary Wissel

5:00pm: +Charlotte Ann Peavy

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:15am: For the Parish

11:15am: +Carol Stimac

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00am: +Martin "Alex" Burditt

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00am: +Fr. Robert Hoefener

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday

7:00am: +Julie Loppnow

9:00am*: +Jerry Kessler

7:00pm: Special Intentions-J. Neely

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00am: Ezra Morris

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00am: +Elena Barbieri

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00am: +Cathy Wissel

5:00pm: Ezra Morris

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:15am: +Nancy Marie Leslie

11:15am: For the Parish

**HFS School Mass*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We are on the threshold of Lent. This Wednesday, we celebrate the beginning of our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday. It is a happy twist that Lent begins on Valentine's Day this year— a day on which we celebrate love — and Lent is a reminder of how much we are loved and cherished by God who sent His Son to free us from sin.

So, to give us something to think about as we prepare for our Lenten Journey, take a few moments and reflect on the following. This was sent to me by Jim Algie, a good friend and fellow parishioner. I hope you enjoy it.



Funny, isn't it ?

Funny how a \$100 bill "looks" so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to the mall.

Funny how long it takes to serve God for an hour, but how quickly a team plays 60 minutes of basketball.

Funny how long a couple of hours spent at church seems, but how short they are when watching a movie.

Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.

Funny how we get thrilled when a baseball game goes into extra innings, but we complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time. AMEN!!

Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the bible, but how easy it is to read one hundred pages of a best-selling novel.

Funny how people want to get a front seat at any game or concert, but scramble to get a back seat at church services.

Funny how we need two or three weeks advance notice to fit a church event into our schedule, but can adjust our schedule for other events at the last moment.

Funny how hard it is for people to learn a simple gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and repeat gossip.

Funny how we believe what the newspaper says, but question what the Bible says.

Funny how everyone wants to go to heaven, provided they do not have to believe, or think, or say, or do anything.

Funny how you can send a thousand 'jokes' through e-mail, and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing.

FUNNY, ISN'T IT? Are you laughing? Are you thinking?

Actually, it isn't funny at all!

Spread the Word and give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

Share this with a friend, as I have shared it with you.

You are in my thoughts and prayers. May this Lent be filled with God's grace and love. My prayer is that He will bless you with the very best.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

SISTERS OF THE DIVINE SAVIOR TANZANIA WATER PROJECT Special Lenten project collecting donations February 15-March 22 Safe Water for Life and Dignity (SWLD) is a unique development program designed to provide safe water to small rural villages in Tanzania. SWLD collaborates with villagers, who take ownership to build the well and then share the water with all. Each well can serve as many as 500-1000 people. Over the last ten years, more than 50 wells have been built. If you would like to donate to help this effort, please bring your check, made out to St. Joseph, to the parish office or place it in the offertory.



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 & Jaxson 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	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 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Joel 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-14, 17 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	Sunday <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	Genesis 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Luke 9:22-25		

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.

JOYFUL BAKERS MONTHLY BAKE SALE this weekend, February 10 and 11, the Joyful Bakers will have their monthly bake sale. Make sure to stop by and purchase some Valentine's or Mardi Gras-themed treats, or one of the many other delicious desserts being offered. Credit cards are accepted for purchases of \$5 or more.

SAVE THE DATE: On Friday, March 1, we will show the film *Sound of Freedom: God's Children Are Not for Sale* based on an incredible true story. The movie will be shown in St. Francis Hall starting at 7:00 p.m.

After rescuing a young boy from ruthless child traffickers, a federal agent learns the boy's sister is still captive and decides to embark on a dangerous mission to save her.

This is a movie that every parent and teen should see. I hope you will make plans to join us.

Fr. Joe

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.

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

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	\$ 16,198.81
Other Designated Funds	\$ 4,791.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 17-FEBRUARY 18, 2024

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Geri Reddy
8:15am: David Pohl
11:15am: Michael Terry

LECTORS

5:00pm: Randy Buckner, Patty Ayala
8:15am: Maria Craig, Gina Bain
11:15am: Arubaleze Munachimso, Joe Pohuski

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Geri Donnelly*, Laura Hall, Gus Smith, McKinley Curtis II, Jamie St. Germain
8:15am: Bill Billingsley*, Linda Billingsley, Connie Abbott, Paula Bertrand, Jenny Craig
11:15am: Michelle Jansen*, Jerolyn Golightly, Jim Powell, Kristy Hayne, Nelene Odutola, Maggie Taylor

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

LENT

The three aspects of Lent:
Prayer, fasting and almsgiving

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14.



FORMATION CALENDAR

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 LWC at 8:15am & 11:15am Masses
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
March 3	RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. HFS (enter via Messmer Center) OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH 2024 LENTEN ACTIVITIES

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 14
7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Holy Family School Mass), 7:00 p.m.

ADULT EDUCATION

Wednesday morning 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. with Tom Uss
Women in the New Testament
Thursday evening 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. with Fr. Joe
Lenten Companion: Walking with Jesus to Jerusalem
(All Thursdays in Lent Feb. 15-April 4 and Wednesday, March 27)

ADORATION AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday February 16 – March 22
Adoration begins at 11:00 a.m. and Stations begin at 12:00 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH 2024 LENTEN ACTIVITIES

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. or by appointment
Communal Reconciliation March 13, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

After all weekend Masses March 9/10

LENTEN FISH FRYS

February 23, March 8 and March 22
(Eat-In or Take-Out) 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Fr. Messmer Center

*The schedule for Holy Week (March 24–31) will be posted
after Lent begins.*

BLACK & INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION FEBRUARY 17/18, 2024 For 139 years, this collection has anchored evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the United States.

In our diocese, this fund provides monetary support to seven parishes, four schools and four diocesan ministries each year from the national mission collection.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

5:00pm: HFS School Board (LMR)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
6:00pm: Parish Advisory Board (LMR)
6:00pm: Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

10:00am: Adult Formation (LMR)
2:00pm: HFS Builders Meeting (LIB)
6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul (LMR)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

10:30am: Ladies Bunco Group (LMR)
6:00pm: Adult Formation (LMR)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

HFS Teacher In-Service
11:00am: Lay Salvatorians (SFH/SJC)
2:00pm: Joyful Workers (LMR)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:30am: RE/OCIA (LMR/LIB/HFS/SFH)
12:30pm: African Catholic Association (LMR)
1:00pm: Pilgrimage Meeting (SFH)

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