

# 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](mailto: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 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.

# Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00am: +Frances Kaminsky  
5:00pm: +George Banks

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:15am: +Nancy Marie Leslie  
11:15am: For the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00am: +Michael Charles Weis

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00am: +Justin Sarasupuram

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00am: +Ted & Jean Sikora

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00am: +Will Gehlen  
9:00am\*: +Charlie Graves

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00am: +Robert Ellis

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

8:00am: Ezra Morris  
5:00pm: +Keisha Wright

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:15am: For the Parish  
11:15am: +Viviana Uribe Torres

**\*HFS School Mass**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



The writer of the *Letter to the Hebrews* states: “we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.” As I was reflecting on this passage, I thought about all the wonderful men and women saints – St. Francis, St. Claire, St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Blessed Mother and the apostles.

I also thought about a priest I met when I was ministering in the Diocese of Nashville. It so happened that on Wednesday, August 7, he was featured in *Give Us This Day – Blessed Among Us* section. His name is Fr. Charles Strobel (1943-2023), founder of “Room in The Inn.”

Charles Strobel was born and raised in Nashville. Following high school, he studied for the priesthood and was ordained in 1970. One of the strongest influences of seminary, he later said, was his reflection on the Sermon on the Mount, beginning with Christ's words, “Blessed are the poor.” He would refer to what he called Beatitude Moments – “grace-filled occurrences in life that exist to us of our faith lived out on a daily basis.”

Those moments occurred in 1985 while he was serving as pastor of a parish in East Nashville. On a bitterly cold night, he looked out the window and saw homeless people huddled in their cars. The parish had acquired an empty shop next door, and Fr. Strobel opened the doors and invited the homeless in. “I knew I wanted them to come back.” This was the genesis of the Room in The Inn, an ecumenical effort that within two years had received support from 31 congregations to provide food and shelter to the homeless. Ultimately, that number grew to 200 congregations.

Room in The Inn became a full-time ministry. At the time of his death on August 6, 2023, Fr. Strobel was widely regarded as “the civic conscience” of Nashville.

“I've described the program as a sanctuary from the violence of the streets, or an Ellis Island for urban refugees, or a Red Cross tent in a war zone, or an oasis in an asphalt desert, or a gathering of friends, or a rewriting of the original no-room-in-the-inn story. The important image I use now is the notion of a communion meal.”

I hope you have one or more in your present or past that are part of a cloud of witnesses that surround you. They give us strength and encouragement. I wish you a blessed week. You are always in my thoughts and prayers.

***Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe***

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Sometimes, we can get too comfortable at Mass. There are two times during the Sacrifice of the Mass when we should keep our minds, bodies and souls focused. The Liturgy of the Word (especially the readings and homily) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (the Consecration). Unless there is a real emergency, these are the times that we should not get up to go to the bathroom or answer a cell phone call. These are the two most sacred times and they should have our full attention.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
We are here to pray for you!



Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Sayre Family, 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, Ramona Hallit, Rene Gonzalez, Bernice Geigel, Jane and Dena Bell, Juliana Goode, Marie Basta, Wanda Boren, Richard Brown, Jena Lanszell, Charlotte Johnson, Emma Lang, Matthew M., Selena M., Steven Weems, Bob Strang, Mateo Hernandez, Jacqueline Meador, Adrianna Hilburm, Jason & Jaxson Rivera, Therese Thomas, Mary Bell, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Heidi Brown, Mary Vandergraft, Jeff Baldwin, Ben Sunde, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Claude Davis, Mary Flatt, Kennita Turner, Eva Nave, Judy Blanche, Anna Belander, the Price family, Pat Tumminello.

**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	Ezekiel 24:15-23 Ps Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21 Matthew 19:16-22	Friday	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Ps Isaiah 107:2-9 Matthew 22:34-40
Tuesday	Ezekiel 28:1-10 Ps Deuteronomy 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab Matthew 19:23-30	Saturday	Revelation 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 John 1:45-51
Wednesday	Ezekiel 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Matthew 20:1-16	Sunday	Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 34:2-3, 16-21 Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 John 6:60-69
Thursday	Ezekiel 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Matthew 22:1-14		

**FUN DAY 2024 IS IN FOUR WEEKS!** Saturday, September 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the parish grounds. Events for all ages will be available, culminating in the drawing for the raffle at 2:00 p.m. Winner need not be present to collect.

Gift card donations for Bingo and raffle stubs/money can be dropped off at the parish office, the school office or the weekend offertory. Soft drinks and Bingo items can be dropped off in the vestibule or breezeway at the weekend Masses from now until September 8. Sign-up sheets for volunteers and donations can be found in the same areas or by using the QR code.

Food pre-orders will continue to be taken this weekend through September 8 and you can obtain additional raffle tickets.

**REACHING OUT FOR A MIRACLE! THE BREAD OF LIFE PART TWO - THIS SAYING IS HARD! (John 6: 60-69)** Sunday, August 25, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in St. Francis Hall

Join Deacon Greg Thompson as he wraps up a two-part look at Jesus, The Bread of Life, and his challenging call to discipleship.

Our Lord offers us his saving grace and our faith calls on us to reach out and respond from the depths of our ordinary hearts so that we might live extraordinary lives, loving and serving one another.



**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.



**ST. WILLIAM**  
**54th Annual Seafood Festival**  
Foley Center  
915 Gunter Avenue  
Guntersville, Alabama

**Drive-Thru Hours & Menu**  
Friday, August 30 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Cajun boiled shrimp by the pound  
Frozen gumbo by the quart

**Dine-in Hours & Menu**  
Saturday, August 31 10:30 a.m.-until sold out  
Cajun boiled shrimp by the pound  
Hot gumbo by the quart or pint  
Catfish dinner, coleslaw and hushpuppies  
Grilled chicken dinner, coleslaw and hushpuppies  
A la carte items: rice, coleslaw, hushpuppies



**ADULT EDUCATION FALL SERIES *The Holy Land*** with Tom USS, Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., for ten weeks beginning September 4, 2024. Study materials will be provided. More information in upcoming bulletins.

<b>CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING</b>	
Regular Collection	\$ 9,017.13
Other Designated Funds	\$ 1,743.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**AUGUST 24-AUGUST 25, 2024**

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Mike Rose  
8:15am: Lucy Fried, Maddie Lynch  
11:15am: Jackson Lewis

LECTORS

5:00pm: Connie Abbott, Randy Buckner  
8:15am: Jillian Fried  
11:15am Jake Petraszewsky, Ryan Petraszewsky

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Philip Graham\*, Tammy Hoskins, Webb Tadesse, Geri Donnelly, Jamie St. Germain  
8:15am: Cecilia Bruton\*, Josette Dant, Laura Hall, Teri Lynch, Jamie Stewart  
11:15am: Maggie Taylor\*, Bruce Taylor, Helen Taylor, Jim Powell, Beatrice Terry

# Religious Education

## Formation and Catechesis

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

It is important that you register your children and youth as soon as possible. Classes begin on August 18. You can still register in the parish office from August 19 through August 23, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you have questions, please call Maritza at 256-534-8459.

### FORMATION CALENDAR

- Aug. 18 RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Holy Family School/St. Francis Hall  
OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Parish Office Building
- Aug. 25 RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Holy Family School/St. Francis Hall  
Confirmation I Parent Meeting  
9:45 a.m. St. Francis Hall  
OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Parish Office Building
- Sept. 1 **NO RE/OCIA—Happy Labor Day!**  
*OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)*

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** If you attend Mass regularly at St. Joseph, you should be registered here. Single adults who no longer share an address with their parents should have their own separate registration. If you are planning to be married or are newly married, you are invited to join the parish. As a general rule, registration with a particular parish is important for any sacrament, such as baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, marriage and becoming a godparent. Please call the parish office if you have questions.

**BAPTISM:** Baptismal preparation class is required for parents and godparents. We offer the class at the beginning of each quarter, or four times a year. Please call the parish office to register. If you are a godparent from another parish, you must provide a letter of good standing from your pastor.

**MARRIAGE:** Marriage preparation classes are required if you plan to be married at St. Joseph. The preparation time is six months. You must be registered in the parish, complete the marriage preparation classes, attend an Engaged Encounter day or weekend and supply all the necessary documentation.

**FUNERAL:** Please call the parish office before making arrangements with a funeral home to ensure that the church and pastor are available. Schedule an appointment with the pastor to plan the service.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### ST. JOSEPH CHAPTER 18199

#### 2nd Annual Pork Shoulder (Boston Butt) Sales

Ticket sales after all weekend Masses  
August 17/18, 2024

- Cash: \$45
- Credit/Debit Card: \$47 (includes card fees)
- Pick up: August 31, 2024 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**All sales final, proof of purchase required for pick-up.**

**THE NAZARETH HOUSE** is a Diocese of Birmingham program that offers religious instruction, sacramental preparation and pastoral care for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the cities of Huntsville and Birmingham.

Classes will be held from August 18, 2024 through May 4, 2025 on Sundays, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church, and from August 21, 2024 through May 7, 2025 on Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. This schedule includes breaks for major holidays and city school Fall and Spring breaks.

For more information, contact Judith Gregory at 256-652-8412 or [jagregory59@gmail.com](mailto:jagregory59@gmail.com).

## Here Is What's Happening This Week

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

- 10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
- 11:30am: HFS Grant Writers (LIB)
- 6:00pm: Boy Scouts

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

- 6:00pm: Knights of Columbus (SFH)
- 6:00pm: 11:15am Choir (SJC)
- 7:00pm: 8:15am Choir (SJC)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

- 9:00am: Rosary Makers (LMR)
- 5:00pm: Joyful Workers (LMR)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- 9:30am: RE/OCIA (HFS/SFH/LIB/LMR)
- 9:45am: Confirmation I Parents (SFH)

### 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