

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 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, NOVEMBER 02

All Souls

8:00am: For the Unborn
5:00pm: +Charles & Judy Lowe

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 03

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Jorge Valentin

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 04

7:00am: +Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 05

7:00am: +Loredana Barbieri

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 06

7:00am: +Maria DeJesus Rios

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 07

7:00am: +Ted & Jean Sikora
9:00am*: HFS Teachers & Students

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 08

7:00am: +Ariel Tellez Muñoz

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 09

8:00am: Bruce & Helen Taylor
5:00pm: +Angel Araiza Carrillo

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

***HFS School Mass**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This meditation was for Monday, October 14 from *The Word Among Us: Daily Meditations for Catholics*. The readings for the day were: **Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Psalm 113:1-7/Luke 11:29-32.**



No sign will be given, (Luke 11:29)

That sounds kind of harsh. Why would Jesus refuse to give the people a sign? They wanted to know who he was. Wouldn't a sign from God show them once and for all that he was the long-awaited Messiah?

The problem was, Jesus had already given the people plenty of signs. There was the sign of his teaching: people hung on his every word as he displayed a wisdom that surpassed even that of King Solomon. Then there were the signs of his miracles. He healed the sick and cast out demons with just a word of command. He even raised people from the dead! And perhaps his greatest sign was writing them all the time: his very presence! His love, his power, his mercy.

But none of these signs seemed to be enough - they wanted even more. Clearly, for some, there would never be enough signs. No matter how many they had, they would still refuse to believe.

Before we start judging this "evil generation" (**Luke 11:29**), it's helpful to remember that Jesus' words are meant for every generation, including our own! His teachings still apply, and now that he is risen, his presence is with us even more powerfully. Still, despite these signs, many choose not to believe in him. They're still asking for more signs. Or to be more accurate, there are times that even we ask for more, despite all that we have already seen and experienced!

The problem with asking for signs is that we tend to want them on our own terms. But the signs that God wants to give are all around. They're right in front of you every day: his presence in you, his mercy over you and his Spirit guiding you. He's inviting you to make these signs the foundation of your faith in him. Just as he did for the people of his generation, Jesus wants you to trust in him based on all that you have already received.

Know that Jesus himself, risen in glory, is God's greatest and final sign. Believe in him. Lean on him. And praise him for his faithfulness and mercy.

"Jesus, open my eyes so I can see all the signs of your presence and your love!"

I hope you have a wonderful week filled with many blessings and joys. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

It is Time to Vote

On the eve of a new election cycle, may we all be inspired by the example of the Good Samaritan, who in mercy encountered, accompanied and helped heal the stranger. He did so by ignoring divisiveness, anger, fear and misinformation. How can we follow his example in these troubled times? Perhaps these four ways will help:

Put Christ in the center of everything. As the U.S. Bishops have written, "Take time away from social media and spend time with Holy Scripture and the Blessed Sacrament."

Learn about the Church's Catholic Social Teaching (CST). This nonpartisan and non-sectarian teaching helps to discern which public policies and politicians best embody a respect for human dignity and the common good.

Become politically engaged. Because politics is one of the main ways citizens can serve their neighbors by advancing the common good, "it should always be understood not as an appropriation of power, but as the 'highest form of charity.'"

Be peacemakers. It is anger and fear that lead to injustice and violence. Only love, mercy and compassion can bring forth life-giving solutions to our world's many problems. As President Lincoln said, "With malice toward none and with charity for all," we must "bind up the nation's wounds."

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, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Bernice Geigel, Jane and Dena Bell, Juliana Goode, Marie Basta, Wanda Boren, Richard Brown, Jena Lanzell, Charlotte Johnson, Emma Lang, Matthew M., Selena M., Jackie Weems, Bob Strang, Mateo Hernandez, Jacqueline Meador, Adrianna Hilburm, Jason & Jaxson Rivera, Therese Thomas, Mary Bell, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, 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, Gail Johnson, Sally Cox, Mary Andrus family, Bruce Jansen, Mary Jean & Ron Travis, Jean Arndt, Mil White.

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	Philippians 2:1-4 Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3 Luke 14:12-14	Friday	Philippians 3:17-4:1 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Luke 16:1-8
Tuesday	Philippians 2:5-11 Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32 Luke 14:15-24	Saturday	Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 <i>Lateran</i> <i>Basilica</i> Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 John 2:13-22
Wednesday	Philippians 2:12-18 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Luke 14:25-33	Sunday	1 Kings 17:10-16 Ps 146:7-10 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Thursday	Philippians 3:3-8a Ps 105:2-7 Luke 15:1-10		

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
2024 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
December 9, Masses at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. with Holy Family School,
and 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING
After all weekend Masses December 14 & December 15

ADVENT RECONCILIATION
Every Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment
Communal Penance/Confessions December 18, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASSES
December 24
4:00 p.m. Family Mass
6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
December 25
12:00 a.m. Mass at Midnight (music starts at 11:30 p.m.)
9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHURCH CLEANING November 17, after the 11:15 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to help us get the church ready for our Advent and Christmas celebrations.

SVDP SHARE THE HARVEST NOVEMBER 2/3 The St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry has a special need for paper towels, spaghetti sauce, 1-pound boxes of spaghetti or macaroni, boxed mashed potatoes, peanut butter, jelly and cereal. Please, no bulk items.

If you would like to donate any of these items, please do so at the next regular food pantry collection at the weekend Masses on November 2 and November 3.

Thank you for your continued support of those in need in our community. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Mark at morgidam@gmail.com or 256-658-8981.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL OPENING for second grade teacher. Interested qualified candidates should contact Robin Lockwood at rlockwood@hfscatholic.com or 256-539-5221.



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	\$ 9,145.31
Other Designated Funds	\$ 1,783.33

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 09-NOVEMBER 10, 2024

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00pm: Chris Reid
- 8:15am: Dawson Amos
- 11:15am: Christian Ejimah

LECTORS

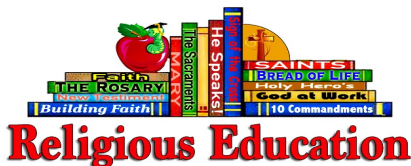
- 5:00pm: Ben Sundry, Karen Sundry
- 8:15am: Jillian Fried
- 11:15am: Jeffrey Taylor, Joe Pohuski

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00pm: Tammy Hoskins*, Karen Thompson, Jenny Craig, Geri Donnelly, Rita Cusack
- 8:15am: Cecilia Bruton*, David Brost, Jamie Stewart, Laura Hall, Teri Lynch
- 11:15am: Gerald Wocken*, Bernita Briggs, Donnison Aragon, Jerolyn Golightly, Jane Dodds

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis



BAPTISM PREP for parents and godparents will be on Tuesday, November 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish office building. Please call the parish office at 256-534-8459 if you plan to attend.

FORMATION CALENDAR

- Nov. 3 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
- Nov. 10 RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Holy Family School/St. Francis Hall
1st Reconciliation Retreat 9:30 a.m.
St. Francis Hall
Confirmation Rehearsal 9:30 a.m.
St. Joseph Church
OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Parish Office Building
- Nov. 16 Confirmation & Reception 10:00 am
St. Joseph Church/St. Francis Hall



CHRISTMAS BOXES 2023



It's Christmas Box time at St. Joseph! Please pick up a food item list in the church vestibule on November 9 and 10. All donations must be returned to the church by December 7. You can also purchase Scrip for the boxes, put it in an envelope marked "Christmas Box Donation," and place in the offertory basket. We will have two collections designated for the Christmas Boxes— the Thanksgiving collection and a second collection on November 30/December 1. Proceeds from these collections will be used to purchase item shortages and grocery store gift cards. The gift cards will allow recipients to purchase perishable items, such as meats and fresh produce, that we do not provide. Please help us on the following important dates.

- Nov. 9/10 Pick up food list
- Nov. 16/17 Begin bringing food donations to church
- Nov. 28 Thanksgiving collection
- Nov. 30/Dec. 1 Second collection at all Masses
- Dec. 7 Last day to bring donated food
- Dec. 7 Count and sort donated items—9:00 a.m.
- Dec. 13 Build packing boxes—5:00 p.m.
- Dec. 14 Pack the boxes—9:00 a.m.
- Dec. 15 Boxes available for pick-up

This is a big annual undertaking for our parish that could not be done without the efforts of all who contribute to this outreach ministry. Please give generously of your time, talent and spirit to make this another successful year. For more information, call the parish office at 256-534-8459.

THE 2ND ANNUAL LOLA LIGHT THANKSGIVING DAY BAKE SALE November 23 and 24 in St. Francis Hall. A wide variety of homemade holiday pies, sweet and savory breads, cookies, dessert sampler trays and other tasty treats will be offered.

If you would like to bake for this event, we could use your help. There are signup sheets in the breezeway and in the vestibule. Your help is greatly appreciated!

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FALL RAFFLE Buy a \$10 ticket for a chance to win a 60-inch TV; a large party basket with wine, cheese, chocolates and other delectable items; or a smaller snack basket with wine, cheese and chocolates. Limited tickets are available for purchase after weekend Masses beginning November 2. The drawing will be held after the Holiday bake sale on Sunday, November 24.

BUNCO closes out 2024 on Friday, November 8. Entry through the north portico doors begins at 6:00 p.m., food and fellowship from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and play beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bring food or drink to share, a friend and \$5.00 each to play. The 50/50 Raffle will also be available. Next Bunco is on Friday, January 10, 2025.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 05

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 06

- 10:00am: Adult Formation (LMR)
- 6:00pm: 11:15am Choir (SJC)
- 7:00pm: 8:15am Choir (SJC)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 07

- 6:00pm: Adult Formation (LMR)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 08

- 6:00pm: Bunco (SFH)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 09

- 10:00am: Lay Salvatorians (SFH)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- Nursery open for 8:15 & 11:15 Masses**
- 9:30am: 1st Reconciliation Retreat (SFH)
- 9:30am: RE/OCIA (HFS/SFH/LMR/LIB)
- 12:30pm: KPC/KPCLA (LMR/LIB)
- 1:00pm: Post-Pilgrimage Meeting (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