

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

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Jeremiah H. Russell, Ph.D., Headmaster
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, JANUARY 11

8:00am: +James Chvala
5:00pm: +Donald Bell

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Baptism of the Lord

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Marie Panella

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00am: +Ronald Tepool

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00am: +Paul Semmens

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00am: +Patsy Hajduk

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00am: +James Lowen
9:00am: * +Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00am: Dawn Grimm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00am: +Patrick Bolton
5:00pm: +Scott Graves

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:15am: +Theodore Jay McGowan
11:15am: For the Parish

**HFS School Mass*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



As we begin a new calendar year, I wanted to share the following with you. There is talk in the Diocese about beginning a second Deaconate class. Here are some things to think about if you are interested.

General Criteria for Diaconate Formation Applicants

Listed below are the Permanent Diaconate Admission Requirements in the Diocese of Birmingham for admission to the formation program. Please read these carefully and contact the Director of Formation, Permanent Diaconate Program if you have any questions.

- Applicant must be a man in good standing in the Church, and a member of a parish for at least three (3) years. And the applicant must have lived in the geographical boundaries of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama for at least five (5) years, prior to application.
- If a convert, must be a Catholic for five (5) years.
- Applicant must have endorsement and support of his Pastor.
- Applicant must be at least 31 years of age; and no more than 55 years of age on the date the aspirant year begins.
- Applicant must have a stable employment record and a fiscally sound financial history. Applicant must successfully pass a financial background check.
- Applicant must be without a criminal record.
- Applicant must be free of canonical impediments or irregularities.
- Applicant must possess a minimum of a high school diploma from a school within the United States, or country of origin (Grade 12 or equivalent), or a certificate of GED completion.
- Applicant must be able to read, write and speak some English upon entrance into the formation program as determined by pastor recommendation. Applicant must clearly demonstrate progress in English language communication each academic year within the formation program.
- If married, applicant must have evidence of a stable and growing marriage relationship. And the applicant must be in a valid marriage as recognized by the Roman Catholic Church. His spouse must be willing to support her husband actively through formation and in his ministry.
- Married men must be married at least five (5) years and living examples of the Sacrament. The applicant's wife must be living within the same household along with applicant.
- Married men with young children must not deprive their children of adequate quality time with their father, nor place an undue burden on their wives.
- Single men must be committed to a life of celibacy subsequent to ordination. He must show that he has led a life of celibacy for at least seven (7) years, prior to application.
- If widowed, applicant must have been widowed for at least three (3) years, and living a celibate life, prior to application.
- The applicant must show leadership qualities and possess a history of active participation in pastoral ministry in his parish.
- The applicant must show that he has the faith and compassion to live the Beatitudes.
- The applicant must be in good physical and psychological health and free of any chronic condition that may interfere with, or be aggravated by his participation in, the formation program and ministry, if ordained.
- The applicant must have a positive attitude towards the Church and be flexible in adapting to the future needs of the Church.
- The applicant must have a prayerful disposition.
- The applicant must be able to work collaboratively with men and women of all races and ethnicities

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, 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 Lanszell, 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 Sundry, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Claude Davis, Mary Flatt, Kennita Turner, Eva Nave, Judy Blanche, Anna Belander, the Price family, Gail Johnson, Sally Cox, Mary Andrus family, Bruce Jansen, Mary Jean & Ron Travis, Jean Arndt, Mil White, Fr. Tim Pfander, Bobbie Quintana, Jr.

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**

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Hebrews 1:1-6 Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9 Mark 1:14-20	Friday	Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-7, 8 Mark 2:1-12
Tuesday	Hebrews 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9 Mark 1:21-28	Saturday	Hebrews 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mark 2:13-17
Wednesday	Hebrews 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Mark 1:29-39	Sunday	Isaiah 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11
Thursday	Hebrews 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11 Mark 1:40-45		

- The applicant and wife, if married, must commit to the formation program requirements established by the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama.
- The applicant must be capable of committing to independent studies at home not less than ten (10) hours per week during Aspirancy and Candidacy.
- The applicant must anticipate making a life-long commitment to service in the Church should he be ordained.
- The applicant must anticipate being obedient to the Bishop of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and meeting the changing needs of the diocese and his parish should he be ordained.

I would be happy to sit down and talk to anyone about the vocation to the Permanent Diaconate. You are in my thoughts and prayers each day. May God bless and guide you as we begin a new calendar year.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

CATHOLIC MEN’S FAITH SHARING GROUP

Sundays 10:20 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Starting January 12, 2025
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Multi-Purpose Room
625 Airport Road SW, Huntsville

**Presenting *The Catechism in a Year* with Fr. Mike Schmnitz
Sessions 270-327**

For more information, contact Derek Mayer at 256-656-5772

SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH DEACON GREG THOMPSON

Sunday, January 26 at 9:30 a.m. in St. Francis Hall. We will begin the new year with the first of a two-part reflection on "Knowing Jesus in Luke's Gospel," as Christ is the anointed one sent to bring glad tidings of God's love and a freedom that knows no limit! We hope to see you there.

CREATING HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR STUDENTS' EDUCATION (CHOOSE) ACT allows families in Alabama to receive up to \$7,000 a year in financial support for their child’s K-12 education through an ESA. This state-funded account covers qualifying educational expenses, such as private school tuition, textbooks and tutoring. For more information, visit chooseact.alabama.gov.



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	\$ 11,561.00
Holy Day	\$ 2,564.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 2,915.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

JANUARY 18-JANUARY 19, 2025

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Larry Bayer
8:15am: Levi Stewart
11:15am: Christian Ejimah

LECTORS

5:00pm: Grady Harmon, Patty Ayala
8:15am: Robert Styles, Ellen Styles
11:15am: Shyntia Diallo, Florence Okafor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Tammy Hoskins*, Jenny Craig, Gus Smith, Marian Kilgore, Karen Sundeby
8:15am: Laura Hall*, Kevin Nash, Michelle Nash, Teri Lynch, Alicia Owens
11:15am: Helen Taylor*, Bruce Taylor, Maggie Taylor, Nelene Odutola, Jim Powell

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

USED CHRISTMAS CARD FRONTS/COVERS are needed for our RE classes for next year's Christmas crafts. Please bring any cards you plan to discard to the parish office during regular business hours.

CATECHIST NEEDED for fourth grade religious education classes. We are also looking for volunteer catechist assistants. If you are interested, please call Maritza Holland in the parish office at 256-534-8459.

FORMATION CALENDAR

- Jan. 12 RE 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Holy Family School/St. Francis Hall
1st Reconciliation Retreat 9:30-11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall
OCIA 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Parish Office Building
- Jan. 19 **NO RE/OCIA-MLK Holiday**
- Jan. 26 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

Save the Date

Women's History Month Program

March 15, 2025 | 10:00 am
St. Joseph Catholic Church | Huntsville, AL



Program Guest Speaker:

Dr. Shannen Dee Williams

- University of Dayton Associate Professor of History
- Author of *Subversive Habits: Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African American Freedom Struggle*

Join us immediately following the program for a Q & A Panel Discussion featuring Women Religious Leaders and a reception.

Moving Forward Together!

Women Educating & Inspiring Generations

Hosted by the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary
For more information email: kpcla286@gmail.com

BUNCO in 2025 begins Friday, January 17. No change to the set up: held in St. Francis Hall, come between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Play begins at 7:00 and is generally done by 9:00 p.m. Bring food or drink to share, \$5 to play. Cash prizes given out in four categories and 50/50 Raffle will be available.

All proceeds/donations go to the Holy Family Capital Campaign. Next Bunco is Friday, February 7.

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL is seeking applicants for a full-time School Bookkeeper.

The school bookkeeper is accountable to the principal, and is expected to implement the school mission and philosophy, follow the policies of the Diocese of Birmingham and in the staff and parent handbooks of St. John Paul II Catholic High School, and adhere to the directives set by school administration.

Visit www.jp2falcons.org/employment for details.

ST. JOSEPH CUB SCOUT PACK Scout me in! Join the pack and enjoy pinewood derby, camping with other scouts and serving St. Joseph Parish. If interested, contact Cubmaster Sean at Kilgalli@gmail.com.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

<p>MONDAY, JANUARY 13</p> <p>5:00pm: HFS School Board (LMR)</p> <p>TUESDAY, JANUARY 14</p> <p>10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)</p> <p>6:00pm: Spiritual Life Commission (LMR)</p> <p>6:00pm: Boy Scouts</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15</p> <p>10:00am: Adult Formation (LMR)</p> <p>4:00pm: Finance Council (LMR)</p> <p>6:00pm: Knights of Columbus (LMR)</p> <p>6:00pm: 11:15am Choir (SJC)</p> <p>7:00pm: 8:15am Choir (SJC)</p>	<p>THURSDAY, JANUARY 16</p> <p>10:30am: Ladies Bunco Group (SFH)</p> <p>5:30pm: HFS Basketball (FMC)</p> <p>FRIDAY, JANUARY 17</p> <p>6:00pm: Bunco (SFH)</p> <p>SATURDAY, JANUARY 18</p> <p>9:00am: HFS Basketball (FMC)</p> <p>SUNDAY, JANUARY 19</p> <p>9:30am: RE/OCIA (LMR/LIB/HFS/SFH)</p> <p>12:30pm: African Catholic Association (LIB/LMR)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Facilities Key</p> <p><i>FMC = Messmer Center/Gym</i></p> <p><i>SJC = St. Joseph Church</i></p> <p><i>SFH = St. Francis Hall</i></p> <p><i>LMR/LIB = RE Center</i></p> <p><i>STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel</i></p> <p><i>BRZWY = Breezeway</i></p> <p><i>VBC = Von Braun Center</i></p>
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