



HOLY FAMILY



DECEMBER 27 & DECEMBER 28, 2008

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays:	Tuesday	7:00pm
	Wednesday-Friday	7:00am
	Saturday	8:00am
Weekends:	Saturday (Anticipated)	5:00pm
	Sunday	8:15am, 11:15am

On Mondays, there will be a Communion Service instead of Mass at 7:00 am. Changes to the mass schedule for special or regular holy days will appear in this space as required.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

4:00-4:45pm each Saturday or by appointment

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

- *Infants.* Parents need to be registered and practicing members of the parish. Please make arrangements for baptism through the parish office.
- *Adults and Children.* Adults and children of catechetical age, for baptism and for entering the Catholic Faith are welcomed through the Order of Christian Initiation. Anyone inquiring or desiring to join the Catholic faith, or Catholic adults for Confirmation, should arrange for an initial consultation.
- *Youth Confirmation.* Catholic youth participate in a one-year preparation program.

MARRIAGE. Couples planning marriage should discuss preparation arrangements with a priest at least six months prior to the expected wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK. This sacrament is conferred upon request as the person's health warrants it by calling the parish office. In any case, please let us know when any parishioner is ill at home or in the hospital.

FUNERALS. Our parish community mourns with parishioners as they grieve the loss of a loved one. In order to ease the burden at this time, we offer a number of funeral ministries. Our funeral ministries help in planning funeral liturgies and in setting up funeral luncheons. Please feel free to contact the parish office if you would like to learn more about what is offered through these services.

PARISH REGISTRATION. New parishioners are asked to complete and forward a registration form to the parish office to indicate a commitment of belonging to our parish community.

Change of Address/Phone Number

Please notify the Parish Office if you have a change of address or phone number.



St. Joseph Parish Week-at-a-Glance



Wednesday, Dec. 31	Knights of Peter Claver New Years Gala 6:30pm PLC Church office closed — New Years Holiday
Thursday, Jan. 1	Church office closed — New Years Holiday
Friday, Jan. 2	Church office closed — New Years Holiday
Sunday, Jan. 4	NO RE/RCIA/ High School Youth /Adult Formation Happy New Year!

MASS MINISTRIES



Jan. 3 & Jan. 4, 2009

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, 5:00 pm	Maya McDaniel Nathan Berg
Sunday, 8:15 am	Daniel Martin Steven Pohl
Sunday, 11:15 am	John Beckman Leo Guettler

LECTORS

Saturday, 5:00 pm	Alan Cusack Rita Cusack
Sunday, 8:15 am	Jillian Fried Glenn Tomlin
Sunday, 11:15 am	Edgar Dale Joseph Pohuski

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, 5:00 pm	Nancy Archuleta Danny Archuleta Maureen Chemsak Gus Smith Jane Folk
Sunday, 8:15 am	Regina Shelton Nathaniel Shelton Nonda Sloan Ellen Styles Ray Thome
Sunday, 11:15 am	Ada Winters Gerald Wocken Carmen Amato Susan Wessling Wes Wessling

PARISH LIFE



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec27 8:00am 5:00pm	+James Groesch +Shirley Taylor
Dec28 8:15am 11:15am	+Ruth & Vince Smyrak For the Parish
Dec29 7:00am*	No mass
Dec30 7:00pm	Stanley Ezeokafor
Dec31 5:00pm**	+Mahon Boren
Jan01 9:00am	Mary Ann Ruopp
Jan02 7:00am	Family of Charles E. Wilkerson, Sr.
Jan. 03 8:00am 5:00pm	For the Unborn +Mary Larsen
Jan04 8:15am	For the Parish Stanley Ezeokafor

*No Mass - Communion Service

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 28 through January 4, 2009

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-7,12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:22-40
Monday:	1Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3,5b-6 Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2,11-13 Jn 1:1-18
Thursday:	Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Friday:	1Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1-3,6 Jn 1:29-34
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12



Pray For The Sick

George Sauro, Clovice Lewis, Hattie Bell, Louise Cox, Stanley Ezeokafor, Richard Searcy, Jeanne Wilson, Cynthia Campbell, Winnie Burns, Jane Dodd, Jane Desmond, Louise Tucker, Jane Gilmore, Frances Gingrich, Mary Rose Holotanko, Louise Joiner, Doris McKenna, Mary Windlin,

Dawn Reich, LaVeta Stiles, Dwight Brown, Jewell Gardner, Jimmy Boyd Sanders, Mary Thompson, Jesse Sanders, Peggy Searcy, Magdalene Fonsa, Angie Nelson, Freddie Blackburn, Bill Gooley, Gina Dodson, John Robert Marks, Betty Dewan, Mark Wheeler, Gayle Franklin, Frank Cole, Louise Hilkey, Robert Campbell, Randy Buckner, John Guidos, Sandra Lynn Samuel, Joanne Hollman, Henry Hollman, Carolyn McDonald, Pat Tobey, Shri Moore and Dorothy Simpson..

WINTER BLAST DANCE. The Foundation for Liturgical Music (FLM) will sponsor a Winter Blast Dance at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Family Life Center, in Birmingham on Saturday, January 17, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Music will be provided by professional DJ, Joe Palmer. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be provided. You may B.Y.O.B. You must be at least 21 years of age to attend. The cost is \$25/couple (\$12.50/person). Security will be provided. Reservations can be made by contacting Nancy Ryan at 205-836-2274, or nryan95@alltel.net by Tuesday, January 13. Our Lady of Lourdes is located at 980 Huffman Rd., Birmingham, 35215. All proceeds will benefit FLM and the Music Ministry Series XIII Conference to be held June 25-27, 2009.

CHS GROUNDBREAKING SET for 10:00 a.m., January 28, 2009, at the new campus site on Old Madison Pike in Thornton Research Park. All parishes in the Huntsville/Madison area are invited to attend. For more information, contact Connie Gerlach at (256)430-1760, ext. 150, e-mail cgerlach@chsfalcons.org, or visit www.chsfalcons.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. Holy Family School is looking for an After School Care worker. The hours are 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday. If interested, please contact Mrs. Tomaine at the school office, 539-5221.

THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU IS RECRUITING LOCAL TEMPORARY WORKERS FOR THE 2010 CENSUS. These positions offer competitive pay, paid training and mileage reimbursement. Assignments average 5 to 10 weeks. For more information, contact the Huntsville/Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Avenue, 256-880-7080.

ROSARIES NEEDED FOR THE TROOPS. Our soldiers in combat zones need special, sturdy rosaries that can withstand serious wear and tear. If you would like to help with this ministry, please call Rita Cusack at 256-379-5112.

A Message from the BeFriender Ministry

"Deep listening is miraculous for both listener and speaker. When someone receives us with open-hearted, non-judging, intensely interested listening, our spirits expand." ... *Sue Patton Thoele*

BeFrienders are there to listen to the Befriended, bringing emotional and spiritual support.

A donation was made toward our Christmas poinsettias in memory of Molly & William Fletcher.

Make A Joyful Noise

SAINT JOSEPH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



...keeping before us the call to follow Christ:
to advocate for his people
by championing the poor and caring for the sick.



Website: www.saintjosephofhuntsville.org — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2008 — Email: campaign@saintjosephcc.com

Feast of the Holy Family

Traditionally observed the Sunday immediately following Christmas, this feast day was instituted by another Pope Benedict (the XV) in 1921 to counter the breakdown of the family unit. In eighty-seven years, we still seek ways to preserve the family unit and thereby preserving the Church. It was hoped that the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph, would serve as a model for all Christian families; a way to create a "family" or "domestic church" centered on the family unit in which the family lives the life of the Church within each family, thus creating a sanctified family unit.

The path to achieve a "family church" is both simple and perhaps difficult to follow. Within the context of the family unit, the family should regularly read Scripture; pray daily, attend Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and to imitate the actions of the Holy Family.

On this feast, it is important that individuals within the family and as one body reflect on the value and the sanctity of the family unit and evaluate where our family life is in regards to the ideal. What way ways can we improve our family? What are we doing to promote the family ideal within our culture, our neighborhoods, our parish community and our secular community?

How do we support each other in the various endeavors going on around us? Family is not about sitting on the sidelines waiting for others to do; rather, family is about intergenerational interaction at all levels and seeing ourselves as responsible for the health and welfare of each other. Within that context, your parish community is a family that needs everyone's time, talent, and tithing to ensure the stability and welfare of the Church.

Upcoming Events

Dec 31: New Year's Eve Event sponsored by the Knights & Ladies of Peter Claver. If you haven't purchased your ticket yet, there is still time! Tickets are \$15 each. Where else can you find fun and fellowship for such a low price?

Jan. 3&4: Hospitality Next Weekend! Please join us for our customary fellowship opportunity and the chance to purchase homemade goodies from our Joyful Bakers and wonderful Nigerian dinners. Proceeds benefit the *Make a Joyful Noise Capital Campaign*.

Bunco! Our next parish Bunco night is planned for mid-January. Look for future announcements.



Capital Campaign Question & Answer Corner

Do you have a question for the Committee? Send it to campaign@saintjosephcc.com and we'll provide an answer in an upcoming bulletin.

FAITH FORMATION

Carmen Amato, Director of Religious Education
(256) 534-8459
amatore54@knology.net

CALENDAR

December 28th—January 4th
NO RE/RCIA/YOUTH OR
ADULT FORMATION
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Linda Pohuski, Youth Director
(256) 534-8459

TRINITY YOUTH CLUB (grades 9-12)

A high school youth ministry program serving St. Joseph parish. High school youth and friends are welcome at all Trinity Youth Club activities. Permission forms and spring schedule coming soon!

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

<i>Family Night</i>	Jan. 7, 5:15-8pm PLC
<i>Hang-out Night</i>	Jan. 11, 6-7:30pm PLC

Mission Trip Sign-up: The deadline to sign up for our Spring Break Mission Trip is Sunday, Jan. 18. You must be 16 by March 1st to participate. See info on the back wall in the church vestibule.

Vocation Retreat for High School: Have you considered the Priesthood, or becoming a Brother or Sister? There's a retreat just for you Jan. 9-11. Call Linda for more information.



**Do You Want To Know More
About The Catholic Faith?**

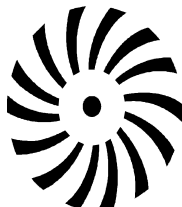


A process called the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) helps you do just that! Currently, a group meets on Sundays at 9:30 am in the RE Center. If you or someone you know is interested in the Catholic Church, please have them call Carmen Amato at the parish office.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM) (18 and graduated from High School to 35 years)

Come join us! We're planning bible studies, dinners, mission trips, socials, church ministries and speakers. Take a more active role in your church community, reconnect with old friends, make new friends and make a difference. For more information, call Ester at 783-6349.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

A middle school youth ministry program for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders from St. Joseph parish. *Middle School Madness* is on Tuesdays, 6-7:30pm in the gym at St. Joseph. Bring a friend!

Note: There will be no MSM during the month of December. Have a great Christmas!



THE MEANING OF MISSION



*Let us gather together as a parish community
to celebrate St. Joseph's caring & giving spirit!*

*ALL AGES & FAMILY GROUPS
(Nursery Provided)*

"WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE"

Wednesday, January 7, 2009

5:15 – 8:00 pm

Father Messmer Center

5:15 – 6:00 – Potluck dinner

6:00 – 8:00 – Presentation & Activities

SIGN UP IN THE VESTIBULE TODAY!

What are you doing on New Year's Eve?

Join us for some fun and fellowship, but don't be tardy
or you'll miss our



Wednesday, December 31, 2008

9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Family Life Center

2300 Beasley Avenue

Huntsville, Alabama

Hors d'oeuvres will be served

BYOB

Attire: Festive-Semi-Formal

Tickets: \$15 each (adults only)

For tickets contact: Pat Lomax 859-2265 or Florence Okafor 859-4044

Hosted By: Knights & Ladies of Peter Claver Happy New Year

