

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama



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August 24, 2025 • Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday Anticipated 5:00pm (cantor)
Sunday 7:15am (quiet), 8:30am (incense), 11:00am (choir/incense)
Monday-Friday 12:10pm

Confession/Reconciliation (happily by appointment at unscheduled times)
Monday-Friday 11:30am to 12:00pm • Sat. 3:00 to 4:30pm

Anointing of the Sick

For those who have reached the use of reason and are in danger of death from sickness or old age. Anointing is ordinarily preceded by Confession. Contact a priest. In emergencies, call anytime and select the emergency option.

Baptism

The Church instructs parents to seek baptism for their child within the first few weeks after birth. First-time parents ordinarily must attend a pre-baptismal class. Contact the office, preferably during the pregnancy, to make the arrangements. Godparents must meet Church requirements.

Holy Matrimony

Contact the Wedding Coordinator at least six months in advance. Subject to the Cathedral's wedding guidelines (on web site) and Diocesan policies.

Funerals and Columbarium

Contact the office prior to making arrangements with the funeral home. To learn more about the columbarium including costs, call the office.

Inquirers about the Catholic Faith

If you are visiting us and would like to learn more about becoming Catholic, please contact Fox Garon, OCIA Director (see →).

Livestreaming of Liturgies

On special occasions only: schedule at <http://stpaulsbhm.org/livestream>.



Facebook/Instagram:
receivemyspirit

Saint Stephen the Martyr Chapel

1515 12th Ave S • Birmingham, AL 35205
(205) 933-2500 • <http://www.stsbhm.org>

Very Rev. Bryan Jerabek, Chaplain • fatherjerabek@stpaulsbhm.org
Mrs. Bernadette Elder, Campus Minister • bernadette@stephenthemartyr.com

Sunday 3:15pm Confession/Adoration
4:00pm Student Mass followed by Meal in Social Hall
Tuesday 7:00pm Confession/Praise Holy Hour & Benediction
Thursday 5:00pm Confession/Holy Hour • 6:00pm Daily Mass

The Student Lounge & Chapel are open daily from 9:00am to 9:00pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm • (205) 251-1279

The Cathedral Shoppe (gift shop)

Sunday 9:30am to 1:00pm • First Wednesday 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Inquiries/appointments – TheCathedralShoppe@gmail.com

The Cathedral Shoppe is located on the lower level of the Cathedral Life Center (CLC).

Cathedral Contacts (with extensions and/or email when applicable)

Pastor & Rector:	Very Rev. Bryan W. Jerabek, J.C.L. x103 – fatherjerabek@stpaulsbhm.org
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Priests in Residence:	Rev. Charles Merrill – charlesramon.merrill@gmail.com Rev. J. Daniel Sessions – frsessions@bhmdiocese.org
Permanent Deacons:	Rev. Mr. Wally Zieverink Rev. Mr. Gerald Zukaukas – gizdeacon@bellsouth.net
PSR Coordinator:	Mrs. Margaret Masny, x108 – psr@stpaulsbhm.org
Youth/OCIA/Adult Ed:	Mr. Fox Garon, x109 – ocia@stpaulsbhm.org
Event Coordinator:	Mrs. Sophia Gagnon – sophia@stpaulsbhm.org
Seniors & Shut-Ins:	Mrs. Priscilla Davis – rannun412@gmail.com
Fraternus (Boys/Men):	Mr. Charles Rumore – fraternuscommanderbh@gmail.com
High School Girls' Group:	Miss Cecilia Fay – ceciliafay16@gmail.com
Young Adults:	Miss Katelyn Yaeger – youngadults@stpaulsbhm.org
Wedding Coordinator:	Mrs. Megan Wyatt, x116 – weddings@stpaulsbhm.org
Director of Music:	Mr. Bruce Ludwick, x107 – ludwick@stpaulsbhm.org
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Housekeeping:	Mrs. Kelleigh Taylor

The Cathedral is on social media!

Facebook:	http://facebook.com/stpaulsbhm
Instagram:	http://instagram.com/stpaulsbhm
Telegram:	http://t.me/stpaulsbhm
YouTube:	http://youtube.com/@stpaulsbhm
LinkedIn:	http://linkedin.com/company/stpaulsbhm





The Cathedral Shoppe

A fundraiser of the CATHEDRAL ALTAR SODALITY

LOCATION

CATHEDRAL LIFE CENTER

SUMMER HOURS

Each SUNDAY 9:30am-1pm

[FIRST WEDNESDAY EVENING HOURS RESUME IN SEPTEMBER]

NEED SOMETHING MONDAY-FRIDAY? Contact the Cathedral Office 8am-3pm

First Light Shelter for Homeless Women and Children

DID YOU KNOW that volunteers from the Cathedral provide dinner to the women and children at First Light one week every other month throughout the year? We invite you to share the love of Christ with those in need. The next opportunity to serve is October 12-18, 2025. For more details, please reach out to Kristy Cobb at kristycobb@ymail.com.

SNACK BAGS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Please consider helping us by donating snack bags for our Neighbors in Need! Our Snack Bag Ministry is a great opportunity for individuals, families and parish groups to participate in our effort to serve the 75-100 people who come to us each week for food. Please call the office for more information. Thank you! WE ARE ALWAYS SO APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

With the upcoming retirement of Priscilla Davis, we are preparing to transition to a system of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who will visit our parishioners who are sick and/or homebound. Mrs. Susan Fay will coordinate this ministry. Father Jerabek will provide complete training and all materials needed. Is God calling you to serve the parish and our fellow parishioners in this way? For questions and otherwise to be considered for this role, please leave your name and number with our parish secretary, Krista Rataj. She will pass it along to Susan and to Father, who will follow-up. krista@stpaulsbhm.org or (205) 251-1279. Thank you!

A Winter Pilgrimage to Germany, Austria and Italy

with Father Bryan Jerabek

February 2 - 13, 2026

\$3496 + \$1190 roundtrip airfare from Birmingham

Join the Very Reverend Father Bryan Jerabek on the trip of a lifetime this winter to Germany, Austria and Italy. With overnight stays in Bavaria, Salzburg, Padua, Loreto and Rome, you can expect to be awestruck by the beauty and magnificence of places so near and dear to our Catholic faith. Featuring a daily program that prioritizes daily Mass, exploration of some of Europe's greatest cities - such as Venice, Salzburg, Loreto and Rome - a General Audience with the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, and a uniquely crafted Catholic itinerary, and you have the trip of a lifetime. The package features four-star hotels, private coach transportation, a highly trained Catholic ProRome tour manager, exclusive private tours and so much more. Everything is included in the cost except one daily meal. For more information or to register, please visit www.prometours.com/birmingham2026 or contact ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at office@prorome.com

PSR Registration Open

We are now taking registrations for the Parish School of Religion (PSR) for 2025-2026! All children from 4K through 12th grade are welcomed to participate. Find the full schedule and more information online at <https://stpaulsbhm.org/education/psr/>. The downloadable schedule also includes the dates for next June's "Catholic Kids Week", first confessions, first communion, and more. Registration is online at <https://tinyurl.com/psr2526>.

PSR Kickoff Dinner

The PSR Kickoff Dinner has been scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2025 at 5:30pm in the Cathedral Life Center (CLC) Great Hall! You can RSVP while signing up for PSR. This free family meal is a great opportunity for your children to meet their catechists, for parents to hear from Fr. Jerabek and the PSR Coordinator, and to enjoy some fellowship before the formation year begins!

OCIA Calendar Published

We are looking forward to a new OCIA year, starting on the Wednesday after Labor Day – September 3! This year, Father Merrill, our new priest in residence, will also be helping teach many classes. All are welcome to this class, including those who are already Catholic, those who are not Catholic but are interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith, and those who are not Catholic and are already sure they want to convert! For more information, contact ocia@stpaulsbhm.org. Visit our OCIA page for the full schedule: <https://stpaulsbhm.org/education/ocia/>. We'd be most grateful for help with meals. Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4DAFA62CA0FA7-57987246-ocia#/>

NURSERY CARE

As part of our Adult Education and PSR programs (Sundays 9:45-10:45am), we offer nursery care for those who would like to attend the talks and for those who teach PSR. Please consider volunteering in the nursery once a month. For more information or to sign up, please contact Emily LaSusa emlasusa@gmail.com or Margaret Masny psr@stpaulsbhm.org

MOMS & SMALLS

All moms and their little ones unborn through age 6 are invited to come to the nursery in the Cathedral Life Center (lower level – enter through 22nd street driveway gate and then go through sunken courtyard) on Tuesday mornings from 10:00am to 11:30am for fellowship, support, and sharing! The meeting will end with a brief prayerful visit to the church. Moms may contact Sophia Gagnon at sophia@stpaulsbhm.org for more details and to be added to the group chat.

The Knightly News...

Fr. James E. Coyle

Council #9862



Interested in learning more about the benefits of joining the Knights of Columbus?

Please visit www.KOC9862.org or contact Andrew Maenza at 205-527-0192.

We are a group of dedicated men who are joined together by faith and community support.



WITH
40
Years of
Service to
the Cathedral

our Minister to the Sick,
Priscilla Davis, is about to

Retire

Please Come to
a Retirement Reception
Sunday, September 7
at 12:30pm in the
Cathedral Life Center

RSVP to Krista Rataj, Secretary
krista@stpaulsbhm.org



SINGLE WOMEN'S PILGRIMAGE TO The Dominican Monastery of St. Jude

Jubilee Pilgrimage for Single Women ages 18-40

Saturday, September 6

Gather -

First Saturday Mass | 9am

Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

Pilgrimage Arrival -

Eucharistic Adoration, Meditation, Prayer | 10:45am

Dominican Monastery of St. Jude

143 County Road E, Marbury AL 36051

Social Time to Follow!

Register for
the
Pilgrimage

Opportunity
for
Indulgence



Contact Mary Anna Raburn
for questions or more
information 205-936-7494 (txt)
maryanna@southernorganics.com



WAITLIST OPEN FOR LADIES' CLASS WITH DOROTHY McDANIEL ON FLOWER ARRANGING

As we continue to build up our Cathedral Flower Guild, we have invited the renowned local florist Dorothy McDaniel, owner of Dorothy McDaniel's Flower Market in Birmingham, to guide us in a floral arrangement night! She and her designers will teach all who come how to make arrangements that are fitting offerings to God for his holy sanctuary, by performing two sanctuary flower demonstrations; each lady will also work on a smaller, similar piece that she will be able to take home with her! Wine and snacks and all materials will be provided. Cost: \$25.00 per person for this fun two-hour experience! When: Thursday, September 11 starting at 6:30pm in the Cathedral Life Center's Great Hall. Police security will be on hand for everyone's comfort. RSVP IS NECESSARY by September 4: <https://tinyurl.com/flowernight>. Up to 30 slots available! We hope that those who participate in this event will want to continue helping from time to time with the Cathedral's Flower Guild. More information will be provided. *We are currently running registration on a waitlist so that we can prioritize Cathedral parishioners who may want to help with Flower Guild.*

RELIQUARY

If you've ever wondered why we don't have certain popular saint relics, it's because our relic collection was assembled in the 18th century, and so pre-dates some of them, such as St. John Vianney, who lived in the 19th century. This month you will, however, be able to find some greats such as Peter, Bartholomew, Stephen and Nicodemus, Helena and Augustine, Clare, Louis and Bernard of Clairvaux. There's Lawrence and Romanus (read the description) and the Baptist. There are 6 popes, 2 kings, 1 queen and 1 empress.

Baptismal Preparation

The Baptismal Preparation Class is at 9:45am in the Parish Office. The remaining sessions for 2025 is October 12th and December 14th. Please call the office to sign up and for more information before your baby is born!

This week please remember in your prayers the sick, the shut-ins and hospitalized, especially: Craig Porter, John Glass, Harvey Little, Libby Kidd, Calvin Rumph, Michael Naro, Betsy Lee, Vickie Lombardo, Russell Segui, Matthew Gubenski, Jr., Phillip Ratliff, Gail Stone, Alicia Fisher, Don Yeakle, Mary Kaye Gubenski, Myrtle King, Jane Hulsey, Frances Diliberto, Trudy Musulman, Margaret Beard, Chizuru Elliot, David Goodwin, Laura Vogtle, Carol Sansone, David Juarez, Jim Howell, Kevin Kavanaugh, James Woodworth, Pauline Fiorella, Lance Cockerham, David Gauntt, Veronica Dent, Penelope Hauenstein, Phillip LaSusa, Mary Ann Hurst, Isabella Priola, Justin Tribble, Joseph Coleman, Jace Bace, Henry Hardin, Cathy Burford, Taylor Joiner, Brian Sullivan, Charles Gardner, Kirsten & Ed Burdick, Melissa Breland, Steve Calvert, Frances Naro, Julie McLean, Terri Burch, Mason Harder, Lisa Bender, Sandra Houston, Emily Gunter, Will Gayton, Theresa Pavesci, Risa Maier, Anthony Leipert, Bill Hulsey, Joseph Johnson, Joey Giangrosso, Jerome Cravey, Baker Mauer, Jennifer Manley, Linda Boggan, Nicholas Landry, Pamela Dewberry, Sherri Miles, Lisa Tucker, Shirley Sutton, Eve Moore, John Birk, Kimberly Buck, Adeline & Don Williams, Adele Eades, Michael Gollehon, Jack Bisson, Anika Smith, Ralph Thompson, Janet Joseph, Suzanne Miles, Jessica Jones, Michael Howell, Tony Traficante, Carrie Towle, Sam Moore, An Nguyen, Maureen Angelini, Thomas Perna, Jr., Suzanne Dillon, Kayla Garraway, Doris Robertson, Jon Serio, Bonnie Godhigh, Susannah Blackstone, Dee Bissett, Dolly Carroll, Nina Youngblood, Robbie Roy, Leah Jane Rovey, Candice Boyland, Brandon Fisher, Mary Ann Johnson, Hans Lang, Anna DeLeon, Patrick Coyle, Kayla Perry, Addison Cox, as well as all those who have died, especially Thomas Braddock.

Let us pray for all of our parish family members who have been deployed.

Cathedral Week at a Glance, August 24-31

Sunday, August 24	Monday, August 25	Tuesday, August 26	Wednesday, August 27	Thursday, August 28	Friday, August 29	Saturday, August 30	Sunday, August 31
7:15am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	10:00am Moms & Smalls- <i>CLC</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	3-4:30pm Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	7:15am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>
8:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	12:10pm Mass-- <i>Cathedral</i>	11:30am Confessions- <i>Cathedral</i>	12:10pm Mass-- <i>Cathedral</i>	12:10pm Mass-- <i>Cathedral</i>	12:10pm Mass-- <i>Cathedral</i>	5:00pm Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>	8:30am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>
9:30am Catechist <i>Training-CLC</i>	5:30pm PSR Dinner- <i>CLC</i>	12:10pm Mass-- <i>Cathedral</i>	4:00pm Children's <i>Choir-Office</i>				11:00am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>
11:00am Mass- <i>Cathedral</i>			6:30pm <i>Choir-Office</i>				
12:15pm YA Bible Study & Lunch- <i>CLC</i>							

Mass Intentions

Mon, Aug 25	12:10pm	Rataj Family
Tue, Aug 26	12:10pm	Ivan Piola +
Wed, Aug 27	12:10pm	Walt Zieverink
Thur, Aug 28	12:10pm	Bernadine Chiarella +
Fri, Aug 29	12:10pm	Ray Wall +
Sat, Aug 30	5:00pm	Carmelo Aliano
Sun, Aug 31	7:15am	Daniel Payne +
	8:30am	Clergy Intention
	11:00am	For the people

	Sacristans	Lectors	Servers	Sanctuary Cleaning
Sat, August 30 5:00pm	Alessio Family	J Pinto	B Moore	Week of Aug. 31 C Moore
Sun, August 31 7:15am	E Kuhn	T Caltagirone	Ruiz Family	Linens
Sun, August 31 8:30am	R Coffield	S Zukauckas	R Bowron Matic Family Grant Family L Cooper H Shannon	Week of Aug. 31 R Lee
Sun, August 31 11:00am	H Meyers	J Smith	Blackstone Family Scalero Family	

To donate to the Cathedral using Venmo, scan this QR code with your phone:



PARISH REGISTRATION

Please remember, children are considered members with their parents until they turn 18 years old. Once they are 18, it is their responsibility to attend church and to register as a member independent of their parents. What a great way to honor their 18th birthday! This is very important when they want to schedule a wedding where registration is required for the bride or groom (and not the parents!). Use the form below or contact the office for more information on registering with the Cathedral!

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<https://stpaulsbhm.churchgiving.com>



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Scan the QR code and get started!

PARISHIONER UPDATE

If you are 18 years of age or older, attend the Cathedral on a regular basis, and have not registered; or, if you have had an address or telephone number change: we ask you to complete the following and drop it in the offertory basket or bring it by the office. If you are a new parishioner, a census form will be mailed or emailed to you. If you are not Catholic, but are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please check "O.C.I.A."

Name _____

____ New Parishioner

Address _____

____ O.C.I.A.

____ Leaving Parish

E-Mail _____

____ Address Change

Home# _____ Work# _____