

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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August 31, 2025 • Twenty-second 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>.



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 – TheCathedralShope@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.
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Parochial Vicar: Rev. J. Michael Adams
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Parish Secretary: Mrs. Krista Rataj, x100 – krista@stpaulsbhm.org

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Rev. J. Daniel Sessions – frsessions@bhmdiocese.org

Permanent Deacons: Rev. Mr. Wally Zieverink
Rev. Mr. Gerald Zukauckas – gjzdeacon@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 – runnun412@gmail.com

Fraternus (Boys/Men): Mr. Charles Rumore – fraternuscommanderbhm@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

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Facilities Manager: Mr. Nathan Gagnon, x131 – facilities@stpaulsbhm.org

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
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In observance of the LABOR DAY holiday weekend, we will be CLOSED Sunday, 8/31.
We will reopen Sunday, 9/7 ❖ Come see what's new!

❖ [First] Wednesday evening hours resume 9/3 ❖

LOCATION	HOURS
CATHEDRAL LIFE CENTER	Each SUNDAY • 9:30am-1pm
LOWER LEVEL	First WEDNESDAY • 5-7pm

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!

Cathedral Adult Education

Our Adult Education Series commences Sun, September 7th with Mr. Brian Edwards presenting *Excitement in Converting Others*. Please join us at 9:45am in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend!



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.prorometours.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>.

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#/>



Fr. Jerabek,

**Know of our gratitude, prayers and support
always and especially on September 6th!**

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 emilasusa@gmail.com or Margaret Masny psr@stpaulsbhm.org

The Knightly News...

Fr. James E. Coyle

Council #9862



There are two holidays coming up that are recognized by our government and deserve our attention: **Gold Star Day**, 9/29 and the Day of the Deployed, **Blue Star Day**, 10/26. The genesis of these was in WWI. Families would hang a banner or flag where they lived with a blue star for each member serving in the military. If the family member was called from this life during service, their star would be changed to gold. For Gold Star Day, consider marking the date with a visit, mailing a letter, sending a card, making a call or saying a prayer for a spouse, mom, dad, sibling, friend or for someone who lost their life in service of this country. Thank you!

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.

High School Girls' Book Study

Our High School Girls' Book Study continues on September 3rd with Miss Cecilia Fay leading it this semester! All high school girls are welcome. The group meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:15pm in the undercroft. For more information, contact Cecilia at ceciliafay16@gmail.com or by call/text at 205-855-8766.

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.

WITH **40** Years of Service to the Cathedral

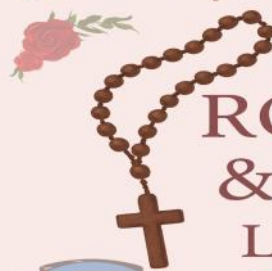
our Minister to the Sick, Priscilla Davis, is about to

Retire

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

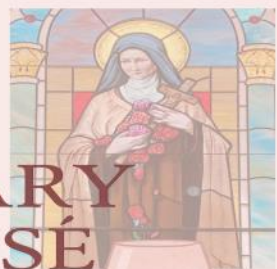
RSVP to Krista Rataj, Secretary
krista@stpaulsbhm.org

Join us for a...



ROSARY & ROSÉ LADIES' NIGHT

Friday, October 3
6:00-8:00pm
Cathedral Rectory



R.S.V.P.

We are excited to announce another ladies' activity at the Cathedral of Saint Paul! All ladies are invited to come for a "Rosary & Rosé" Night on Friday, October 3 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Cathedral Rectory! Come and see this beautiful and historic space; take part in the recitation of the lovely poem by St. Thérèse of Lisieux, "Why I Love You, O Mary"; pray a Rosary together for the intentions of our children, families, and vocations; enjoy some good Rosé wine and heavy appetizers/snacks, along with fellowship & fun too! No men will be present. We are asking a \$10 contribution to offset costs – payable by Venmo @stpaulsbhm or by cash at the event. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/oct-ladies>. More events to be announced soon!

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: Annie Marino, Craig Porter, John Glass, Harvey Little, Libby Kidd, Calvin Rumph, Michael Naro, Betsy Lee, Vickie Lombardo, Russell Segui, Phillip Ratliff, Gail Stone, Alicia Fisher, Don Yeakle, Jane Hulsey, Frances Diliberto, Trudy Musulman, Margaret Beard, Chizuru Elliot, David Goodwin, Laura Vogtle, Carol Sansone, David Juarez, Jim Howell, Kevin Kavanaugh, James Woodworth, David Gauntt, Veronica Dent, Penelope Hauenstein, Phillip LaSusa, Mary Ann Hurst, Justin Tribble, Joseph Coleman, Jace Bace, Henry Hardin, Cathy Burford, Taylor Joiner, Charles Gardner, Kirsten & Ed Burdick, Melissa Breland, Frances Naro, Julie McLean, Mason Harder, Lisa Bender, Sandra Houston, Emily Gunter, Will Gayton, 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, Jessica Jones, Michael Howell, Tony Traficante, Carrie Towle, Sam Moore, An Nguyen, Maureen Angelini, Thomas Perna, Jr., Kayla Garraway, Doris Robertson, Jon Serio, Bonnie Godhigh, Susannah Blackstone, Dee Bissett, Dolly Carroll, Nina Youngblood, 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 Joan Crawford Ifill.

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

Cathedral Week at a Glance, August 31 - September 7

Sunday, August 31	Monday, September 1	Tuesday, September 2	Wednesday, September 3	Thursday, September 4	Friday, September 5	Saturday, September 6	Sunday, September 7
7:15am Mass- Cathedral	9:00am Mass-- Cathedral	10:00am Moms & Smalls-CLC	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	3-4:30pm Confessions-Cathedral	7:15am Mass- Cathedral
8:30am Mass- Cathedral	LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral	12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral	12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral	5:00pm Mass-Cathedral	8:30am Mass- Cathedral
11:00am Mass-Cathedral		12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral	4:00pm Children's Choir -Office 5:15pm Confessions-Cathedral 6:00pm OCIA-CLC 6:30pm Fraternus-CLC HS Ladies-Undercroft Choir-Office			Happy Birthday, Fr. Jerabek!	9:45am PSR & Ad Ed-CLC 11:00am Mass-Cathedral 12:15pm Retirement Party-CLC 5:00pm Youth Group-CLC

Mass Intentions

Mon, Sept. 1	9:00am	Carolyn Bailey
Tue, Sept. 2	12:10pm	Mary Jo Zieverink +
Wed, Sept. 3	12:10pm	Daniel Payne +
Thur, Sept. 4	12:10pm	Daniel Payne +
Fri, Sept. 5	12:10pm	Gloria Bittner +
Sat, Sept. 6	5:00pm	Steve Sperando
Sun, Sept. 7	7:15am	Daniel Payne +
	8:30am	Clergy Intention
	11:00am	For the people

	Sacristans	Lectors	Servers	<u>Sanctuary Cleaning</u>
Sat, Sept. 6 5:00pm	N Lett	E Thibodeaux	Brueggen Family	<u>Week of Sept. 7</u>
Sun, Sept. 7 7:15am	E Fay	N Keller	Payne Family	<u>Linens</u> <u>Week of Sept. 7</u> M Masny
Sun, Sept. 7 8:30am	R Coffield	M Beasley	Hertz Family J Barranco J Collins T Flowers Gravelle Family J Maziarz	
Sun, Sept. 7 11:00am	J Bornemann	P DiPiazza	M Rumore Campbell Family	

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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# _____