

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

MOST REVEREND STEVEN J. RAICA, J.C.D., BISHOP

Very Reverend Bryan W. Jerabek, J.C.L., Pastor & Rector

2120 Third Avenue North • Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Mailing: P.O. Box 10044 • Birmingham, Alabama 35202-0044

(205) 251-1279 • <https://stpaulsbhm.org>



August 23, 2026 • The 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 6:30am & 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 Ms. Cynthia Durham, OCIA Coordinator (see →).

Visits to the Sick & Homebound

We would love to know about all who need a visit! Contact Susan Fay at susan@stpaulsbhm.org or call (205) 251-1279 x245 to make arrangements.



Facebook/Instagram:
[bhmcatholic](https://www.facebook.com/bhmcatholic)/[bhmcatholic](https://www.instagram.com/bhmcatholic)

St. Stephen the Martyr Chapel

BHM Catholic Campus Ministry

1515 12th Ave S • Birmingham, AL 35205

(205) 933-2500 • <https://bhmcatholic.com>

Very Rev. Bryan Jerabek, Administrator

fatherjerabek@stpaulsbhm.org

Rev. Jacob Ebong Ntoko, Chaplain

FOCUS Missionaries led by Mr. Julian Rodriquez

Sunday 3:15pm Confession/Praise Holy Hour & Benediction
4:00pm Confession/Praise Holy Hour & Benediction
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.
x103 – fatherjerabek@stpaulsbhm.org

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Jacob E. Ntoko – frntokojake@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Krista Rataj, x100 – krista@stpaulsbhm.org

Priests in Residence: Rev. J. Michael Adams
Rev. Cecil Spotswood

Permanent Deacons: Rev. Mr. Wally Zieverink
Rev. Mr. Gerald Zukauckas – gjzdeacon@bellsouth.net
Rev. Mr. E. Lee Robinson – eleer2000@outlook.com

PSR Coordinator: Mrs. Margaret Masny, x108 – psr@stpaulsbhm.org

OCIA Coordinator: Ms. Cynthia Durham, x247 – ocia@stpaulsbhm.org

Sick & Homebound: Mrs. Susan Fay, x245 – susan@stpaulsbhm.org

Director of Music: Mr. Bruce Ludwick, x107 – ludwick@stpaulsbhm.org

Assistant Organist: Mr. James McGalliard – james@stpaulsbhm.org

Organ Scholar: Mr. Daniel Renna – organscholar@stpaulsbhm.org

Bookkeeper: Mrs. Elaine Arnold, x102 – bookkeeper@stpaulsbhm.org

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

Youth Minister/Adult Ed: Mr. Andrew Goode – youth@stpaulsbhm.org

Wedding Coordinator: Mrs. Megan Wyatt, x116 – weddings@stpaulsbhm.org

Event Coordinator: Mrs. Sophia Gagnon – sophia@stpaulsbhm.org

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

High School Girls' Group: Miss Cecilia Fay – ceciliafay16@gmail.com

Saint Thérèse Girls' Sodality: Mrs. Margaret Masny, x108 – psr@stpaulsbhm.org

Young Adults: Miss Katelyn Yaeger – stpaulsbhm.youngadults@gmail.com

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

THE SAINT THÉRÈSE GIRLS' SODALITY

St. Therese Sodality is a group of girls dedicated to the care of the sanctuary. The members are ages 7 and up (must have made First Holy Communion). Please contact Margaret Masny at psr@stpaulsbhm.org for more information.

Not yet a Cathedral Member? Visit <https://stpaulsbhm.org/join> to fill out your membership form and submit it today!

Parish School of Religion

Our PSR program is open to all children in grades 4K to 12th grade. Classes are held 9:45-10:45am on Sundays throughout the school year. The calendar can be found on our Cathedral website. A kickoff dinner will be held on August 31st at 5:30pm in the CLC, free to all registered families. Please register using the QR code below by August 21st:

<https://tinyurl.com/stpaulspsrregistration>



PSR VOLUNTEERS

We are also in need of hall monitors for our PSR program - with enough volunteers this could also be a once a month position. If you can help in this way, contact Margaret Masny psr@stpaulsbhm.org



VISITS TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

We want to be sure that we are reaching all of our parishioners who may be sick or homebound. If you or another parishioner you know meet that description, please drop us a line so that we can make sure you are on our list! Feel free to email Susan Fay, our Sick & Homebound Coordinator, at susan@stpaulsbhm.org, or call (205) 251-1279 and speak with Krista in the office. Thank you!

Planning a trip to Rome?

If you are thinking of a trip to Rome soon, you may wish to consider staying in a lovely and comfortable apartment with all modern conveniences near the Vatican. During your time there you can also avail yourselves of private tours of Ancient Rome, Christian Rome, the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. For more information, please call the Cathedral office at 251-1279.

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!

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.

FRATERNUS

The Cathedral Fraternus Chapter is open to **all men and boys starting in the 5th grade**. The Chapter will meet every week after summer break on Wednesday evenings beginning September 9th in the Cathedral Life Center from 6:30-8:30 PM. We share a meal, engage in a recreational activity, have prayer time, study the weekly Scripture and have small-group discussions to include such topics as: Integrity, Courage, Chastity, Honesty, Charity, Service, etc.

For more information, please go to www.Fraternus.net or email Charles Rumore at fraternuscommanderbhm@gmail.com

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.

We are expecting another large OCIA class this year and would appreciate having Cathedral parishioners step forward to serve as sponsors for them. Learn more and volunteer at this link: <https://forms.gle/5wRVmkLK5Ee3DgPr6>

Please sign up here to help with meals (the main course, salad or dessert): <https://bit.ly/4vW9bnx>



Please click the QR code
←
for a new Fr. Coyle Documentary!



YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

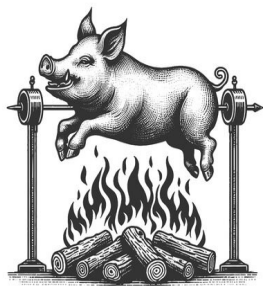
We encourage all parishioners, especially those who volunteer with one of our ministries or participate in our programs, to have current Youth Protection Training certification. There is no cost to do so and it may be completed through an easy online course using the Virtus program provided by the Diocese. Help us continue to maintain the Cathedral as a safe and welcoming environment for all young people and their families! More information at <https://www.catholicyouthbhm.net/> or by contacting Margaret Masny at psr@stpaulsbhm.org.

The Knightly News...

Fr. James E. Coyle Council #9862



Interested in learning more about the benefits of joining the Knights of Columbus? Please visit: <https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/about.asp?CNO=9862> or contact Andrew Maenza at 205-527-0192. We are a group of dedicated men who are joined together by faith and community support.



The Knights of Columbus are pleased to offer our Smoked Meat sale for Labor Day 2026. We will have smoked chickens available at \$15ea, and smoked Boston Butts available at \$40ea. To place an order, call Andrew Maenza at (205) 527-0192, or send him an e-mail at:

amaenza7645@charter.net

August Relics

August is a lively relic month with VIP's from Our Lord's inner circle: Peter, Bartholomew and John the Baptist, along with Nicodemus. Amazing! Helena and Augustine, Clare of Assisi, Lawrence and Louis are some additional recognizable names. But there are plenty more; you just have to check out the book.

High School Girls' Book Study

Our High School Girls' Book Study continues after summer break with Miss Cecilia Fay leading it this semester! All high school girls are welcome. The group meets on Wednesdays beginning September 9th 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.

First Light Shelter for Homeless Women and Children

Did you know that volunteers from the Cathedral prepare and serve dinner to the women and children at First Light for one week every other month? It's a meaningful way to share the love of Christ with those in need. Our next opportunities to serve are October 11-17, December 13-19. If you're interested in helping or would like more information, please contact **Kristy Cobb** at kristycobb@ymail.com.

Baptismal Preparation

Baptismal Preparation Classes are at 9:45am in the Parish Office. The remaining schedule for 2026 is: October 18th, and December 13th. Please call the office to sign up and for more information **before your baby is born!**

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 Magnificat Breakfast will be held on Sat, Aug 29 from 9:30am-12:30pm at St. Elias Maronite Church in the Parish Hall. Our speakers, Mary Margaret Rohling and her son, Frank, will share an inspiring journey of an addiction survivor's recovery through faith in God and the fierce, unconditional love of a mother and her fervent prayers. A ticket is \$20 or a student rate is \$15 for ages 13 to 22 and includes a catered breakfast. Tickets are available online at BirminghamMagnificat.org or by contacting Jan Smith at (205) 381-8481 or from Alpha Church Supply and Holy Roses Flowers and Gifts. No tickets are sold at the door or after August 23rd.

Connect – Birmingham

You're invited to **Connect – Birmingham**, an evening of fellowship, friendship, and encouragement for Catholics seeking to grow in faith and live as missionary disciples in Birmingham.

Thursday, September 10

6:00–8:00 PM

Cathedral of St. Paul

Hosted by the Birmingham Community of Mission, this gathering is an opportunity to meet fellow Catholics, welcome new faces, and be renewed in faith and mission. Whether you're new to the area or have been part of the Birmingham Catholic community for years, we'd love for you to join us. Everyone is welcome-no FOCUS affiliation is required. **Learn more and RSVP:** [Birmingham-FOCUS](http://Birmingham-FOCUS.org) Questions?

Contact Meghan McCarrick at meghan.mccarrick@focus.org.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Cathedral Chapel on First Fridays. All are welcome! For added safety and comfort, the door to the chapel near the statue of St. Joseph now has the code 4-3-2-1 on it; please be sure to lock the door again after you enter. Adoration will begin following the 6:30am Mass and conclude with Benediction at noon, before the 12:10pm Mass. If you are interested in committing to an hour or being a substitute adorer, please contact Kevin Fehr at kfehr39@gmail.com or by call/text at (205) 410-7203.

CATHEDRAL YOUTH GROUP

Regular Sunday meetings will resume on Sunday, September 13th! For general information about youth group, go to <https://stpaulsbhm.org/education/youth-groups/>. Also, you can click on the words "THIS LINK" on that page to add your email to our mailing list and so receive timely updates! And to learn about the summer activity opportunities, contact Mr. Andrew Goode at youth@stpaulsbhm.org for the full schedule!

This week please remember in your prayers the sick, the shut-ins and hospitalized, especially: John McCormick, Tom Zimmerman, John Edwards, Cathy Gilmore, Walt Zieverink, Jim Howell, Melissa Milan, Matthew Gubenski, Jr., Diane Fiorito, Karen Shaw, Cheryl Robinson, Emma Vaiton, Nancy and Walter Hughes, Cheryl Spitzer, Riley Flowers, Margaret Beard, John Glass, Lucy Taeuber, Penelope Hauenstein, Ann Love, Angela Hulsey, Donald Delisle, Michael Naro, Roger Whatley, Patrick Hemme, Taylor Joiner, Rose Marie Fiorella, Mary Kaye Gubenski, Dakota Anderson, Caren Kavanaugh, Doug Neil, Michael Howell, Annie Marino, Harvey Little, Betsy Lee, Vickie Lombardo, Gail Stone, Don Yeakle, Chizuru Elliot, Laura Vogtle, Carol Sansone, David Juarez, Kevin Kavanaugh, James Woodworth, Veronica Dent, Phillip LaSusa, Justin Tribble, Joseph Coleman, Jace Bace, Henry Hardin, Cathy Burford, Melissa Breland, Julie McLean, Mason Harder, Lisa Bender, Sandra Houston, Emily Gunter, Will Gayton, 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, Anika Smith, Ralph Thompson, Janet Joseph, Jessica Jones, Carrie Towle, An Nguyen, Maureen Angelini, Thomas Perna, Jr., Kayla Garraway, Doris Robertson, Jon Serio, 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.

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

Cathedral Week at a Glance, August 23-30

Sunday, August 23	Monday, August 24	Tuesday, August 25	Wednesday, August 26	Thursday, August 27	Friday, August 28	Saturday, August 29	Sunday, August 30
7:15am Mass- Cathedral	6:30am Mass- Cathedral	6:30am Mass- Cathedral	6:30am Mass- Cathedral	6:30am Mass- Cathedral	6:30am Mass-Cathedral	3:00pm Confessions-Cathedral	7:15am Mass- Cathedral
8:30am Mass- Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	10:00am Moms & Smalls-CLC	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	5:00pm Mass-Cathedral	*8:30am Mass- Cathedral
11:00am Mass -Cathedral	12:10pm Mass- Cathedral	11:30am Confessions-Cathedral	12:10pm Mass- Cathedral	12:10pm Mass- Cathedral	12:10pm Mass-- Cathedral		*11:00am Mass -Cathedral
12:15pm YA Bible Study-CLC		12:10pm Mass- Cathedral		4:00pm St. Therese Sodality-Cathedral			* Free Pancake Breakfast-CLC

Mass Intentions

Mon, August 24	6:30am 12:10pm	Fr. Charles Merrill + Miriam & Sebastian
Tue, August 25	6:30am 12:10pm	Betty & James Garmany + Lucille & George Petrosky+
Wed, August 26	6:30am 12:10pm	Fr. Charles Merrill + Fr. Charles Merrill +
Thur, August 27	6:30am 12:10pm	Fr. Charles Merrill + Leann McElroy
Fri, August 28	6:30am 12:10pm	Fr. Charles Merrill + Sebie & Brian Sellers
Sat, August 29	5:00pm	Alicja & Rafal Matusiak
Sun, August 30	7:15am 8:30am 11:00am	Clergy Intention Alicja & Adam Arnold For the People

	Sacristans	Lectors	Servers	Linens E Limbaugh Dusting R Wright
Sat, August 29 5:00pm	N Lett	G Zarzaur	J Yaeger	
Sun, August 30 7:15am	E Kuhn	A Maiola	Ruiz Family	St. Therese Sodality A Burckel Flowers family O Pappas E Reed
Sun, August 30 8:30am	M Beasley	C Nguyen M Beasley	Hamilton Family Madonia Family H Ward J Dooley J Collins	
Sun, August 30 11:00am	J Bornemann	P Jett M Cockerham	Ayers Family W Hungerpiller J Bandura	

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!

WeShare Online Giving:

<https://stpaulsbhm.churchgiving.com>



It's Safe. It's Simple. It's Convenient!
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# _____