



April - Month of the Holy Spirit

First Thursday Adoration



*Adoration
April 3rd @
7:00pm*

Help Wanted!

All our choirs need new members, but our Saturday, 5:30 Mass needs volunteers the most. If you regularly attend the 5:30 Mass, please consider joining the choir. Practices are once a month with a run through before Mass. Contact Jackie Henderson, cjack@aol.com.

Memorial Bricks

There are still memorial bricks (8"x8") available in Mary's Prayer Garden. Suggested donation is \$100. **The plan, layout, and order forms are in the narthex or at the office.**

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimages April Updates

The Overnight Pilgrimage to St. Bernard Abbey on May 2-3 is canceled and will be rescheduled for the Fall.

The Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville will be Saturday, May 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Meet in front of the John Paul II Center at 9:00 a.m. Carpooling from the Visitation parking lot can be arranged. A signup sheet will be available later in April for RSVPs. For details about the itinerary and lunch arrangements, contact Mike Janssen at mjj032753@gmail.com.

Women's Ministry

There will **not** be a Women's Ministry meeting on Tuesday, April 8th. Please take this opportunity to continue to grow and strengthen your faith by attending the Parish Lenten Mission on April 6, 7, 8 with Fr. Joel Martin, OSB from St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman. A Parish Lenten Mission is a tradition of the Catholic Church during Lent. By spending time in reflection, prayer, and sacrament during this Lenten season in community with others, we might encounter Jesus on a different level.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Congratulations and welcome to the newly received members (adults) into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church: Stephanie Beltran, Quinn Bernhard V, Colin Coble, McKenna Crawford, Zack Crawford, Tyler Dowdy, Emma Goodwill, Bailey Anne Jagneaux, Amy Lawson, Patricia Santoro, Jared Shields, Billy Smart II, and Emily Fox who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Sunday, March 30th. **(Pictures on page 5)**

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming the newly baptized members (adults) of the Catholic Church: Alyson Dowdy, Travis Dunagan, Jeannine Dupree, Martha Potts, Ryan Reynolds, Chloe Rice, Kayla Sharbutt, and Jack Shaw who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil.

We Need You - Saturdays With God

The **Buildings and Grounds (B&G) Ministry** meets every Saturday at 8:30 am at the Office Building to take care of all kinds of repairs, improvements, groundskeeping, etc. throughout all of the Church facilities. Presently, we have around 30+ active members, and **we are always looking for hidden talents.** The contact for this ministry is Manfred Segewitz, 256.527.2278 or manfseg@gmail.com.

SMV Online Parish Directory

Please add your family picture to our parish directory. You can download the app to your phone or access it from your PC.

iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/instant-church-directory/id589542221>

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.members&pcampaign=web_share

Create your account using this email and then view the directory. You can add your family picture and update information by tapping the Menu button in the top left of the main screen and select the Edit My Family option.



The Homebound Ministry

The Homebound Ministry volunteers serve at least one hour a month or more to bring Christ's presence into the lives of our homebound parishioners. Training is provided to bring holy communion to parishioners who are not able to join us at Sunday Mass due to illness or other circumstances. The Homebound Ministry connects the homebound parishioner with the parish community by bringing the Eucharist to them on Sundays after

Mass. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or if you have questions, contact Liz Montgomery at elizabeth35758@gmail.com or 281-705-6697.

Homebound Prayer Ministry

Upon request, this ministry will come to your home and pray the rosary with you and your family. If you would like to be on this ministry team or if you are a shut-in or homebound and would like someone from this ministry to come and pray the rosary at your home, contact Steve Venckus at svenckus1@verizon.net.



SMV Food Pantry Ministry

SMV's Food Pantry Ministry last year gave out over 1975 food bags to our downtown community neighbors. Which was over \$49,000 worth of food items. This was nearly three times as much as the previous year. We could not have made this possible without the generous donations from our parishioners. The food pantry most needed items for the month of April are the following: canned meat, chicken, tuna; canned fruit; soups; Vienna sausages; and cereal (regular size or variety packs). Remember us for your "food drives". Thank you for your generous donations, and God Bless all of you.

Did you know that you can shop and buy for the Food Pantry without leaving your home? Scan this QR code to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List or type in this link: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>. Items will be delivered directly to the church office.

Food Pantry QR



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Jubilee 2025

Pilgrimages of Hope & Spiritual Renewal St. Mary of the Visitation Catholic Parish Huntsville Alabama

Apr. 6-8: Lenten Retreat

Apr. 14-16: Tenebrae Lenten Service

May 10: Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Hanceville AL

Jul. 19: Day Pilgrimage to Birmingham sites (Cathedral of St. Paul, Blessed Sacrament Church, EWTN)

Aug. 16: Parish Pilgrimage: Our Favorite Pilgrimage Sites

Sep. 13: Visit four of the Madison County Parishes (St. Joseph, Holy Spirit, Good Shepherd, Our Lady Help of Christians)

Sep. 27-29: Three day Pilgrimage to a National Shrine

Oct. 18-25: Seven day Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City

Nov. 2: All Souls Mass at Visitation Columbarium

Dec. 15: Jubilee Celebration at Visitation



2025 Lenten Opportunities

Our Theme: Renew, Be Holy

**"This is the will of God that you be holy."
(1 Thes 4:3)**

Daily Meditation Booklet: "Living with Passion"

Practice Virtues Daily; Pilgrimage

Prayer Ribbons

Ash Wednesday Services 8:00 am, 12:15 & 6:00 pm

Sundays: Video Series

FORMED: "How to Lent" & "Foretold"

9:15-10:45 am in Visitation Hall

Wednesdays: Bible Study with Fr. Joy

10:00-11:00 am in Visitation Hall

Fridays: Stations of the Cross 12:15 pm & 7:00 pm

Adoration 6:00-7:00 pm

Potluck Suppers 3/14, 4/4, 4/11 5:30 pm-Trecy Hall

Fish Fry Dinners 3/7, 3/21, 3/28 5:00 pm-Parish Hall

Saturday, March 15: St. Patrick's Day Parade

Thursday, March 20: Meditation on the
7 Last Words of Christ at 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 5: Lenten Penance Service
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

April 6, 7, 8: Parish Mission
Fr. Joel Martin, OSB (Cullman Abbey)

Saturday, April 12: Confirmation-Bishop Baker
10:00 am

Holy Week

Palm Sunday (April 13)

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm, Sunday Mass 8:00 & 11:00 am

Tenebrae (April 14, 15, 16)

(Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)—7:30 pm

Maundy Thursday (April 17)

Morning Prayer 8:00 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm

Adoration 8:00—10:00 pm

Good Friday (April 18)

Morning Prayer 8:00 am

Stations of the Cross and Reflection 12:00 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet (First Day of Novena) 3:00 pm

Passion Liturgy 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday (April 19)

Morning Prayer 8:00 am

Food Blessing 9:00 am

Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday (April 20)

7:30 am Divine Mercy Novena; Mass 8:00 & 11:00 am

**Divine Mercy Novena (April 18 thru April 26): Weekdays
after the morning Mass and weekends before the Mass**


Pentecost (June 8)

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm, Sunday Mass 8:00 & 11:00 am

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April Saints & Observances

- 2 - St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
- 4 - St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
- 7 - St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
- 11 - St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
- 13 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- 17 - Holy Thursday
- 18 - Good Friday
- 19 - Holy Saturday
- 20 - Easter Sunday
- 27 - Divine Mercy Sunday
- 28 - St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr & St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
- 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- 30 - St. Pius V, Pope



**Saint Veronica's
Blanket Ministry**

New and experienced
"crocheters" welcome!

Join us as we use our craft to bless
the new babies, sick and homebound
in our parish.

Thursday, April 10, 4:15-5:45
Visitation Hall

POC Jackie Henderson cjadk@aol.com

Pictures from Around the Parish

If you have pictures of your ministry event or pictures from around the parish, those can be submitted along with a write-up if you choose to at visitationnews@gmail.com. Please send submissions by the 15th of the month to be included in the next newsletter.



Paid Position Opening - Nursery Worker

The nursery worker cares for children four and under during Sunday Masses. If interested, please call the church office or email your resume to smvparish@smvparish.org.

Notice

The two renovated restrooms in Treacy Hall will be available for use during the weekend Masses so that the waiting line for the restroom in the church narthex could be eliminated. One of the restrooms is wheelchair accessible.

Suggestions?

Please submit any suggestions or comments to improve the SMV Newsletter or items you would like to see in the newsletter to: visitationnews@gmail.com. If you have pictures of your ministry event or pictures from around the parish, those can be submitted along with a write-up if you choose to the same email above. Please send submissions by the 15th of the month to be included in the next newsletter.



Here are some pictures of our newly received members into Full Communion of the Catholic Church who received Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist at the 11:00am Mass on March 30th!



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St. Mary of the Visitation Parishioners and Brother Knights ,

Charity and Faith remain very strong with Gods' blessings upon our parish and our Knights of Columbus Council. In humbleness and gratitude our Knights Council wishes to share with the parish where the support gets donated.....

Our KoC Council has donated in the past 11 years over \$98,700 !

[These are just a few entities that received our donations](#)

St. Mary Visitation Church	Rachel's Vineyard	Coats for Kids
St. Vincent DePaul Scty.	SMV Education Prgm.	KOC Disaster Relief
Catholic Concern Hntsvl.	JP II High School	Manna House
Holy Family School	Madison Rescue Squad	Madison Food Pantry
Veterans Museum	Special Olympics	Little Sisters of the Poor
Ukrainian Refugee Fund	United Cerebral Palsy	Ultrasound Initiative
Birmingham Diocese	Intellectual Disabilities	St. Judes Children's Hospital
Meals on Wheels	Boy Scouts of America	
Huntsville Rescue Mission	SMV P.C. Kitchen Equip.	
Seminarian Support	SMV Office Equipment	

Parishioner's of our St. Mary of the Visitation Church are the most generous supporters of our Councils Charitable endeavors !

Programs such as our monthly breakfast, Coffee, Christmas Cards and Fish Fry's enable us to support so many Charitable endeavors. God has truly blessed our Council with a very supportive parish and group of brothers (and their families) that are kind, charitable, and service oriented who are always ready, willing, and able to serve our parish and community. All of our efforts enrich our Souls and the Souls of our supporters ... This is a beautiful thing.

Our Knights of Columbus Council thanks all parishioners for your generous support !

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St. Mary's Knights of Columbus invites **all** men to this program

"Into the Breach" is a groundbreaking 12-episode video series from the Knights of Columbus that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. "Into the Breach" tells men they are made for greatness and challenges them to achieve it by founding their lives on God and pursuing heroic virtue.

Inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation to Catholic men, each episode explores a different aspect of authentic Catholic masculinity and features well-known Catholic speakers, as well as the personal story of a man who has deeply experienced the episode's topic in his own life. Speakers include Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jason Evert and many others. Each episode is independent of the rest. Should you miss one or so it's no big deal! We will eat a small breakfast, watch the ~15 minute video for that month, and then discuss. Coffee and egg casserole provided. Please bring a protein favorite or sweets if you wish. Age appropriate = 18+.

Contact Chris Henderson with any questions,
251-458-6700 or cathdad1970@gmail.com

Third Saturday each month. Begins February 15, 0700 - 0800 hrs .
At St. Mary's Parish Hall formal room. 220 Lincoln St. NE.



Knights of Columbus Monthly Family Breakfast

April 27 8:30 - 10:30am

**Blueberry Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Buttermilk
Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Fried Potatoes,
Breakfast Dessert Muffins, Fresh Fruit,
Instant Oatmeal Varieties**

Hot Tea Assortment, Coffee, Orange Juice, Milk

Adults \$10, 16yrs & under \$4, Free 5yrs & under
\$30 family cap = 2 adults plus 3 or more children
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220 Lincoln Street NE

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**&
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Following is a list of ministries from the Formation and Hospitality Commissions, along with the National Organizations that rely on parishioners to serve; and when they meet/serve. Questions can be directed to the Ministry heads. Next month, ministries from the Prayer and Service Commissions will be listed. A ministry brochure with details about each ministry is available in the narthex.

Ladies Sodality, Mary Davis, charleyslucy@gmail.com, 256-881-3152—First Thursday after 8:00am Mass

Ambassadors, Kathy Nerger, knerger@pm.me, 256-617-4203—Before and after weekend Masses

Food Pantry, Martha Jordan, marthaannjordan@gmail.com—Food Distribution Sundays 12:00-1:00pm First

Friday Lite Breakfast, Mary G. Davis, charleyslucy@gmail.com

Friday Morning Coffee Social, Hilda Gabrys, rhgabrys@att.net—Fridays after 8:00am Mass

Hospitality Tent, Jerry & Renee Wilson, sportnstitch@gmail.com—After weekend Masses

Nicodemus Ministry (Funeral assistance), Renee Wilson, sportnstitch@gmail.com

St. Lawrence Ministry (Social Committee), Ed Poniatowski, skibert@aol.com, 256-426-8874—Last
Wednesday

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Chastity Bradford, rosesformary@gmail.com, 423-308-1108—First
Tuesday

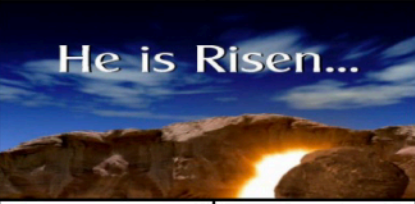



Knights of Columbus, Kirk Wimsett, 256.479.5860—Second Wednesday



PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THE CALENDAR.

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<h1>He is Risen...</h1> 		1 7:30am Confessions 8am Mass 6pm Pickleball/PH 6pm Catholic Daughters/TH 6pm Finance Council/O	2* 7:30am Confessions 8am Mass & Novena 6pm Becoming Catholic/TH	3 7:30am Confessions 8am Mass 8:30am Ladies Sodality/TH 10am Bible Study-Fr. Joy/VH 6pm Men of St. Joseph/HFR	4 7:30am Confessions 8am Mass/Anointing 8:30am Lite Breakfast/VH 12:15 Stations of the Cross 5:30pm Potluck Supper/TH 6pm Adoration 7pm Stations of the Cross Abstinence	5 10am-Noon Lenten Penance Service 4pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass
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