



St. Mary of the Visitation

Huntsville, Alabama

October 2024 Newsletter



Parish Center
220 Lincoln St.

Please note: The church parking lots (lower—north and back—east) will be **CLOSED Monday, September 30 thru Friday October 4** to be cleaned, resealed, and striped. Due to the parking lot closures, the kneeler reupholstering, and the Diocesan Priests' Retreat, there will be no morning Masses and confessions this week and any meetings held at the Administration building during these dates will need to be rescheduled or please park outside of the parking lots. Thank you for your cooperation.

October—Month of the Holy Rosary



4th Annual 24-hour Chain Rosary

On Sunday, October 6, we will begin a 24-hour chain rosary prayer. The non-stop rosary will begin at 7:30am with Adoration and will conclude with Adoration on Monday October 7, at 7:30am with Mass following at 8:00am. **Please sign-up in the narthex or on our website, smvparish.com.** We are making a special plea to Our Lady for her intercession to help in our renovations.

October Saints & Observances

- 1-St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- 2-The Holy Guardian Angels
- 4-St. Francis of Assisi
- 5-St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
- 6-St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
- 7-Our Lady of the Rosary
- 9-St. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs;
St. John Leonardi, Priest
- 11-St John XXIII, Pope
- 14-St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
- 15-St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- 16-St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
- 17-St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
- 18-St. Luke, Evangelist
- 19-Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and
Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantara
- 20-St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- 22-St. John Paul II, Pope
- 23-St. John of Capistrano, Priest
- 24-St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
- 28-Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

No First Thursday Adoration or First Friday Mass/Anointing in October due to the church parking lot closures and kneeler reupholstering. Both will resume in November.

**Into the Deep Canceled for October
We will meet again on Wednesday, November 6.**

Pet/ Companion Blessing in Mary's Garden Courtyard



**Sunday, October 6
1:00pm**

On this page are invitations for men, women, and families to join fellow parishioners and be involved in your parish community. If you haven't found a place in the ministries offered, reach out to the Ministry Coordinator at smv.ministries@gmail.com with comments and/or suggestions.

The Homebound Ministry needs volunteers who can 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, please contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com.

You are invited to:
SMV Parish Pot Luck and Dance
Boots and Hats encouraged but not necessary!
 Friday, October 11, 5:30pm
 Saint Mary of the Visitation
 Parish Hall
 220 Lincoln Street
All ages welcome! *Bring a dish to share!*



Dust off your boots and hats! Join us at our Fall Parish Pot Luck and Dance! Bring a dish to share and come ready to boot, scoot and boogie! (See what I did there?) All ages are welcome! Friday, October 11, 5:30pm. For more info, contact Jackie Henderson, cjadk@aol.com.



The Saint Veronica Blanket Ministry will kick off its first meeting on Monday, October 7, 4 pm, in the Fr. Treacy Room at SMV. We will get to know each other, plan projects and pair up learners with teachers! Maybe you just want to be present, support and pray? Come! For more info contact Jackie Henderson, cjadk@aol.com.

All ladies of the parish are invited to the **Women's Ministry on Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 pm.** We are a community of faithful women inspired by our Blessed Mother Mary who come together for prayer, friendship, and service. This month we have **Guest Speaker, Jennifer Colsch who will share her inspiring story of Love, Loss, and Hope.** *One of her five children, Jonathan, was a child with many special needs. It is the story of his life and death that she feels called to share because it is through Jonathan that she is most able to see that God is truly always with us.* **Come hear Jennifer's story of faith and love.** For more information about the Women's Ministry, please contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com.

St. Mary of the Visitation **Food Panty** will continue Sunday food distributions to our community families and individuals during the summer months so your donations will be even more important to our families in need. Our **most needed items for the month of October** are the following: **canned vegetables (any kind); canned fruit; Chef Boyardee; peanut butter, jelly; canned chicken, or meat; cereal (regular size).**

If there's a "food drive" at your work, school, organization, or gym please consider SMV's Food Pantry for your donations. We accept all non-perishable items. Thank you for your generous support and donations.

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 Code



CALLING ALL PRAYER WARRIORS!

A Rosary Novena for Our Country—coordinated by St. Joseph Catholic Church parishioner, Rita Cusack

The Rosary will be prayed at the gazebo in **Big Spring Park every Sunday starting on September 8 for nine weeks** before the elections in November (Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, **Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Nov. 3**). **All are invited to join us in this prayer for our country.** If you can't join in person, please join us in prayer. **The Rosary will begin at 2:00pm each Sunday, rain or shine.** If you would like to lead a decade, call 256-379-5112 and leave a message with your name and phone number and you will be contacted. Rosaries and pamphlets will be available.



To all those who volunteer their time and talents in the upkeep of our buildings and grounds, **YOU ARE SO APPRECIATED!**

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.



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, cjadk@aol.com.

Updated pictures on the ADA compliant side door entrance.

The Door and the Builder

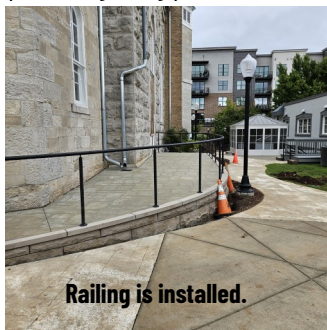


Altar step is being rebuilt.

Railing is installed.



Damon & Beth Beck are parishioners who built the door with white oak and it is eight quarters thick. The door is currently at the painters getting primed.



Railing is installed.

Pictured at right is **Damon Beck (L)**, builder of the door and **Mike Janssen (R)**, project manager.



Construction is progressing, but we still need your help to complete the project!

There will be a **second collection** on the **second Sunday** of each month specifically to help with costs associated with an ADA Compliant door and ramp. **Please contribute to this worthwhile and inclusive project.**

Thank you for your consideration!

You may also donate here:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YJCJ/home>

Memorial Bricks

There are less than **60** memorial bricks (8"x8") still available in Mary's Prayer Garden. Suggested donation is \$100. **The plan, layout, and order forms are in the narthex or at the office.**



Once the remaining bricks have been engraved and installed, the bricks will be finished to completion.



The Knights of Columbus
Are in need of used artificial **Christmas trees/plants**. To donate, please contact Patrick Davis at 610.322.0857 or tpatrickdavis81@gmail.com



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 submittals by the 15th of the month to be included in the next newsletter.

SMV On-line Parish Directory

Please take a few minutes to add your family picture to our parish directory. You can download the app to your phone or access it from your PC. Use the appropriate link below:

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

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

PC - <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com>

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

Pictures from around the Parish

Women's Ministry at Brosemer Flower Farm



BEST DECORATIONS!

Oktoberfest with the 55+ Group

Top-notch Bartender!

PROST!



Door Prizes

Who knew calling bingo was so complicated?

Bingo Prizes

Awesome Cookies!

GUESS HOW MANY ? ? ? ?



Fun Games

PROST!

Door Prize Winner!!



St. Lawrence sponsored Classic Cartoon Matinee

Fun Time Lots of Laughs

All 55+ parishioners are invited to a **Halloween Potluck Luncheon** on Friday, October 18, 12:00pm in the Formal Room at the Parish Center.

Watch for more details in the weekly email announcements and the bulletin.