



Guide to Ministries

St. Mary of the Visitation
Catholic Parish

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Leadership of Visitation

Pastor: Rev. Joy Thomas Nellisery, PHD

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Service Commission Chair

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Ministries Coordinator

Cherie Miller: ministries.smv@gmail.com

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I PRAYER COMMISSION

Chair: Connie Eimer

1. Altar Flower Ministry

Arrange fresh flowers for the altars

Greg Jones: 256-651-2505 / mistertolson@gmail.com

2. Altar Servers

Open to male and female, ages 7 - Adult

(Completed First Holy Communion)

Karen Vandiver: 256-851-7504 / jcvandiver@ieee.org

3. Blessed Mother Grotto Flowers

Arranges fresh flowers at Mary's outdoor statue

Karen Vandiver: 256-851-7604

jcvandiver@ieee.org

4. Candle Light (Devotional) Ministry:

Ron Eimer: ronandcon2u@comcast.net

5. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Billy Wilson: billyraywilson@gmail.com

6. Mary's Hand

Arrange the Hymnals and bookmark them, fill oils for

altar candles, clean pews, and water plants

Cristina Benzenhafer: 256-652-9362

7. Ministry of the Word [Lectors]

Presenting sacred scriptures in a clear voice

Erin Boles: 256-603-6781 / erindacy@icloud.com

8. Music Ministry

Jackie Henderson: 251-602-6963 / cjadk@aol.com

Loralee Fontenot: lcculber@gmail.com (11:00am only)

9. Prayer Warriors

Pray for the needs of anyone who contacts St. Mary's:

SMV Office: 256-536-6349

smvparish@smvparish.org

10. Rosary Prayer Group

Lead and guide Rosary prayer before Mass

Karen Vandiver: 256-851-7504 cvandiver@ieee.org

11. Rosary Making Ministry

Make rosaries for give-away basket in church

Jed Park: jedpark66@gmail.com

12. Sacristan Ministry

Service to Church and Holy Sanctuary

Connie Eimer: ronandcon2u@comcast.net

13. St. Hunna Altar Linen Ministry

Launder, iron and return to the sacristy

Jen Skupien: jenskup5@gmail.com

14. St. Veronica Blanket Ministry

To cover our new babies, homebound and sick with

prayer and a blanket/shawl

Jackie Henderson: 251-602-6963 / cjadk@aol.com

15. Ushers

Robert Smith: estate60@outlook.com

II FORMATION COMMISSION

Chair: Mike Janssen 256-603-0634

1. Baptism Prep Class

Class for parents, only required once

Jed & Sally Park: jedpark66@gmail.com or

sallywallyp@yahoo.com

2. Becoming Catholic

Expedited program for baptized Christians who

wish to become Catholic

Mike Janssen: mjj032753@gmail.com

3. Catholic Book Club

LuAnn Poniatowski: mna-mna@comcast.net

4. Marriage Preparation Ministry

Conway Ellers: c2ellers@comcast.net

5. Expecting Mothers Ministry

Supporting expecting mothers with prayers and a

delivered meal

Reilly Duvall: 703-479-4703

reillycuccinelli9@protonmail.com

6. Faith Formation Adult (Parish Hall)

Focus on spirituality, history, art

Evelyn Jaap: evelyn.jaap@gmail.com

7. Faith Formation Adult (Visitation Hall)

Focus on the Catholic Church and social issues

Mike Janssen: mjj032753@gmail.com

8. Faith Formation Youth (Sunday School)

Instruction for children (PreK-Confirmation) in our

Catholic Faith

Jennifer Kilroy, Dir. of Religious Ed.

jenniferkilroy@gmail.com

9. High School Apologetics

How to understand and defend the Catholic faith

for post-confirmation teens

Colleen Earley: colleenearley9@gmail.com

10. Ladies Sodality

Helping hands for parishioners and Church

Mary Davis: 256-881-3152

charleyslucy@gmail.com

11. Life in Faith (LIF)

Examining spiritual needs of St. Mary's

Mike Janssen: mjj032753@gmail.com

12. Men of St. Joseph

Focus on spiritual growth, brotherhood & living the

Gospel

Dn. Jeff Montgomery: deaconjeff@smvparish.org

13. Nazareth House

Helping special needs children to receive the

Sacraments

Judith Gregory: jagregory59@gmail.com

14. Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

OCIA is for those interested in learning more about or joining the Catholic Church

Deacon Jeff Montgomery:

SMVParish.OCIA@gmail.com

15. Pray and Play

Opportunity for Mothers to gather with their children to join in fellowship while their children play together

Erin Townsend:

erin.townsend18@gmail.com

16. Bible Study—Scripture Conversations

Diane Sachs: 703-932-3983

diane.h.sachs@gmail.com

17. The Light Ahead

The Journey of Addition & Recovery

Nicky Lanza: 256-682-2545

nlanza32@gmail.com

18. Women's Group

Uplifting women in the spirit of The Visitation

Liz Montgomery: 281-705-6697

elizabeth35758@gmail.com

19. Young Professionals

For those in their 20s and 30s

Ronan Lucey: 860-830-9344

smvyoungadults@smvparish.org

III HOSPITALITY COMMISSION

Chair: Ed Poniatowski 256-426-8874

1. Ambassadors

Greeters; staffers for the hospitality gazebo

Kathy Nerger: 256-617-4203 / knerger@pm.me

2. Cooking Ministry

Provides food for sacrament receptions and funerals

Sally Park: sallywallyp@yahoo.com

3. Donut Sunday

SMV Office: 256-536-6349

smvparish@smvparish.org

4. Food Pantry

Open to the whole community

Barbara Schiavone: bjschiavone@comcast.net

Wendy Springsteen: wlsprings4@gmail.com

5. First Friday Lite Breakfast

Mary Davis: 256-881-3152

charleyslucy@gmail.com

6. Friday Morning Coffee Social

Hilda Gabrys: rhgabrys@att.net

7. Hospitality Gazebo

Sets up for coffee and cookies (before Mass)

Jerry & Renee Wilson: sportnstitch@gmail.com

8. Nicodemus Ministry

Funeral assistance for liturgy and family

Renee Wilson: 256-658-2572

sportnstitch@gmail.com

9. St. Lawrence Ministry (Social Committee)

Coordinate parish-wide activities

Ed Poniatowski: 256-426-8874 / skibert@aol.com

IV SERVICE COMMISSION

Chair: Manfred Segewitz 256-527-2278

1. 55+ Group

Cherie Miller: 256-651-6492

miller.cherie@yahoo.com

2. Arts & Environment

Decorating church and campus

Mary Frances Brosemer: 256-852-3614

3. Buildings and Grounds

Maintains St. Mary's inside and out

Manfred Segewitz: 256-527-2278

manfseg@gmail.com

4. Collection Counters

Carolyn Hall: hallcarolyn52@gmail.com

5. Columbarium

Greg Skupien: ggskupien@gmail.com

6. Eucharistic Ministers for Sick & Shut-ins

Lydia Freund: 256-665-0275

freundfamily97@gmail.com.

7. Garden and Plants

Maintain front planters

Rita Segewitz: 256-280-6122

8. Homebound Prayer Ministry

Visits and prays for the homebound

Steve Venckus: svenckus1@verizon.net

9. Meals on Wheels

Delivering meals to the homebound

SMV Office: 256-536-6349

smvparish@smvparish.org

10. Mental Health Birthdays

For Wellstone Behavioral Health Center

Evelyn Jaap: 256-536-4156

evelyn.jaap@gmail.com

11. Newsletter

Weekly/Monthly parish news emails

Camille Travis: visitationnews@gmail.com

12. St. Michael's Ministry

Handles parish safety and security

Ed Poniatowski: 256-426-8874

skibert@aol.com

13. Wedding Coordinator

Debbie Jones: jones.deboraha@gmail.com

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Chastity Bradford: 423-309-1108

rosesforsaintmary@gmail.com

2. Knights of Columbus Huntsville Council

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Kirk Wimsett: 256-479-5860