



St. Mary of the Visitation  
Catholic Parish  
**Guide to Ministries**

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**Leadership of Visitation**

**Pastor: Rev. Joy Thomas Nellisery, PHD**  
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**Service Commission Chair**

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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. Altar Linen Ministry**

Launder, iron and return to the sacristy

Jen Skupien: jenskup5@gmail.com

**4. Blessed Mother Grotto Flowers**

Arranges fresh flowers at Mary's outdoor statue

Karen Vandiver: 256-851-7604

jcvandiver@ieee.org

**5. Candle Light (Devotional) Ministry:**

Ron Eimer: ronandcon2u@comcast.net

**6. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Billy Wilson: billyraywilson@gmail.com

**7. Mary's Hand**

Arrange the Hymnals and bookmark them, fill oils for altar candles and clean pews

Cristina Benzenhafer: 256-652-9362

**8. Ministry of the Word [Lectors]**

Presenting sacred scriptures in a clear voice

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

**9. Music Ministry**

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

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

**10 Prayer Warriors**

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

smvparish@smvparish.org

SMV Office: 256-536-6349

**11. Rosary Prayer Group**

Lead and guide Rosary prayer before Mass

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

**12. Rosary Making Ministry**

Make rosaries for give-away basket in church

Jed Park: jedpark66@gmail.com

**13. Sacristan Ministry**

Service to Church and Holy Sanctuary

Connie Eimer: ronandcon2u@comcast.net

**14. 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. Bible Study**

Diane Sachs: 703-932-3983

diane.h.sachs@gmail.com

**4. Catholic Book Club**

LuAnn Poniatowski: mna-mna@comcast.net

**5. Expecting Mothers Ministry**

Supporting expecting mothers with prayers and a delivered meal

Amanda Freiburger: 256-585-7144

amanda.freiburger@gmail.com

**6. Faith Formation Adult (Parish Hall)**

Focus on spirituality, history, art

Evelyn Jaap: evelyn.jaap@gmail.com

**7. Formation Formation Adult (Visitation Hall)**

Focus on 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. Into the Deep

Discussions about Catholicism and spiritual life  
Dn. Jeff Montgomery | deaconjeff@smvparish.org

## 11. Ladies Sodality

Helping hands for parishioners and Church  
Mary Davis: 256-881-3152  
charleyslucy@gmail.com

## 12. Life in Faith (LIF)

Examining spiritual needs of St. Mary's  
Mike Janssen | mjj032753@gmail.com

## 13. Men of St. Joseph

Focus on spiritual growth, brotherhood & living the Gospel

Dn. Jeff Montgomery  
deaconjeff@smvparish.org

## 14. Nazareth House

Helping special needs children to receive the Sacraments

Judith Gregory: jagregory59@gmail.com

## 15. North Huntsville Catholic Youth Group

Teens in grades 7-12 from St. Mary's,  
St. Joseph's, Queen of the Universe  
Misty McGriff: 256-221-3052  
misty.mcgriff@gmail.com

## 16. 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

## 17. Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA is for those interested in learning more about or joining the Catholic Church  
Deacon Jeff Montgomery:  
jeffmontgomery35758@gmail.com

## 18. The Light Ahead

The Journey of Addition & Recovery  
Nicky Lanza , 256-682-2545 | nlanza32@gmail.com

## 19. Women's Group

Uplifting women in the spirit of The Visitation  
Liz Montgomery: 281-705-6697  
elizabeth35758@gmail.com

## 20. 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, coordinating ministries, tours, and community outreach

Kathy Nerger: 256-617-4203

kathenerger@protonmail.com

### 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

Martha Jordan: 256-655-7098

marthaannjordan@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 Tent

Sets up tent 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/

## 2. Arts & Environment

Decorating church and campus  
Mary Frances Brosemer: 256-854-3614

## 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

Liz Montgomery: 281-705-6697  
elizabeth35758@gmail.com

## 7. Garden and Plants

Maintain front planters  
Rita Segewitz: 256-652-8791

## 8. Meals on Wheels

Delivering meals to the homebound

Office: 256-536-6349

smvparish@smvparish.org

## 9. Mental Health Birthdays

For Wellstone Behavioral Health Center  
Evelyn Jaap: 256-536-4156  
evelyn.jaap@gmail.com

## 10. Newsletter

Weekly/Monthly parish news emails  
Cherie Miller: visitationnews@gmail.com

## 11. St. Michael's Ministry

Handles parish safety and security  
Ed Poniatowski: 256-426-8874  
skibert@aol.com

## 12. 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 #4080

Kirk Wimsett, 256-479-5860