

St. Mary of the Visitation opportunities offered for faith, fellowship, charity, and service during the next week. You are invited to join the events below. If applicable, contact information is listed for the event.



Are you ready to make a journey of faith? The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**, formerly known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is the **Catholic Church's process** for welcoming new members and guiding them through the **journey of conversion and initiation into the Catholic faith**. It's a gradual process of learning, prayer, and spiritual formation designed for adults.

We will have a Meet & Greet this Sunday, August 16 at 9:30 am in the Fr. Treacy Hall.

OCIA class starts Sunday, August 23 for the Sunday session at 9:30 am in the Fr. Treacy Hall. And the Wednesday session starts August 26 at 6:00 pm in the Fr. Treacy Hall.

Registration forms are located in the back of the church or on the church's website under "Becoming Catholic". Submit completed forms to the church office or to Deacon Jeff. If you have questions, contact Deacon Jeff or Liz Montgomery at smvparish.ocia@gmail.com.

We look forward to helping you on your journey of faith.



Bake Sale Come satisfy your sweet tooth and support St. Mary's Catholic Daughters Court, Roses for St. Mary, at our **Back-to-School Bake Sale** this weekend after all Masses in Visitation Hall. All proceeds will help us fund various future CDA projects and church programs like the building fund.

Women's Ministry

We're back from summer break and excited to kick off our new season of fun, fellowship, and faith sharing. Mark your calendars and join us for an evening of fun at a Craft Night to paint a tote bag on **Thursday, August 20th at 6:00pm in Fr. Treacy Hall**. There will be many designs to choose from to personalize your tote bag. **There are 24 spots, so reserve your place now**. Contact Liz Montgomery at elizabeth35758@gmail.com or 281-705-6697.

Whether you have been a devoted, long-time member of the Women's Ministry for years or you are looking to join us for the very first time, we look forward to seeing you as we grow in our faith together.

Wednesday, August 12 (TODAY/TONIGHT)

Knights of Columbus at the Parish Hall 6:00pm Rosary, 6:30pm meeting
Tony Soto, 334-447-0558

Thursday, August 13

Men of St. Joseph in the Holy Family Room 6:00pm Dn. Jeff Montgomery, jeffmontgomery@gmail.com

St. Raphael in Treacy Hall 6:30pm Kora Davis, kora33@att.net

Friday, August 14

Coffee Social in Visitation Hall after the 8:00am Mass

Saturday, August 15

Into the Breach 7:00am at the Parish Hall Chris Henderson, 251.458.6700 or cathtdad1970@gmail.com

Saturdays with God everyone is invited to meet at the church grounds at 8:30am to work on various buildings and grounds projects (no special skills required) Manfred Segewitz, 256.527.2278)

Food Pantry Meeting at Visitation Hall 10:00am Wendy Springsteen, wlsprings4@gmail.com

Catholic Daughters Bake Sale in Visitation Hall after Mass

Sunday, August 16

KofC Family Breakfast at the Parish Hall 9:00-10:30am

Food Pantry Food Distribution on the sidewalk at lower parking lot 12:00-1:00pm

Catholic Daughters Bake Sale in Visitation Hall after all Masses

Monday, August 17

St. Veronica Blanket Ministry at Treacy Hall 6:00pm Dianne Devito, diannecdevito@gmail.com or 540.623.7585

Saint Frassati Adventurers

Early RSVP needed for the following event.

Saturday, August 29th at 10:00

Kayaking-Flint River - North Alabama Canoe & Kayak (NACK)

1143 Moontown Road, Brownsboro, AL, 35741

Minimum attendees: 8 or more.

Please contact Julie Bury for details at Julie_Bury@yahoo.com

See below for additional Adventurers opportunities.

Saint Frassati Adventurers has the following events scheduled for August. Women ages 19 and older are welcome to sign up for these events. Join us as we build lasting friendships, strengthen our faith, and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors! Contact Julie Bury at Julie_Bury@yahoo.com for detailed information of each event and to reserve a spot. All of the activities for the month of August are rated **Easy**.

✦ Wednesday, August 19th at 9:00

1.5 mile hike at Green Mountain Nature Preserve

✦ Friday, August 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Lowe Mills, concert on the dock (outdoors) featuring The Gumption - an Austin, TX based outfit inspired by the sounds of Western Swing, Country, Bluegrass, Jazz, and Blues. Bring a chair. Admission is Free.

✦ Saturday, August 29th at 10:00am

Kayaking on Flint River. See details above.

FIFTY-FIVE PLUS {55+}

Let's squeeze out some time for socializing and fun!

**AUGUST 21st - 5:00 pm
At the Parish Hall**

**Grilled Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and
Beverages will be provided.
Please bring a side dish or
dessert to share.**



Catholic Questions Corner



Q.1: Why the Protestant Bible has seven books less than the Catholic Bible?

Answer

The Bible at the time of Jesus was called the Hebrew Bible. It consisted of only Old Testament books. The original was in Hebrew language. When [the majority](#) of the Jews living outside Palestine started speaking Greek, a group of seventy experts were sent to Alexandria to translate the Hebrew Bible into Greek, as requested by the emperor. The Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible was called the Septuagint Bible. But it contained 46 books. The seven additional books were 1) Judith, 2) Baruch, 3) Sirach (Ecclesiastes), 4) Wisdom, 5) Tobit, and 6) Maccabees I & 7) Maccabees II. Besides, there were some additions to Esther (Vulgate Esther 10:4-16:24) and additions to Daniel: (Prayer of Azariah and Song of the Three Holy Children, Bel and the Dragon). Since Jesus and the apostles used the Septuagint Bible, the Pharisees who finalized the official list (canon) of the Hebrew Bible books in AD 90, called the additional books in the Septuagint Bible "apocrypha" meaning not inspired or Deuterocanonical books. But the recent discovery of fragments of three Deuterocanonical books among the Dead Sea scrolls found at Qumran proves that they were part of the ancient Hebrew Bible. Since the early Church spread mostly among Greek speaking Jews and gentiles, it accepted Septuagint as its Bible. That is why out of the approximately 340 New Testament references to the Old Testament 300 are from the Septuagint. At the Council of Rome in 382 [AD](#), the Church finalized a canon of 46 Old Testament books (including the Deuterocanonical books) and 27 in the New Testament. This decision was ratified and confirmed by the councils at Hippo (393), Carthage (397, 419), [II Nicea](#) (787), Florence (1442), and Trent (1546). All Christians believed the 46 books of the Old Testament as inspired books until Martin Luther in the 16th century discarded the Deuterocanonical books as uninspired because they were not found in the Hebrew Bible finalized in the first century AD by the anti-Christian Jews. But they were retained at the end of the protestant bibles (King James Version) until the Edinburgh Committee of the British Foreign Bible Society excised them in 1825. The Catholic Church considers them inspired and integral part of the Bible.





Cookbook

The Knights of Columbus want to thank all those who have submitted recipes for their cookbook and remind everyone that **recipes are still being accepted**. Forms are available in the narthex.



**Would You Consider
Joining the
Knights of Columbus ?**



Contact Tony Soto : 334-447-0558 or kofc4080@gmail.com

In Service to One, In Service to All



Knights of Columbus
Monthly
Family Breakfast



New Banquet Hall !
New Breakfast Menu !

WAFFLES !

Blueberry Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs,
Buttermilk Pancakes, Toast, Sausage
Bacon, Ham, Fried Potatoes

Fresh Fruit

Breakfast Dessert Muffins

Instant Oatmeal Varieties

Hot Tea Assortment, Coffee, Orange Juice, Milk

***** Adults \$10, 16yrs & under \$5, Free 5yrs & under
***** \$30 family cap = 2 adults plus three or more children*****

Check, Cash, Credit Card

St. Mary Visitation Parish Banquet Hall

220 Lincoln Street NE

Sunday, August 16TH 9am - 10:30

Proceeds Benefit Rachels Vineyard, St Judes CH and many
other KofC Endeavors



Knights of Columbus
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Great Gift Idea

For Family - Party Hosts - Friends - Coworkers

OR

Your-Self

Fresh Coffee - 6 Bean Blend

DARK ROAST - REGULAR ROAST

Decaf 2 bean Blend

Whole Bean or Ground

\$18 suggested donation