

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861



Parish Center
220 Lincoln St.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - Friday 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 11:00am

Nursery provided next door in Treacy Hall for both Sunday Masses.

Confession

Tuesday - Friday 7:30am

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00pm

Or by appointment

Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction

1st Thursdays | 7:00pm

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Sacraments

Matrimony | Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

Infant Baptism | Class for parents, required only once; by appointment; before or after birth of baby.

Anointing of the Sick | First Friday after Mass or can be scheduled at anytime.

Our Mission

As the oldest Catholic community in northern Alabama, we welcome all to be empowered by the Holy Spirit, to love God, and follow Jesus Christ through faith, worship, and witness.

Office Hours

Mon-Thu 8:30am-3:30pm | Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.3741

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Mt 25:38-40

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Save the Date

December 2: KofC
Cornhole & BBQ

Dec 6 & 13: KofC Advent
Activity Nights

Dec 7, 14, & 21: Adoration

December 10:
Christmas Dinner

December 20:
Waiting In Darkness,
An Evening of Song,
Organ, & O Antiphons

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: **\$14,470**

Nov 11/12, 2023 Income:

Weekly Church Support.....\$14830

Holy Family School.....\$ 155

JPII High School.....\$ 0

Due to an early bulletin deadline, the financial contributions for November 18-19 will be included in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

For information on how to donate online, see page 2 of the bulletin.

Prayer, Worship, Ministry

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Parish Registration

If you are 18 years of age or older, attend Visitation on a regular basis and have not registered, please register at the parish. The registration form is on our website or pick up a form on the buffet in the narthex. Any changes to your information can also be made on the form.

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp will burn each day for the intentions of one of our parish families. If possible, please stop by the church on your day and say a prayer.

Nov 26–Dec 3 For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. & Mrs. George Kitchens

Mon Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Klug

Tue Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Knight

Wed Mr. & Mrs. Pless Knight

Thu Mr. & Mrs. Mike Knighten

Fri Mr. Nathan Kobe

Sat Mr. & Mrs. David Kopp



WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of November 26, 2023

Sun: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tues: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thurs: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22 **St. Andrew, Apostle**

Fri: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Sat: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Faith Formation

PRAY WITH US!

Our 4th Grade class asks that we pray this week for all families to be safe, healthy, and happy.

Christmas Children's Choir

Children are welcome to join the special choir that leads the Lessons & Carols before the 4:30 Christmas Eve Mass. Readers preferred but non-readers can join with older siblings. Rehearsals are Dec 20-23, 9-11am in Treacy Hall. For more info contact Jackie Henderson at 251-602-6963

Online Giving

Contributions can be made through our website: smvparish.org by selecting the secure "Donate" button located at the top of the page. Please call the office if you have questions or for more information.

Altar flowers
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in memory of
Patrick McCoy



Nursery



Our nursery for preschool-aged children is open during the 8 & 11am Masses. It is located next door to the church in Treacy Hall.

Prayer Requests

Claudia McCoy, Liam Cook, Viola Cucullu, Anna Fowler, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Lynn Schneider, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Ben Geist, Marilyn Plonka, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Milton Mantler

Have A Prayer Request Or Need A Pastoral Visit?
Contact us for a prayer request 256.536.6349



1st Annual Cornhole Tournament

The Knights of Columbus is hosting its 1st Annual Cornhole Tournament Saturday, December 2nd at the Parish Hall. Tournament check-in will be at 11:00am, with play beginning at noon. Cost is \$50 per team & includes a meal. Registration deadline is November 27. **For more information contact Kirk Wimsett at kirk.wimsett@gmail.com**



Christmas Cards for Sale Today After Mass at the Church Office

Advent Wreaths

For sale after Masses this weekend and in the church office Mon-Fri. Wreath set: \$20.00 Candles Only: \$5.00

Christmas Dinner

The Parish Council is hosting St. Mary's annual Christmas dinner on Sunday, **December 10**, from **12:30-2:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. A traditional holiday meal with all the joys of the season is planned. Please join us to celebrate the Season of Christmas!

O Come, Let Us Adore

An opportunity to sit with our Lord. Confession available.

I look at Him, and He looks at me. -An old farmer to St John Vianney

7-8 pm

Saint Mary of the Visitation

December 7 - December 14 - December 21

Scripture Conversations

Come join our new Bible study this Wednesday,

November 29, at 11:00 am or 7 pm in Visitation Hall as we talk about the prior Sunday's readings and learn how we can apply them to our lives and personal evangelization.

The Saint Mary's Book Club

The St. Mary's Book Club will be reading "Joy to the World - How Christ's Coming Changed Everything (And Still Does)" by bestselling author Scott Hahn.

Christmas, is the story of a father, a mother, and a child - their relationships, their interactions, their principles, their individual lives, and their common life. To see the life of this "earthly trinity" is to gaze into heaven. Let's get into the Christmas spirit and enjoy a few weeks discussing this insightful book! We will meet in the Visitation Hall on December 4th at 7 pm. Hope to see YOU there! **For more info contact Luann Poniatowski at 256-426-8898.**



KOC Council 4080 Invites you to Advent Activity Nights at the SMV Parish Center 6:30 pm

Dinner will be served, by the Knights, not you!!

December 6: Rosary and Advent Saints
Be prepared to leave your shoes outside or bring an extra pair!

December 13: O Antiphons
Make wooden ornaments to use as we draw close to Christmas

Your RSVP helps us plan for supplies and food. Cathdad1970@gmail.com

2023 Advent Giving Tree

In the church TODAY after each Mass

This year our parish will give to the isolated & elderly living in our downtown community as well as to our weekly Food Pantry patrons. In addition to individually wrapped gifts, generic gender appropriate gift bags with small items can be selected from the tree for purchase.

- Select tag(s) from the tree and sign out in the notebook.
- Wrap the gift(s) and place them under the tree by Sunday, December 10th.
- If you want to purchase gift cards for the Giving Tree, they are \$25 and available after each Mass.

Members of the Food Pantry will be available to help.

Food Pantry Request

The Food Pantry has a need for the following: **Pasta; pasta sauce; soups; Chef Boyardee; Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper; canned meat, chicken, or tuna; Vienna Sausages; pork & beans; peanut butter, jelly; canned fruit; applesauce; fruit cups; Ramen noodles; instant oatmeal; and peanut butter or cheese crackers.**

Scan this QR code to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List. Or type in this link:



<https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>

This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 25

5:30pm | For the Parish (Novena #7)

Sunday, November 26

8:00am | Andy Wilson (I)

No Faith Formation Classes

No Food Pantry Distribution

11:00am | † Cathy Fortin

Monday, November 27

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

Tuesday, November 28

8:00am | For the Parish (Novena #8)

6:00-8:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

Wednesday, November 29

8:00am | † Fr. Lambert Greenan, OP

10:00-11:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

11:00am | Bible Study (VH)

6:00-8:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:00pm | St. Lawrence Ministry (TH)

7:00pm | Bible Study (VH)

Thursday, November 30

8:00 am | For the Parish (Novena #9)

6:00-8:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

Friday, December 1

8:00am | First Friday Mass & Anointing

8:00am | Dn. Jeff Montgomery (I)

8:30am | First Friday Lite Breakfast (VH)

Saturday, December 2

5:30pm | † Marguerite Leslie

Sunday, December 3

8:00am | For the Parish

9:00am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:15am-10:45am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

9:30-10:45am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | † Roger Crampton

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

(O) Office, (TH) Treacy Hall, (PH) Parish Hall

(VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp), (C) Church

Christmas Choirs

Christmas is coming & the choirs need you! Consider joining the choir for one of our Christmas liturgies. For More information contact Jackie Henderson at 251-602-6963.

Active membership at the Visitation is usually determined by: registration at the parish for at least six months; attendance at Mass every weekend; use of your financial stewardship envelopes or enrollment in On-line Giving or active involvement in parish ministries. Active membership status is required to serve on Parish Councils, as Commission Chairs, or to have parishioner status at local Catholic Schools.

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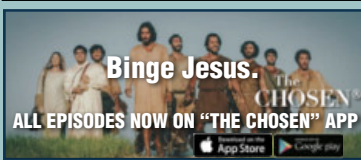
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