



April - Month of the Holy Spirit

Holy Thursday Adoration



*Adoration
April 2nd after
Mass until
10:00pm*

Help Wanted!

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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, cjadc@aol.com

Gazebo Volunteers

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One Mass once or twice a month. 8am & 11am Mass only. If you are interested in helping out please contact Patrick Davis at 610-322-0857 or tpatrickdavis81@gmail.com
Here is a link to sign up:
[Gazebo Sign-Up](#)

Women’s Ministry: New Mom Care Baskets

Our Blessed Mother Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth to offer support and encouragement. The Visitation reveals the beauty of faith in action. Mary responds to God’s call not only with trust, but with love and service. Her journey is an example of how the Holy Spirit moves hearts to charity, connection, and praise. In Mary’s embrace of Elizabeth, faith naturally overflows into joyful witness.



In the “spirit of the Visitation”, the Women’s Ministry would like to gift all the *new moms* of the parish with a special care basket to show support and encouragement. The heart behind this project is simply to show love to these women who give their all for their families, but are most likely not going to do something special for themselves. We want to show these moms they are seen, valued, and loved.

A donation box will be in the narthex if you want to contribute to these care baskets. Here is a list but it is not limited to these items: unscented lotions or essential oil soap bars, prepackaged portion-size snacks (trail mix, protein snacks, granola bars, dried fruit, cookies), packets of flavored electrolyte mixes, hair scrunchies or hair ties, eyeshades for naps, natural lip balms, herbal teas, cozy cotton socks, coffee, dark chocolates, sitz bath soaks, cooling pads, etc. We will gather together to pray for these new moms and assemble these care baskets on Thursday, April 16 at 6:00 pm in the Fr. Treacy Hall for our monthly meeting. Come join us!

If you’d like to help with meals for these new moms, please contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com, and she will contact the coordinator of the mothers’ ministries.

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.

SMV Online Parish Directory

Please add your family picture to our parish directory. You can download the app to your phone or access it from your PC.

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

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

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

End of Year and Graduation Mass & Reception!

Save the date! Fr. Jose and SMV will be hosting an end of year and graduation Mass and reception on June 4th. Who is invited? Huntsville Catholic Homeschoolers, homeschool graduates, folks with questions about homeschooling, folks considering homeschooling, folks who like people who happen to be homeschooling, folks who like parties and St. Mary of the Visitation...YOU! The reception is potluck and will probably include music and dancing. Hope you can join us!

Welcome to the Catholic Church!

It is our pleasure to extend heartfelt congratulations and blessings to the OCIA candidates who were received into full communion in the Catholic Church on Thursday, March 26th. These candidates celebrated their First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Steven Raica as the celebrant. Welcome to these candidates: Angela Arnold, Matthew Bice, Noah Blackwood, Tori Blackwood, Jacob Davisson, Xavier Dunson, Emily Dyar, Abi Fowler, Kelley Oberle, Chrystal Hayes, Peter Hayes, Maris Maslowas, Betty Mazingo, Carson Odneal, Ryan Ouyang, Ali Potwin, Emma Rivard, and Gage Stepien.

Also, congratulations to Bianca Allyn who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Fr. Jose through a special delegation from Bishop Steven Raica on February 27.



**SMV 2026 ANNUAL "FUN" DRAISER
CINCO DE DERBY**
(A NITE AT THE RACES & CINCO DE MAYO
COMBINED INTO ONE FUN NIGHT)
Saturday, May 2, at the Parish Hall
Doors open at 6:30pm, races begin at 7:00pm
\$25 entrance fee includes: Taco Bar Buffet, \$10 in "betting" chips, and lots of fun and fellowship. \$30 at the door.
Horse ownerships are available for a \$25 donation per horse—if your horse wins it's race, you are the winner of a \$100 prize.
Other fun games are available: 50/50 Raffle, Best Derby Hat and Cinco de Mayo Hat, Heads or Tails, and featuring SMV's own live "horse" race
Come be part of the fun—This is an adult-only event but free on-site childcare is provided by SMV's Catholic Daughters of America.
Mint Juleps, Margaritas, Wine, and Beer available for a donation.
Tickets/Horses go on sale after all Masses beginning April 11.

Notice

The two renovated restrooms in Treacy Hall will be available for use during the weekend Masses so that the waiting line for the restroom in the church narthex could be eliminated. One of the restrooms is wheelchair accessible.

Suggestions?

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

Eucharistic Encounter Retreat

The Diocese of Birmingham is holding a one day Eucharistic Encounter retreat in Birmingham on Saturday, April 25th for teens and young adults. St. Mary's will sponsor a High School group to attend this event. SMV families with high school students who wish to attend can let us know by signing them up through this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548ACAC22AB9-62952537-teen>



BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA
OFFICE OF CATECHESIS & CHRISTIAN RETIRED

TEEN & YOUNG ADULT

Eucharistic Encounter

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH
5514 DOUBLE OAK LN, BIRMINGHAM, AL
APRIL 25, 2026 * 9:30 AM - 5 PM

JOIN HANDS. STRENGTHEN FAITH.
IGNITE PURPOSE.

This special event invites teens and young adults to explore their faith, find encouragement, and grow together in community.

April Saints & Observances

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| 2 - Holy Thursday | 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist |
| 3 - Good Friday | 28 - St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest |
| 4 - Holy Saturday | 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of
The Church |
| 5 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | 30 - St. Pius V, Pope |
| 13 - St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr | |
| 21 - St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | |
| 23 - St. George, Martyr
St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr | |
| 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr | |

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The Lenten Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville on March 28th was a joyful and spiritually fulfilling experience.

23 parishioners joined together (not all pictured) for prayer and fellowship.



Our St. Joseph's Table

WELCOME TO THE VISITATION
HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday (March 29): Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday Masses 8:00 am, 11:00 am, & 12:30 pm

March 30, March 31, & April 1:

Morning Prayers & Lamentations 8:00am

Tenebrae 7:30pm

Holy Thursday (April 2)

Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:00pm
followed by Adoration until 10:00pm

Good Friday (April 3)

Divine Mercy Novena 6:30pm

Passion Liturgy 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday (April 4)

Divine Mercy Novena 7:30pm

Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday (April 5): Divine Mercy Novena 7:30am
Masses 8:00am, 11:00am, & 12:30pm

Divine Mercy Novena (April 7-April 12)

*Weekdays after the morning Mass and
weekends before the Mass*

Pentecost (May 24): Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Sunday Masses 8:00 am, 11:00 am, & 12:30pm