



## 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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### Prayer Commission Chair

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### Service Commission Chair

Manfred Segewitz: manfseg@gmail.com

### 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

Dianne DeVito: 540-623-7585

diannecdevito@gmail.com

## 15. Ushers

Robert Smith: estate60@outlook.com

## II FORMATION COMMISSION

**Chair: Mike Janssen 256-603-0634**

### 1. Baptism Preparation 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. Marriage Preparation Ministry

Conway Ellers: c2ellers@comcast.net

### 4. Expecting Mothers Ministry

Supporting expecting mothers with prayers and a delivered meal

Reilly Duvall: 703-479-4703

reillicuccinelli9@protonmail.com

### 5. Faith Formation Adult (Parish Hall)

Focus on spirituality, history, art

Evelyn Jaap: evelyn.jaap@gmail.com

### 6. Faith Formation Adult (Visitation Hall)

Focus on the Catholic Church and social issues

Mike Janssen: mjj032753@gmail.com

## 7. Faith Formation Youth (Sunday School)

Instruction for children (PreK-Confirmation) in our Catholic Faith

Jennifer Kilroy, Dir. of Religious Ed.

jenniferkilroy@gmail.com

## 8. High School Apologetics

How to understand and defend the Catholic faith for post-confirmation teens

Colleen Earley: colleenearley9@gmail.com

## 9. Into the Deep

Discussions about Catholicism and spiritual life

Dn. Jeff Montgomery: deaconjeff@smvparish.org

## 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. Mothers Ministry

Moms socializing with other moms. Opportunities for spiritual growth through events like adoration, talks, and mini-retreats

Reilly Duvall: 703-479-4703

reillicuccinelli9@protonmail.com

## 14. Nazareth House

Helping special needs children to receive the Sacraments

Judith Gregory: jagregory59@gmail.com

## 15. Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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

Deacon Jeff Montgomery:

SMVParish.OICIA@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. St. Jerome Book Club

LuAnn Poniatowski: mna-mna@comcast.net

### 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; 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. Food Pantry

Open to the whole community  
Barbara Schiavone: bjschiavone@comcast.net  
Wendy Springsteen: wlsprings4@gmail.com

#### 4. First Friday Lite Breakfast

Mary Davis: 256-881-3152  
charleyslucy@gmail.com

### 5. Friday Morning Coffee Social

Hilda Gabrys: rhgabrys@att.net

### 6. Hospitality Gazebo

Sets up for coffee and cookies (before Mass)  
Jerry & Renee Wilson: sportnstitch@gmail.com

### 7. Nicodemus Ministry

Funeral assistance for liturgy and family  
Renee Wilson: 256-658-2572  
sportnstitch@gmail.com

### 8. St. Lawrence Ministry (Social Committee)

Coordinate parish-wide activities  
Ed Poniatowski: 256-426-8874 / skibert@aol.com

### V 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  
Cherie Miller & 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 #4080

Kirk Wimsett: 256-479-5860

