



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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THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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Save the Date

Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Jan 6: Epiphany Party/Parish Dance



Financial Contribution

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

December 17, 2023 Income:

Weekly Church Support.....	\$ 16977
Holy Family School.....	\$ 215
JPII High School.....	\$ 100

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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Leadership Team of Visitation

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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.

Dec 31–Jan 7 For the intentions of:

Sun	Mrs. Mildred Lusk
Mon	Ms. Mary Lutton
Tue	Mr. Paul Mackovjak
Wed	Ms. Lauren MacMullen
Thu	Mr. & Mrs. James Madison
Fri	Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Magette
Sat	Mr. & Mrs. Milton Mantler
Sun	Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Marbut



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WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 **The Holy Family; New Year's Eve**

Mon: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 **Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace**

Tues: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28 **Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

Wed: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34 **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

Thurs: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42 **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

Fri: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51 **St. John Neumann, Bishop**

Sat: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38 **St. André Bessette, Religious**

Faith Formation

All Classes resume next Sunday, January 7th

The Confirmation Class Will Meet In the Church on Sunday, January 7th!

Happy New Year

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

Altar flowers may be donated in memory or honor of a loved one or to mark a special occasion. Please contact the office for more information.



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



Women's Ministry

All ladies are invited to the Women's Ministry meeting on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30 pm in Treacy Hall. Our guest speaker for the evening is **Veronika Dubravec**. She will share her faith story and how our Blessed Mother Mary has had an influence in her life. All ladies are invited to be a part of this parish community of faithful women who come together in prayer, friendship and service through the love and guidance of our Blessed Mother Mary. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information, please contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com.

New Wheelchair Access

As part of our ongoing effort to "grow your tent" (Isaiah 54:2), we are making our church wheelchair accessible. Our Finance Council (September 5), Pastoral Council (September 13), Leadership Team (October 20), Church Renovation Team (October 27), Corporate Meeting (October 31), Joint Session of Pastoral Council and Finance Council (November 7), decided to extend a window as a ramp access door. The conceptual drawing is in the narthex. Mike Janssen is the chair of this project.

Scripture Conversations

Come join us each Wednesday at 11:00 am or 7:00 pm in Visitation Hall to discuss the prior Sunday's readings. For more information contact Diane Sachs at diane.h.sachs@gmail.com

Memorial Bricks

Mary's Prayer Garden memorial bricks, 8" x 8", can now be ordered. Suggested donation is \$100. Manfred Segewitz is the chair. Plan and layout is in the narthex.

Rosary Makers

The Rosary Making Ministry will host a class for homeschoolers after the 8:00am Mass on Friday, January 5th in Visitation Hall.

Troy Daniel Mullins
December 10, 2023
Brother of Ronnie
Mullins



Into the Deep

Deacon Jeff will host the monthly "Into the Deep" discussion on Wednesday, January 3rd at 6:00 PM in Treacy Hall. This month's topic is Eucharistic Adoration. We will discuss its history, what it truly is, what it means to us in our Catholic faith, and ways to enhance your Adoration experience.

Deacon Jeff invites all to put into practice what is learned in this session at the First Thursday Eucharistic Adoration on January 4th at 7:00 pm in the church.

"Into the Deep" discussions about Catholicism and spiritual life are open to everyone. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

Food Pantry Request

The Food Pantry has a need for the following items: Pasta sauce; Vienna sausages; canned meat, chicken, or tuna; Hamburger or Tuna Helper; canned fruit; applesauce; fruit cups; peanut butter; jelly; instant oatmeal; Ramen noodles; Chef Boyardee; peanut butter or cheese crackers.

Scan this QR code to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List.



Or type in:

<https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>

This Week's Schedule &

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 30

5:30pm | † Mary Winkelmann

Sunday, December 31

8:00am | **The Lindsey Children (I)**

11:00am | **For the Parish**

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

NO Adult/Youth Faith Formation or RCIA

Monday, January 1

Office Closed

6:00pm | **For the Parish**

Tuesday, January 2

8:00 am | † Chad Wall

Office Closed

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

Wednesday, January 3

8:00am | † Catherine Roling Nenninger

11:00 | Bible Study (VH)

6:00 pm | Into the Deep (TH)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

7:00 pm | Bible Study (VH)

Thursday, January 4

8:00am | † Albert Rich

8:30 am | Ladies Sodality (TH)

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

7:00pm | First Thursday Adoration (C)

Friday, January 5

8:00 am | Joseph McCormack (I)

8:00 am | First Friday Mass/Anointing

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

8:30am | Rosary Making for
Homeschoolers (TH)

Saturday, January 6

5:30pm | **For the Parish**

6:30pm | Epiphany Party/Parish Dance

Sunday, January 7

8:00am | † Shirley Wall

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation (VH)

9:15am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH) /
Confirmation Class (C)

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | † Hector New

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15 pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

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

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

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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