



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861



Parish Center
220 Lincoln St.

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.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - Friday 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am,

11:00am (Contemporary Choir)

Nursery provided for both Sunday

Masses next door in the Fr. Trecy Room.

Confession

Tuesday - Friday 7:30am

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00pm

Or by appointment

Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction

1st Thursdays | 7:00pm

Parish Staff

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

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"BECOMING FULLY HUMAN AND FULLY DIVINE"

For us, Advent is a period of preparation to "become fully human and fully divine." It is a time of reflection and affirmation, a time to do things that enable us to re-humanize and re-divinize our daily life.

Suggestions for Creating a Memorable Advent Season

1. Use the map of our parish family, locate your home, find your neighbors, reach out and build relationships. Let us humanize and divinize our parish family.
2. Give out affirmation cards, using them as a tool for humanizing our hectic interactions and transactions. You can personalize your own cards too!
3. Participate in the family devotions for Advent in the *Light Shines in the Darkness* booklet.

Faith Formation—Sunday Mornings

Youth 9:30-10:45am at Parish Hall

Adult Classes gather after 8:00am Mass for coffee at Parish Hall (Evelyn Jaap) or Visitation Hall (Mike Janssen) before classes begin.

RCIA 9:15-10:45am at Fr. Trecy Room

1st Thursday Adoration-12/1, 7:00pm

1st Friday Mass/Anointing-12/2, 8:00am

Mass Intentions 11/26-12/4

Sat 5:30pm | † Bea & Charles Albright

Sun 8:00am | Bryan & Cherie Miller (I)

Sun 11:00am | For the Parish

Mon No Mass

Tue 8:00am | Novena Mass

Wed 8:00am | † Margaret Alden Jones

Thu 8:00am | Fr. Mark Spruill (I)

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

Sat 5:30pm | For the Parish

Sun 8:00am | † Ruth Azar

Sun 11:00am | † Roger Crampton

Sacraments

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

Baptism | The class is by appointment and is required if not previously attended.

Anointing of the Sick | The Church recommends this Sacrament to all who are previously ill or in danger of death.

PRAYER, WORSHIP, MINISTRY

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Councils

Pastoral Council

Chair: LuAnn Poniatowski | pastoralcouncil@smvparish.org

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National Organization

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight, Patrick Davis | 610.322.0857

Weekly Readings and Observances

Readings for the week of November 27, 2022

Sun: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44 **1st Sunday of Advent**

Mon: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tue: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

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

Thu: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Date/Time Change for December

Into the Deep will meet
Wednesday, November 30,
6:00pm in the Fr. Treacy
Room instead of the first
Wednesday of December.

Thank You!

to the Veteran's of our parish for coordinating
and grilling for the SMV Veteran's and Gratitude
Day cookout. **Thank you for your service!**

A special thank you to Mary Frances Brosemer
for the beautiful wreath for the service.

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 the buffet in the narthex. Or if you have an
address change, please update it with our office.

Faith Formation

REMINDER: No Faith Formation classes TODAY

Nursery

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



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are in celebration of
the anniversary of
Bryan & Cherie Miller



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. 27-Dec. 4

For the intentions of:

Sun Mr.&Mrs. Jason Leigh
Mon Mr. Bobby Leslie
Tue Mr.&Mrs. Daniel Libera
Wed Mr. Michael Liston
Thu Mr.&Mrs. Cody Lohmann
Fri Mr. Ronan Lucey
Sat Ms. Mildred Lusk
Sun Ms. Lauren MacMullen

Prayer Requests

Viola Cucullu, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser,
Jeff Skupien, Lynn Schneider, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Ben Geist,
Marilyn Plonka, Anna Fowler, Bill McCormack, Jim Wall, Noah Hebert

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



Advent Giving Tree

This year through the Advent Giving Tree (AGT) our parish will reach out to families in the parish and community to share in our joyfulness of the birth of Jesus.

The AGT will begin today and will conclude on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 11. Children will receive toys and clothing. Adults receive a personal gift and household gift.

- ★ 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 11.
- ★ If you desire to purchase gift cards for the Giving Tree, they are available for purchase after each Mass beginning November 26.



Choir Notes

Seasonal service opportunity! As we move into Advent our music ministry is preparing for the Christmas liturgies and we would love for YOU to join us!

Our **Christmas Children's Choir** will sing carols before the Family Mass on Christmas Eve. Youth ages 5-18 are welcome, wanted, needed.

There will also be special music sung by the **Midnight Mass Choir**. No experience necessary and no further commitment needed. For more information about any of the choirs, contact Jackie at cjadk@aol.com or 251-602-6963

Women's Social

Join the women of the parish for a night out at The Melt (across the street from the church) on December 14 at 5:00pm. This is a social event for women of the parish to build community with other women of the parish. Please RSVP to Sarah Rogers, slrogers@gmail.com by December 11 so reservations can be made.

Parish Christmas Dinner

Join the Parish Council and your fellow parishioners in celebrating the holy season of Christmas with a parish family meal on Sunday, December 11 at 12:15pm at the Parish Hall. Please plan to attend, if you are able, and enjoy the food and fellowship. All parishioners are welcome. Santa will be available for photos.

Christmas Flower Offering

Our Christmas Flower Memorial is a way to remember our deceased and to honor living individuals. Your donations to the Memorial supports our Christmas decorating. Special Flower envelopes are in the pew holders and your monthly packet. Please turn in your Christmas Flower Offering no later than December 13 for names of your loved ones to appear in the bulletin on Christmas weekend. **Please print names legibly.**

Parish Pastoral Council Needs Your Involvement

The Parish Pastoral Council, an advisory group which meets monthly and assists the pastor in parish affairs, will have rotational vacancies. Please consider serving your parish in this leadership role. Nomination forms are in the narthex and are due no later than December 11. You may nominate yourself or a fellow parishioner and those nominated must meet the active membership requirements at SMV as listed at the bottom of this page. Place completed forms in the collection basket or deliver them to the parish office.

Partners in Catholic Education now until Nov. 29, 2022!

Join JP II on **#GivingTuesday** as we raise money for the JP II Scholarship Fund for tuition assistance. Increased scholarship opportunities allow us to provide support to remarkable students of all skill sets in our school. Make a positive difference to directly impact a student and promote the Catholic faith by making a worthwhile investment in a youth's future now until this **#GivingTuesday 2022**. It's a click away at: St. John Paul II Catholic High School - www.jp2falcons.org/onlinegiving

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.

This Week

Sunday, November 27

Advent Giving Tree Tags

Monday, November 28

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

Wednesday, November 30

6:00pm | Into the Deep (JTR)

6:00pm | St. Michael's Ministry (VH)

6:00pm | RC Helicopter Flying (PH)

Thursday, December 1

7:00pm | First Thursday Adoration

Friday, December 2

8:00am | Mass and Anointing

8:30am | Lite Breakfast (VH)

Saturday, December 3

Advent Giving Tree Tags

Sunday, December 4

Advent Giving Tree Tags

(VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp), (O) Office, (PH) Parish Hall, (JTR) Fr. Treacy Room

Food Pantry Donation Updated Request

Due to the overwhelming response to the holiday food items request, enough items have been collected so the Food Pantry donation request for the remainder of the year is as follows:

Canned Chicken, Tuna, Fruit; Spam; Vienna Sausage; Soup; Pasta; Macaroni & Cheese; Cereal (small boxes or variety pack; Marinara/Alfredo Sauce; Instant Mashed Potatoes; Instant Rice; Oatmeal packets; Chef Boyardee meals, tab-top cans.

The Food Pantry Ministry will not be distributing food bags **TODAY, Christmas Day, or New Years Day**

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$12,610

November 12/13, 2022 income:

Weekly Church Support.....\$11,477

Holy Family School.....\$ 110

St. JP II High School.....\$ 5

**Thank you for your generosity
and continued support!**

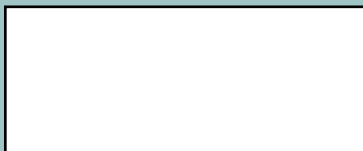
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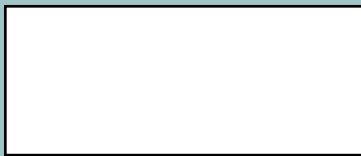
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