



March - Month of St. Joseph

First Friday Adoration



*Adoration
March 6th @
7:00pm*

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, cjack@aol.com

Memorial Bricks

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There are still memorial bricks (8"x8") available in Mary's Prayer Garden. Suggested donation is \$100. **The plan, layout, and order forms are in the narthex or at the office.**

New Pro-life Ministry

We are excited to announce the launch a Pro-life Ministry group, dedicated to protecting and celebrating the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Guided by our faith, we seek to serve our community through prayer, education, and support for those in need. The first meeting will be Tuesday, March 24th at 6:30pm in Treacy Hall. For more information, please contact Mary Fitter: mary_fitter@yahoo.com or 808-489-5344

Women's Ministry: An Evening of Lenten Reflection

All ladies of the parish are invited to an evening of reflection to prepare ourselves for Holy Week and Easter. We will have an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of this sacred



time and deepen our faith through prayer, reflection, and fellowship. Our theme for this evening is **Hearing God's Voice: Following in the Footsteps of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.** Join us Thursday, March 19 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Fr. Treacy Hall. Christina Semmens will lead us into a deeper and more meaningful season for Easter. She is the author of the book, *Say Yes: Discovering Purpose, Peace and Abundance in Daily Life*, has Masters of Arts degrees in both History and Theology, and is a leadership and personal development coach, speaker, retreat leader, spiritual mentor, host of the *Say Yes to Holiness* and *Catholic Leadership Puzzle* podcasts, and contributing writer to the online blogs *Women of the New Evangelization (WINE)* and *Catholic365*. Please RSVP to Liz Montgomery at elizabeth35758@gmail.com or 281-705-6697 so we can get a headcount.

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!

2026 Parish Scholarship

Attention all graduating high school seniors, college students, community college students or those enrolled in technical school! Applications for our annual Parish Education Award of \$500 are now available. Details and entry forms are available in the narthex. Submit entry form, brief autobiography, essay or audio file and letter of recommendation to the parish office by March 30th. Notification will be made in May. Please contact Erin Boles on the parish council with any questions at erindacy@icloud.com or 256-603-6781.

Food Pantry

Looking to join a rewarding, hands-on SMV ministry? The Food Pantry Ministry needs and is looking for new members. Volunteers work one Sunday a month from noon to 1pm distributing food bags to our downtown community neighbors at St. Mary's lower parking lot. If you are interested in learning more about our ministry, please contact Wendy Springsteen, wlsprings4@gmail.com. You can also stop by our table and talk to one of our members any Sunday afternoon from noon to 1pm. Thank you and God Bless.

Mental Health Birthdays

Thank you to all who have donated to our parish Mental Health. Monthly Birthday ministry. You are so generous! We are now fully funded for 2026 and have reserves that will take us in to next year! This support is certainly appreciated. We would like to add a couple of additional people to the team – especially to support the aspects of organization and communication. For information contact Evelyn Jaap at Evelyn.Jaap@gmail.com or 256-563-4156(text or call).



Notice

The two renovated restrooms in Trecy 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.

Lenten Pilgrimage to the Shrine

A Lenten Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville is March 28th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Meet in front of the "Castle" at the Shrine. Transportation from the Visitation parking lot will be available if needed. A sign-up sheet and flyer with the itinerary will be available in the narthex starting March 14th. For more information: pcclawson@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus

The Knights here at St Mary's have some exciting upcoming events to share with the parish!

1- April 19, 8:30am - 10:30am monthly breakfast at the PC

2- Get your favorite recipes ready! St. Mary of the Visitation Parish Celebration Cookbook! Appetizers, Breakfast, Brunch, Breads, Main Dishes, Desserts, Soups & Salads, Beverages, Ethnic Favorites, Vegetable & Side Dishes, Family Favorites!

Look for an official announcement and submission form in the bulletin and newsletter, this April!

Saint Michael's Ministry is Seeking Medical Professionals

The Saint Michael's Ministry is seeking Medical Professionals (Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics, AEMTs, EMTs, etc.) who are willing to render medical aid in case of an emergency at Mass and other Parish activities. If you are a Medical Professional willing to render aid in a medical emergency, please contact Ed Poniatowski at skibert@aol.com or text at 256-426-8874. Provide your name, medical specialty, and the Mass you normally attend. Thank you for helping keep our Parish safe.

Gauging Interest



Saint Peg Dolls are a great way to bring and celebrate faith in the home. While these dolls can be purchased, that gets expensive quickly. It's better to participate in swap! In this way you learn to paint one saint, and paint a lot of them! Then you trade with others who have painted other saints. This gets you a collection of saints! These pictures are from swaps I have done over the years. Are you interested in participating in a swap? For more info contact: Jackie, catholichendersons@gmail.com

March Saints & Observances

- 3 - St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
- 4 - St. Casimir
- 7 - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- 9 - St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- 17 - St. Patrick, Bishop
- 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord
- 29 - Palm Sunday

WELCOME TO THE VISITATION
2026 LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Our Theme: "Walking with Christ to the Cross"

"Take up your cross daily and follow me."

(Luke 9:23)

**Focus: Discipleship, Sacrifice, & Accompaniment
Through Stations of the Cross, Communal Prayer,
Parish Missions, & Daily Meditation**

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

8:00 am, 12:15pm & 6:00pm

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil at 5:30pm

Sundays at 8:00 am, 11:00 am, & 12:30 pm

TUESDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS

Stations of the Cross following the 8am Mass

FRIDAYS

Additional Stations of the Cross at 12:15pm

5:00pm Potluck Suppers - Treacy Hall

6:30pm Mass followed by

Stations of the Cross & Adoration

Saturday, March 14: St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 21: Lenten Penance Service

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

March 15, 16, & 17

Stations of the Cross at 6pm

Parish Mission 6:30-7:30pm with

Fr. Jose Raphy Ambooken

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