YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, November 5

7:00 p.m.
For information, contact
Christina.Freeman.02@gmail.com
or 256-682-4146.

FIRST FRIDAY LITE BREAKFAST

Friday, November 6

8:30 a.m.
Join us in the Visitation Hall.

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Sunday, November 8

Noon
For information, contact
Wendy Springsteen 256-679-6055



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS MINISTRY PARISH VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES

Father Jose will dedicate the **8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass on November 8** to our parish's veterans. Pews in the front of the church on both sides will be reserved for veterans to sit together.

Father will offer a special blessing for the veterans and there will be a reception following Mass in Visitation Hall for the veterans and their families.

Please email Steve Plonka at plon2@aol.com **by Nov 6** if you will be attending so we can plan for the proper space and refreshments.

Father Jose will celebrate a special **Mass on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, at 6:00 p.m.** Following Mass, we will begin the Rosary and continue it as we process to the Veterans Memorial.

Once we are there and have completed the Rosary, we will lay a wreath at the Memorial for all of our nation's veterans. Following a special prayer and dedication by Father Jose, we will return to the parish and there will be a reception with refreshments for all in Visitation Hall.

For those new to the parish, this is an annual event for our parish and it is a special one especially with our proximity to the Veterans Memorial. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend to convey and demonstrate our parish's high regard for all of those who have served, or are serving, our nation.

Please send an email to Steve Plonka at plon2@aol.com with the number of attendees **by Nov 8** so we can plan appropriately for the reception.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS MINISTRY

Any St. Mary's mom expecting a baby, we have a ministry that would love to support you and your family around delivery!

We mainly do postpartum meal trains, but provide other support as needed. You don't need to know a lot of people at church to participate, we love to support all our pregnant mamas!

Contact Reilly Duvall for more information:
reillycuccinelli9@protonmail.com
or 703-479-4703

CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesday, November 11

6:30 p.m.
Practice for 11 a.m. Choir,
for information contact
Rebecca.Whited@gmail.com

WHO'S READY TO DANCE?

The Parish Hall is complete and it is time to bring back the parish dances! I am looking for people to join my team in planning the parish dance and pot lucks. If this is something you are interested in please contact me, Sophia Eheart at sophiaLeheart@gmail.com



NOVEMBER BLANKET BLITZ

Do you crochet or knit? The Saint Veronica's Blanket ministry could use your help.

The St Veronica's Blanket ministry provides a handmade blanket to the newly baptized babies in our parish.

Would you join us in restocking our shelves during our November Blanket Blitz? You don't need to buy yarn (unless you want to). We have project bags made up with crochet and knit weight yarns.

For fun, participate in the Silly Baby Blanket Crochet Along! Or commit to 3 rows per day to finish in November. You can turn in your blanket to the Office or bring it to a social at the beginning of December.

Sign up and connect with us through this form: https://forms.gle/xRNR3FAMpgVZdzaw8

SAINT FRASSATI'S ADVENTURER'S CALENDAR

Adventures

- **November 11 at 5:00 p.m.**, hit golf balls at Madison Golf Center, happy hour
- **November 13 at 9:00 a.m.**, Greenway walk at Aldridge Creek. 3.5 miles. Minimum: 6
- **November 30 at 6:30 p.m.**, Saint Frassati's Adventurers Meeting in Trecy Hall.

Big Adventures

- **October 31**, Smith Lake / Boat Ride to see Fall foliage and an easy hike in Sipsey Wilderson, close to the lake. Minimum: 6
- **November 7**, Horseback riding in Tuscumbia and a visit to the Rattlesnake saloon restaurant. Full.
- **November 21**, Rickwood Caverns Cave, it is decorated for Christmas. Cost and details to follow. Rated: Easy. Minimum: 6 Maximum 15

SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE: CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR SEMINARIAN & RELIGIOUS SISTER

The Women's Ministry invites you to join us in sharing the love of Christ with our seminarian, Maximillian Waldron, and Sr. Maria Ann Catherine by preparing care packages for them.

Maximillian, son of Randy and Nancy Waldron, is currently studying at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Saint Meinrad, Indiana.

Sr. Maria Ann Catherine is serving at St. Dominic's Monastery in Linden, Virginia. She was a RCIA core team member before discerning religious life.

How You Can Help on Nov 7 & 8

Donate Items: Suggested items include packaged snacks, candies, books, journals, pens, toiletries, socks, packaged thank-you cards, postage stamps, and Amazon gift cards. Please no restaurant or store-specific gift cards.

Write a Message: Personal cards or letters of encouragement, gratitude, and prayer from your family are warmly welcomed to be included in the packages.

Monetary Donations: Financial contributions are also welcome to help make these care packages special.

A collection box for items, letters, and monetary donations will be available in the narthex.

Thank you for helping us support Maximillian and Sr. Maria Ann Catherine and share God's love, one thoughtful gift at a time.

For questions or additional information, please contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com.

FOOD PANTRY: MAKING THE HOLIDAY SPECIAL



The Food Pantry will be giving out Thanksgiving Holiday bags along with our regular weekly bags again this year.

We will be collecting these special items the first 2 weeks in November.

There will be a box by the gazebo for your donations during the Masses, along with our bin and baskets in church. The box will be in the entryway of the office during the week.

Please help us fill these bags with the following items: canned chicken, or sm. canned hams; instant mashed potatoes; chicken or turkey gravy; canned green beans; canned yams; cream of mushroom soup; cranberry sauce; and stuffing mix.

Thank you for helping us make our neighbors' Holiday special.

Our Gospel Coloring Contest begins next weekend. Parents, be sure to remind your children to bring their pictures back each week so they'll be entered in the contest. There will be baskets near both entrances for you put them in – just make sure the child's name and grade are on the page before they turn it in. Children who attend our Sunday classes can also give theirs to their teacher.

Please join our 8th grade class this week in praying for God's grace for those sick or injured and that we can do better at serving others through works of mercy.

MOTHER'S MINISTRY



All moms expecting their first baby though having kids still at home are invited to join the Mother's Ministry. We have monthly social nights and a groupchat for fostering community and sharing resources.
Come join a lovely group of moms!

Contact Reilly Duvall for more information:
reillycuccinelli9@protonmail.com
or 703-479-4703

PECANS FOR SALE

The Catholic Daughters will be selling pecans after weekend Masses outside the church, beginning November 7–8 and continuing through November 22, or while supplies last.

We'll have a variety to choose from, including raw pecan halves, chocolate-covered pecans, glazed pecans, and more.

For questions or more information, please contact Janie Hoyt, at 256-651-4367.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY
FRIENDSGIVING DINNER

Gather Give Thanks Grow in Faith

Ladies, come join us for a special evening of friendship, gratitude, faith and fun! The Women's Ministry invites all ladies of the parish to our Friendsgiving Dinner on **Thursday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m.** in Fr. Trecy Hall.

Let's gather around the table and celebrate the many blessings God has given us while enjoying wonderful food and fellowship with one another. As part of our evening, we'll create a Gratitude Tree, sharing the blessings and people for whom we are especially thankful.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and come ready to enjoy an evening of laughter, connection, and gratitude. The heart of our Women's Ministry is to bring faithful women together to strengthen our relationship with Christ and one another through prayer, fellowship, and fun.

We hope you'll join us and bring a friend! Come as you are, bring a grateful heart, and let's give thanks together!

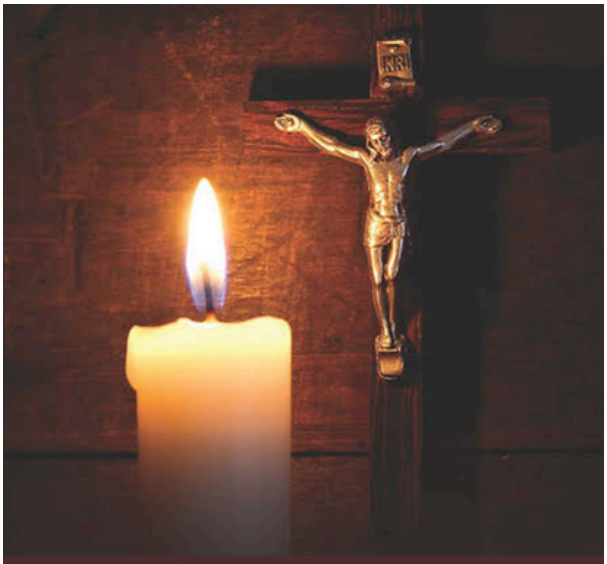
Nov 5 at 8:30 a.m., Ladies Sodality at Trecy Hall, Mary Davis 256-527-9013

Nov 5 at 6:00 p.m., Men of St. Joseph in the Holy Family Room, Deacon Jeff Montgomery, jeffmontgomery@gmail.com

Nov 9 at 7:00 p.m., St. Jerome Book Club in the Visitation Hall, Luann Poniatowski, 256-426-8898

Nov 10 at 6:00 p.m., Life in Faith in the Visitation Hall, Mike Janssen 256-603-0634

Nov 15 at 9:00 a.m., Family Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus at the Parish Hall. Christmas cards will be available for 50% off.



Knights of Columbus

Memorial Mass

Please join us as we remember and pray for the souls of our departed brother Knights of Columbus.

Sunday, November 15th

4:30 PM

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and fellowship will follow the Mass in Tracy Hall.

All are welcome to attend.

GIVING THANKS
FIFTY-FIVE PLUS POTLUCK DINNER

Friday, November 20

5:00 p.m.

Please bring a dish or dessert to share.
Drinks will be provided.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR: PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Last year, the parish Pastoral Council was unable to host our annual dinner. Now that the beautiful restoration of our Parish Hall is complete, we will be holding this year's dinner on Saturday, December 5th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Because of the continued growth of our parish, we will begin using a sign-up registration to better plan for the seating and food. The menu will include turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, and dessert. Also, Santa Claus will be there to complete the festivities. We will also be providing a low-sensory room to allow families to attend who have previously been unable to do so.

Please follow the link https://form.jotform.com/263058854143056 to complete the RSVP. Pastoral Council members will also be at the weekend Masses to provide a manual sign-up. We look forward to seeing you.



END OF YEAR GIVING

Current federal law allows tax-free charitable donations from your IRA. If you have an IRA and you're 70 1/2 years old, you can make a "tax-reducing" gift today through an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution. It helps you and it helps us! It can lower your taxable income, count towards your required minimum distribution*, and help further the work and mission of our parish. Your plan administrator will set this up for you and the amount that you specify will be transferred directly to our parish, either through a direct deposit or through a broker-issued bank check.

Thank you to the parish families who have already selected this method of giving! Please email or call the Parish Finance Office, finance@smvparish.org or 256-536-6349, extension 2, and we can help you get started.

*Be sure to consult with your tax or legal professional to learn how current IRS regulations apply to your situation.

CATHOLIC QUESTIONS CORNER Q13: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: A COMMUNION OF CHURCHES?

The Catholic Church is not merely a worldwide organization of parishes, but a communion of Churches united in Jesus Christ, in the same faith, in the sacraments, and under the leadership of the Pope, the Successor of St. Peter. The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic, yet she expresses her rich spiritual heritage through different liturgical traditions.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 814) teaches that the one Church of Christ possesses a great diversity arising from different gifts, cultures, and traditions. CCC 835 explains that the universal Church is a communion of particular Churches, each preserving its own traditions while remaining united in faith and charity.

There are 24 autonomous Catholic Churches (sui iuris): the Latin Church and 23 Eastern Catholic Churches. They share the same Catholic faith, recognize the Pope's universal primacy, celebrate the seven sacraments, and remain united in apostolic communion. They differ in liturgy, spirituality, discipline, and theological expression—not in the essential Catholic faith.

The principal Rites and Catholic Churches: The Church preserves these traditions with equal dignity (CCC 1203). The 24 Churches are grouped as follows:
I. Latin tradition: 1. Latin (Roman) Catholic Church.
II. Alexandrian tradition: 1. Coptic Catholic Church, 2. Ethiopian Catholic Church, and 3. Eritrean Catholic Church.
III. West Syriac (Antiochian) tradition: 4. Maronite Catholic Church, 5. Syriac Catholic Church, and 6. Syro-Malankara Catholic Church.
IV. East Syriac (Chaldean) tradition: 7. Chaldean Catholic Church and 8. Syro-Malabar Catholic Church.