



August - Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Friday Adoration



Adoration
August 7th at
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, cjadm@aol.com

Gazebo Volunteers

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One Mass once or twice a month. 8am & 11am Mass only. If you are interested in helping out please contact Patrick Davis at 610-322-0857 or tpatrickdavis81@gmail.com
Here is a link to sign up:
[Gazebo Sign-Up](#)

Women's Ministry

We're back from summer break and excited to kick off our new season of fun, fellowship, and faith sharing. Mark your calendars and join us for an evening of fun at a **Craft Night** to paint a tote bag. There will be many designs to choose from to personalize your tote bag. **There are 24 spots, so reserve your place now.** Contact Liz Montgomery at 2 8 1 - 7 0 5 - 6 6 9 7 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com.



Whether you have been a devoted, long-time member of the Women's Ministry for years or you are looking to join us for the very first time, we look forward to seeing you as we grow in our faith together.

55+ Event

Let's squeeze out some time for socializing and fun!



AUGUST 21st - 5:00 pm
At the Parish Center

Grilled Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Beverages will be provided.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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.

OCIA

Are you ready to make a journey of faith? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), formerly known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is the Catholic Church's process for welcoming new members and guiding them through the journey of conversion and initiation into the Catholic faith. It's a gradual process of learning, prayer, and spiritual formation designed for adults. **We will have a Meet & Greet on Sunday, August 16 at 9:30 am in the Fr. Treacy Hall.**



OCIA class starts Sunday, August 23 for the Sunday session at 9:30 am in the Fr. Treacy Hall. And the Wednesday session starts August 26 at 6:00 pm in the Fr. Treacy Hall.

Registration is open now for:

- Anyone who has never been baptized and/or expressed an interest in becoming Catholic.
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Anyone who has been baptized in another denomination but is interested in learning about the Catholic faith.

Registration forms are located in the back of the church or on the church's website under "Becoming Catholic". Submit completed forms to the church office or to Deacon Jeff. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Jeff or Liz Montgomery at smvparish.ocia@gmail.com. We look forward to helping you on your journey of faith.

Catholic Daughters Bake Sale

Save the date for the Catholic Daughters Back-to-School Bake Sale on August 15th & 16th! More details to come!



St. Veronica's Blanket Ministry

Upcoming meeting dates: August 17, and September 21 from 6-7:30pm. Come join us!

Faith Formation

Youth Faith Formation Classes begin Sunday, August 23rd!

Notice

The two renovated restrooms in Treacy 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.



Women's Outdoor Adventures Ministry at SMV

Saint Frassati's Adventurers has the following events scheduled for August. Women ages 19 and older are welcome to sign up for these events. Join us as we build lasting friendships, strengthen our faith, and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors! Please contact Julie Bury at Julie.Bury@yahoo.com for detailed information of each event and to reserve a spot. All of the activities for the month of August are rated Easy.

- Saturday, August 1st at 9:00 a.m. **10 Mile Bike Ride from Aldridge Creek Greenway to Ditto Landing.**
- Wednesday, August 5th at 9:00 a.m. **2 Mile Greenway walk at Hays Preserve**
- Saturday, August 8th **Cathedral Caverns** 9:30 a.m. 637 Cave Road Woodville, AL 35776. Admission is \$20.
- Wednesday, August 19th at 9:00 **1.5 mile hike at Green Mountain Nature preserve hike.**
- Friday, August 28th at 6:00 p.m. **Lowe Mills, concert on the dock** (outdoors) featuring The Gumption - an Austin, TX based outfit inspired by the sounds of Western Swing, Country, Bluegrass, Jazz, and Blues. Bring a chair. Admission is Free.
- Saturday, August 29th - **Kayaking on Guntersville Lake and picnic.** Details to follow.

St. Mary's Sodality

St. Mary's Sodality will meet after 8 AM Mass Thursday, August 6, for a Rosary asking for St. Monica's intercession for loved ones who have left the Catholic faith. Our book of Petitions to St. Monica is placed on the St. Mary Altar while we pray. All are welcome to join us!

To have names added to the book of petitions, fill out a St. Monica prayer slip for each person, (we only need first names) and place them in the prayer bowl in front of the altar. If we run out of slips, any paper will do, but note it's for St. Monica.

Also, pray the Intercession of St. Monica Daily Prayer as Sodality members pray for your loved ones daily for a month. Slips and prayer cards are found in the Narthex in a small basket, or by the side door. Any questions, send to knerg@pm.me

August Saints & Observances

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| 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor Of the Church | 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr |
| 4 - St. John Vianney, Priest | 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| 5 - The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major | 19 - St. John Eudes, Priest |
| 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord | 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church |
| 7 - St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs | 21 - St. Pius X, Pope |
| 8 - St. Dominic, Priest | 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr | 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle |
| 11 - St. Clare, Virgin | 25 - St. Louis |
| 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious | St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest |
| 13 - Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs | 27 - St. Monica |
| | 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| | 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist |

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THE CALENDAR

Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary—August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
C-Church FF-Faith Formation HFR-Holy Family Room K of C-Knights of Columbus O-Office PH-Parish Hall PPC-Parish Pastoral Council TH-Trecy Hall VH-Visitation Hall		*EVERY SUNDAY (unless otherwise noted): Youth Faith Formation-9:30am/PH Starting on August 23rd OCIA-9:30am starting with Meet & Greet on August 16th	 Groceries Distributed Every Sunday Jefferson St. Parking Lot 12-1pm			1 4pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass
2 8am Mass 11am Mass 12:30pm Mass	3	4 7:30am Confessions 8am Mass 6pm Finance Council/O 6pm Catholic Daughters/ TH	5 7:30am Confessions 8am Mass & Novena 10am Pray & Play (contact Katie LeBlanc, 334.470.7854 for location)	6 7:30am Confessions 8am Mass 8:30am Ladies Sodality 6pm Men of St. Joseph/ HFR	7 7:30am Confessions 8am First Friday Mass/ Anointing 8:30am Lite Breakfast/VH 6:30pm Mass/Adoration 8pm Young Adults/TH	8 11am Rocket City Regulators/PH 4pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass
9 8am Mass 11am Mass 12:30pm Mass	10 3:30pm Quilting Club/TH Mental Health Birthdays	11 7:30am Confessions 8am Mass 6pm Life in Faith/VH	12 7:30am Confessions 8am Mass & Novena 6pm K of C/PH 6pm PPC/TH	13 7:30am Confessions 8am Mass 6pm Men of St. Joseph/ HFR 6:30pm St. Raphael Ministry/TH	14 8am Mass 8:30am Coffee Social/VH	15 7am Into the Breach/TH 10am Food Pantry/TH 4pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass Catholic Daughters' Bake Sale in VH after Mass
16* 8am Mass 9:30am OCIA Meet/Greet TH 11am Mass 12:30pm Mass Catholic Daughters' Bake Sale in VH after all Masses	17 6pm St. Veronica Blanket Ministry/TH	18 7:30am Confessions 8am Mass	19 7:30am Confessions 8am Mass & Novena 10am Pray & Play (contact Katie LeBlanc, 334.470.7854 for location) 6:30pm St. Michael Ministry/VH	20 7:30am Confessions 8am Mass 6pm Men of St. Joseph/ HFR 6:00pm Women's Ministry/TH	21 7:30am Confessions 8am Mass 8:30am Coffee Social/VH 5pm 55+/PH	22 4pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass
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