



222 Jefferson St. N

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

Parish Staff

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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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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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Save the Date

Feb 21: Soup Supper (TH)

Feb 23: Adoration & Stations of the Cross (C)

Feb 23: Young Professionals Lenten Retreat (PH)

Feb 23: Fish Fry (PH)

Feb 24: Parish Mission with Fr. Mark Mary MFVA (ewtn) (PH)

Feb 24: Contra Dancing (PH)

Mar 1: Potluck Supper (TH)

Mar 7: First Thursday Adoration Lamentation Service

Financial Contribution

Weekly Operating Expenses: **\$15,860**

February 3/4 Income:

Weekly Church Support.....\$ 14,660

Holy Family School.....\$ 130

JPII High School.....\$ 0

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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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.

Feb 18-Feb 25 For the intentions of:

Sun Fr. Joy Nellissery

Mon Mr. & Mrs. John Nerger

Tue Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Newman

Wed Mr. & Mrs. Russell Newquist

Thu Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Nickles

Fri Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Nicolella

Sat Mr. Javier Nishikawa

Sun Ms. Donna Noel



WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15 **1st Sunday of Lent**

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46 **Presidents' Day**

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32 **St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19 **The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26 **St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**

Faith Formation

Pray with us!

This week the 7th grade class asks you to join them in praying for priests, seminarians, and veterans, that they may have relief from any sufferings and the ability to understand God's will.



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, Caitlyn Strawn

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



Parish Pastoral Council News

Congratulations to the newest members of the Parish Pastoral Council: **Erin Boles, David Custodio, and Elizabeth Smith.**

Newly-elected Chair: Billy Wilson
Vice-Chair: Susan Park
Secretary: Elizabeth Smith

And a most gracious thank you to **Jannon LaRue, Brian Mitchell, and Sarah Rogers** for their years of service on the Parish Pastoral Council.

All parishioners are welcome to attend the PPC meetings held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm in Treacy Hall.



KofC Pancake Breakfast today at 9 AM in the Parish Hall!



Ole Fashion Lenten Fish Fry

Just like you remember from years ago. Make new memories—bring your kids, family and friends.

February 23rd and March 8th
5-7PM at the Parish Hall
Eat In or Take Out

Pre-Purchase Tickets Only
Online, by phone, or at church after all Masses

For more information or to purchase tickets contact Kirk Wimsett at kirk.wimsett@gmail.com or Patrick Davis at 610-322-0857.

Catholic Daughters of America Lenten Prayers Ribbons

Please take a moment to tie a ribbon on the railing in front of the church. Say a prayer and keep this intention in your prayers throughout Lent. We hope the visual of the ribbons will invite our community to join us in prayer.

Pot Luck Supper & Stations

Enjoy some Friday fellowship!

5:30pm on March 1st and March 15th in Treacy Hall. Bring a meat-free dinner to eat & share. Then after supper, head to the church for 7pm Stations of the Cross.

Contra Dancing

Visitation will be hosting Contra Dancing lessons on Saturday, February 24, 6-8pm at the Parish Hall. Adults, teens, and kids (8 and up do well, but you know your kids) – all are welcome. No food at this event, just dancing. Bring water to drink. We will have a jar for donations to pay our instructor/caller. Suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

For more information: Contact Jackie Henderson, 251-602-6963 or cjack@aol.com.

Food Pantry Request

The Food Pantry needs the following items: Pasta; pasta sauce; soups; canned meat, chicken, or tuna; Vienna Sausages; ramen noodles; Chef Boyardee; Hamburger or Tuna Helper; canned vegetables; canned fruit; fruit cups; oatmeal; peanut butter crackers; cereal.



Scan the QR code above to see our Food Pantry's Amazon Wish List. Or type in: <https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>

This Week's Schedule &

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 17

10:00am | Food Pantry (TH)

5:30pm | For the Parish

Sunday, February 18

8:00am | Richard Varner (I)

9:00am | KofC Pancake Breakfast (PH)

9:15am | Adult Faith Formation, Sunday Video

"Eucharistic Revival" (VH)

9:15am | RCIA (TH)

9:30am | Youth Faith Formation (PH)

11:00am | † Simone Curtis

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

12:15 pm | High School Apologetics (TH)

Tuesday, February 20

8:00am | † Paul Lukowich

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

6:00pm | Building & Grounds (TH)

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

Wednesday, February 21

8:00am | † Edmundo Ilijic

10:00am | Pray & Play (TH)

11:00am | Bible Study (VH)

6:00pm | Soup Supper Following Faith Stories & Discussion (TH)

6:00pm | RC Flying Group (PH)

6:30pm | Becoming Catholic (VH)

6:30pm | St. Michael Ministry

7:00pm | Bible Study (HFR)

Thursday, February 22

8:00am | † Butch Damson

10:00am | Bible Study with Fr. Joy (VH)

6:00pm | Pickleball (PH)

6:00pm | Men of St. Joseph (HFR)

Friday, February 23

8:00am | Parish Mission

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

12:15pm | Stations of the Cross (C)

5:00pm | KofC Fish Fry (PH)

6:00pm | Eucharistic Adoration (C)

6:00pm | Young Professionals Lenten Retreat (PH)

7:00pm | Stations of the Cross (C)

Saturday, February 24

10:00am-Noon | Parish Mission (PH)

5:30pm | Parish Mission

Sunday, February 25

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(O) Office, (TH) Treacy Hall, (PH) Parish Hall
 (VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp), (C) Church,
 (HFR) Holy Family Room

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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