

St. Mary of the Visitation opportunities offered for faith, fellowship, charity, and service during the next week. You are invited to join the events below. If applicable, contact information is listed for the event.

*furry family members
are a blessing
from God*



Blessing of the Pets

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Jose and Dn. Jeff will bless pets on **Sunday, October 4th following 12:30 p.m. Mass (about 1:15 p.m.)** in the church courtyard.

Bring your dogs, cats,

turtles ... any pet!

We invite you to also bring a donation for the Huntsville Animal Shelter: cat and dog treats; and/or used towels, blankets, and sheets.

Saint Frassati's Adventurers – Upcoming Events

- Friday, September 25th - Burritt on the Mountain City Lights & Starts – Big band concert. The cost is \$25 and you can pay at the entrance. Minimum attendees: 8

SAINT FRASSATI'S ADVENTURERS MEETING ALERT!

Ready for your next outdoor adventure with fellow catholic ladies?

DATE: Monday, September 28th, 2026.

TIME: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

PLACE: Basecamp (Tracy Hall, the bottom floor of the building a few steps to the left of Saint Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church). Address: 222 Jefferson St. N. Huntsville, AL 35801

WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT:

- Fall Adventures Lineup for October & November:
- Snack Bar: Build-your-own trail mix station (on us!).

WHO IS WELCOME?

Ladies from ages 19 and up! From couch potatoes to mountain climbers. If you like fresh air, you belong here.

BRING: Your own drink, and camp food or camp snack to share. For questions or details, please just reply and ask. Let's get outside!

Call for the Nazareth House Volunteers

Calling all 9-12 grade High Schoolers interested in teaching adaptive religion classes. Come to the Nazareth House teacher workshop **on Saturday, September 26th, from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM** in St Mary of the Visitation's Holy Family Room in the Admin Building at 222 Jefferson Street, Huntsville, AL 35801. Call/text Judith McGraw-Gregory 256-652-8412. **See Flyer on Page 4.**

Nazareth House Program Start

The Nazareth House weekly religion classes start on Sunday **September 27 from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM** in St Mary of the Visitation's Holy Family Room in the Admin building at 222 Jefferson Street, Huntsville, AL 35801. Bring a copy of your special needs student's Baptismal Certificate to register. Call/text Judith McGraw-Gregory 256-652-8412.

Thursday, September 24

Men of St. Joseph in the Holy Family Room 6:00pm Dn. Jeff Montgomery, jeffmontgomery@gmail.com

Women's Ministry at Treacy Hall 6:00pm Liz Montgomery, elizabeth35758@gmail.com

Friday, September 25

Coffee Social in Visitation Hall after the 8:00am Mass

"Who is the Man of the Shroud" Exhibit at the Parish Hall 3:00-6:00pm

Saturday, September 26

Saturdays with God everyone is invited to meet at the church grounds at 8:30am to work on various buildings and grounds projects (no special skills required) Manfred Segewitz, 256.527.2278)

"Who is the Man of the Shroud" Exhibit at the Parish Hall 10:00am-5:00pm

Sunday, September 27

"Who is the Man of the Shroud" Exhibit at the Parish Hall 11:00am-2:00pm

Food Pantry Food Distribution on the sidewalk at lower parking lot 12:00-1:00pm

Monday, September 28

St. Frassati's Adventurers at Treacy Hall 6:30pm Julie Bury, 256.337.1160

Tuesday, September 29

Ministry Head Meeting at Treacy Hall 6:00pm



A Little Love Goes a Long Way



Our Saturday, September 26 annual picnic at the Brosemer Family Flower Farm has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 10.

Women's Ministry invites all ladies of the parish to join us for an evening of love, kindness, and fellowship on **Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 pm** in the Fr. Treacy Hall.

Together, we will write heartfelt "Thinking of You" cards for our homebound parishioners and those on our church prayer list. These simple cards are a beautiful way to remind someone that they are remembered, loved, and held close in prayer.

Come share your time, your kindness, and a little joy with others. No special talent is needed—just a caring heart! Cards are provided.



We hope you'll join us for this special evening of fellowship and spreading a little love throughout our parish family. If you have any questions, contact Liz Montgomery at elizabeth35758@gmail.com or 281-705-6697.



Catholic Questions Corner



Q.7: Why should we tithe?

Answer

Why should we tithe? Is there any biblical stipulation on tithing? What percentage of a family's income?

The Biblical basis of stewardship by tithing: Both the Old and the New Testaments are full of references to tithing to the Lord. The practice of tithing is rooted in the Old Testament and was reinforced by the teaching of Jesus and his apostles and the example of the early Christians. The tithe was basically a requirement of the Mosaic Law by which all Israelites were to give 10% of everything they earned and grew, to the tabernacle. **1) Genesis 14:18-20:** Abraham first gave a tithe offering as a spontaneous thank you to God. **2) Genesis 28:22:** Jacob makes a pledge to return one tenth of everything he has to the Lord. **3) Leviticus 27:30:** *"All tithes of the land, whether in grain from the fields or in fruit from the trees, belong to the LORD, as sacred to Him."* **4) Malachi 3:10:** *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and try me in this, says the LORD of hosts: Shall I not open for you the floodgates of heaven, to pour down blessing upon you without measure?"* (Cfr also Num 18:26; Deut 14:24; 2Chr. 31:5).

Jesus encouraged the generous sharing of our blessings with others: *"Give and gifts will be given to you"* (Luke 6:38). 2) St. Paul exhorts the Christians in Corinth to contribute *"what they can afford"* to support the ministry of the Church (1Cor 16:1-4). 3) The early Christian community took Jesus literally when he told the rich young man to sell all he had and give it to the poor. The early Church practiced it as evidenced in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:45): *"they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need"*. Theologically, tithing is an act of thanksgiving to God by which we are helping our own brothers and sisters in the parish community. Besides, it is a source and means of additional blessing from God.



St. Mary of the Visitation Parish

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

World Rosary Day



*Pray the Rosary,
Bring Peace to the World*

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**Five Decades of the Rosary,
Prayed in Five Languages –
United as One Family in Christ**

**Tuesday, October 7
7:00 PM**

St. Mary of the Visitation Church



*Let us come together in prayer,
united as one family in Christ.*



Catholic Teens Volunteer Opportunity Nazareth House

Recruiting now for 2026/2027 school year!
Catholic 9th-12th grade volunteers needed to teach students in English or Spanish weekly.

Students we serve are Catholic children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We provide lesson plans and support.

A Call to Service

- You can join other teens by becoming a religious education teacher.
- Earn approximately 80 community service hours.
- College admissions notice this unique volunteer work!

Program Commitment

- Sunday mornings (11:30 AM -1:30 PM)
- @Saint Mary of the Visitation Church
- *Catechists must commit to most **Sunday mornings** during the calendar school year.
- **Required training workshop:**
Saturday September 26th
2pm-5pm
St Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church.



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