

AUGUST 9, 2026 | 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish—Huntsville, Alabama

222 Jefferson St. N

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 & 12:30pm

Nursery provided next door in Visitation Hall for the 8:00am & 11:00am Sunday Masses.

Confession

Tuesday–Friday 7:30am

Saturday: 4:00 – 5:00pm

Or by appointment

Mass & Adoration

1st Fridays | 6:30pm

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: 256.384.8758

Contact Us

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Save the Date

Aug 15–16: Catholic Daughters
Bake Sale–Visitation Hall &
KofC Family Breakfast–Parish Hall

Weekly Emails are sent to registered parishioners every Wednesday listing events for the week and other announcements. If you are not receiving the email and would like to please contact the office at smvparish@smvparish.org.

Financial Contributions

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$20,119

Aug 1/2

Weekly Church Support.....\$29,425
Holy Family.....\$395
JP II High School.....\$305
Seminarian Fund.....\$1476

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

For information on how to donate online, see page 2.

Pastor's Note

Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel (Matthew 14:22-33) presents the beautiful story of Jesus walking on the water and inviting Peter to step out of the boat. Peter could walk on the water as long as he kept his eyes fixed on Jesus. The moment he focused on the wind and waves, fear took over, and he began to sink. How often this reflects our own lives! When we keep our eyes on Christ and place our trust in Him, He never abandons us. Even when our faith wavers, His hand is always stretched out to lift us up.

This week the Church honors two inspiring saints. On August 10, we celebrate St. Lawrence, the courageous deacon and martyr who gave his life for Christ while faithfully serving the poor. On August 14, we remember St. Maximilian Kolbe, whose heroic act of offering his life in place of another prisoner at Auschwitz remains a shining witness to Christian charity and sacrificial love.

On August 15, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of the greatest Marian feasts of the Church. This year it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

I am also delighted to announce the beginning of a new parish ministry: the St. Martin of Tours Ministry, dedicated to serving and supporting our veterans. We are deeply grateful for their sacrifices and look forward to building a ministry that offers fellowship, prayer, and practical support to those who have faithfully served our nation.

Next weekend, our Catholic Daughters will host a Bake Sale after the Masses. Please stop by, enjoy some delicious treats, and support their wonderful ministry and charitable works.

Family Tip of the Week: Place a small box in your home as a Family Prayer Intention Box. Invite every family member to write prayer intentions throughout the week. During your family prayer time, draw one or two intentions from the box and pray for them together. This simple practice teaches children the importance of trusting God with every need and strengthens your family in faith.

May the Lord bless you and your families with His peace, and may Our Blessed Mother keep you always under her loving protection.

Fr. Jose

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.

Online Giving—Contributions can be made through our website: smvparish.com by selecting the secure "Donate" button located in the menu. For more information call the office at 256-536-6349.



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.

Aug 9-16 For the intentions of:
Sun Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Bell
Mon Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Bell
Tues Mr. & Mrs. William Bell
Wed Mr. & Mrs. Noel Beltran
Thurs Mr. & Mrs. Travis Bengal
Fri Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Bennett
Sat Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Bennett
Sun Mr. & Mrs. Eric Benzenhafer

Readings—Week of August 9, 2026

Sun: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
 Mon: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
 Tues: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 Wed: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20
 Thurs: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1
 Fri: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
 Sat: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Observances—Week of August 9, 2026

Sun: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Mon: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr; Tues: St. Clare, Virgin; Wed: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious; Thurs: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs; Fri: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr; Sat: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Sat: St. Dominic, Priest

Youth Faith Formation Classes

begin Sunday, August 23rd. If you missed the enrollment deadline and would like to find out if there's room in a particular grade, please email Mrs. Kilroy: smv.Kilroy@gmail.com



Altar Flowers may be donated in memory or honor of a loved one or to mark a special occasion. Contact the office for more information.

Our Nursery for preschool-aged children is open in Visitation Hall (at the ramp) during the 8 & 11am Masses.

For a list of our ministries visit our website at www.smvparish.com or pick up a Guide to Ministries in the church narthex.

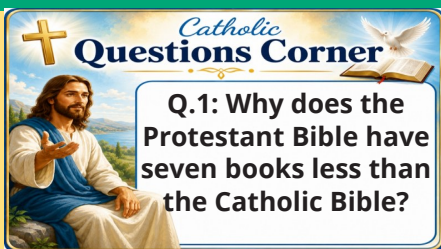


Altar Servers Needed! If you are interested in volunteering please contact Karen Vandiver at j.vandiver@mchsi.com

Prayer Requests Dawn Drumm, Jennifer Michael, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Noah Hebert, Theresa Marlowe, Sherry Goyer, Debbie Porges, Pam Hardy, Linda Daniel, Terri Powers, Jim Bodine, Caroline Lindsey, Dev Flynn, Timothy Payne, Seraphina Newquist, Paul Torrey, Donald Roseman, Lessie Jones, and Garrett Lindquist

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





FIFTY-FIVE PLUS {55+}

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



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

The **Food Pantry** is in need of a few items: instant oatmeal; peanut butter and jelly; peanut butter or cheese crackers; soups; Chef Boyardee; canned chicken, meat, or tuna; instant oatmeal; and soups. Thank you for your continued support and donations.

Scan the QR code to see our Amazon Wish List. Or type:
<https://linktr.ee/smvpantry>



Weekly Schedule & Intentions

PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 8

5:30pm | Venckus Children (I)

Sunday, August 9

8:00am | Life in Faith Ministry

11:00am | For the Parish

12:30pm | Parents' Baptismal Class Ministry

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

Monday, August 10

3:30pm Quilting Ministry (VH)

Tuesday, August 11

8:00am | † Gregory James Pfister

6pm | Life in Faith (VH)

Wednesday, August 12

8:00am | † Elizabeth Kathleen Palmer

6pm | Parish Pastoral Council (TH)

6pm | Knights of Columbus (PH)

Thursday, August 13

8am | † Stanley Wager

6pm | Men of St. Joseph (HFR)

6:30pm | St. Raphael (TH)

Friday, August 14

8:00am | Maria Jenkins (I)

8:30am | Coffee Social (VH)

Saturday, August 15

5:30pm | Hospitality Gazebo Ministry

Catholic Daughters' Bake Sale after Mass (VH)

Sunday, August 16

8:00am | † Mary Jane Pfister

9:30am | OCIA Meet & Greet (TH)

11:00am | Ambassadors Ministry

12:30pm | For the Parish

Catholic Daughters' Bake Sale after each Mass (VH)

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution

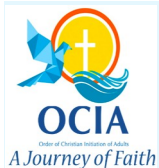
(C) Church, (HFR) Holy Family Room, (O) Office, (PH) Parish Hall, (TH) Treacy Hall, (VH) Visitation Hall



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 281-705-6697 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.



Are you ready to make a journey of faith? **The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**, 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 next Sunday, August 16, at 9:30 am in 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 Treacy Hall.

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.

The Knights of Columbus Cookbook—The Knights want to thank all those who have submitted recipes for their cookbook and remind everyone that recipes are still being accepted. Forms are available in the narthex.



Cursillo Weekend for Women will be held at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL, April 8-11, 2027. If you have been considering Cursillo as the next step in your spiritual journey, now is the time! Contact Linda Schaaf at lschaaf325@gmail.com

K of C Family Breakfast

Next Weekend
9:00am-10:30am in the Parish Hall

Second Collection Today

for our
Church Building Fund



Bake Sale Come satisfy your sweet tooth and support St. Mary's Catholic

Daughters Court, Roses for St. Mary, at our Back-to-School Bake Sale! We'll be serving up delicious treats after all Masses on **August 15-16**, in Visitation Hall. All proceeds will help us fund various future CDA projects and church programs like the building fund.

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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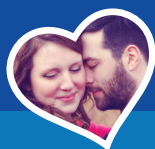
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