



July - Month of the Precious Blood

First Friday Adoration



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](#)

Mass Honoring Law Enforcement & Active Military July 5th at 8am

Please let the church office know of any family members who are law enforcement or active military. Their names will be read and a gift will be given to the family here even if their loved one doesn't live here.

Ambassadors

Looking for a way to become more involved at St. Mary's but not sure where to start? Have a limited amount of time but want to contribute to the life of the parish? Join us as a St. Mary of the Visitation Ambassador.

We're the friendly people greeting at the doors to help you feel at home. It's one of the best ministries to get to know more people while helping St. Mary's to be a welcoming place, both for parishioners and visitors.

There are no monthly meetings. You can decide how many Masses per month you want to volunteer, though most of us do it almost every week as we enjoy the interaction with our parish family.

For Saturday 5:30 and Sunday 8 and 11 Masses we arrive about 30 minutes prior to Mass.

The new Mass at 12:30 Sundays only requires about 20 minutes prior.

We encourage all ages to join: Highschoolers, young professionals, new Catholics, retirees--anyone with a smile and a desire to get involved.

Come talk to any Ambassador or contact Kathy Nergel. knerg@pm.me or 256-617-4203

So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us...2 Corinthians 5:20

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.

Women's Ministry

Our regular Women's Ministry gatherings will take a Summer Break in July. While we won't be meeting formally, we hope you take this summer season to recharge, enjoy the sunshine, and find peace in the quiet moments. Please mark your calendars for a special evening of reconnection on Thursday, August 20th for a night of food, fun, and fellowship. All ladies of the parish are invited! Whether you've been part of the ministry for years or are looking to join us for the first time, we can't wait to see you. *"Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one finds a treasure. Faithful friends are beyond price; no sum can balance their worth."* Sirach 6:14-17 Have a blessed and beautiful summer!



Notice

The two renovated restrooms in Tracy 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 is a Catholic women's ministry for those who love exploring God's creation while growing in faith, friendship, and fellowship. This ministry is open to women ages 19 and older and welcomes all experience levels—from seasoned outdoor enthusiasts to those just beginning their adventure. Together, we build lasting friendships, strengthen our faith, and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors through activities such as hiking, biking, kayaking, camping, and more. Come discover the joy of adventure, community, and encountering God in His creation! Our first meeting is scheduled for July 20th at 6:30 p.m. in Tracy Hall. For more information, contact Julie Bury at Julie_Bury@yahoo.com

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: July 13, August 17, and September 21 from 6-7:30pm. Come join us! Pictures from our June meeting can be seen on page 5 of the newsletter!

St. Mary's Sodality

St. Mary's Sodality will meet after the 8 AM Mass on July 2nd to recite a special Rosary asking for St. Monica's intercession for loved ones who have left the Catholic faith. All are welcome to join us!

To have names added to the book of Petitions that we place on the St. Mary altar, please fill out a St. Monica prayer slip (found in the narthex or by side door) and place it in the prayer bowl in front of the altar. You may do this monthly. Take a copy of the Intercession of St. Monica Daily Prayer. Sodality members will be praying for loved ones the entire month.

July Saints & Observances

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| 1 - St. Junípero Serra, Priest | 20 - St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr |
| 3 - St. Thomas, Apostle | 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church |
| 6 - St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr | 22 - St. Mary Magdalene |
| 9 - St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs | 23 - St. Bridget, Religious |
| 11 - St. Benedict, Abbot | 24 - St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest |
| 13 - St. Henry | 25 - St. James, Apostle |
| 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin | 29 - Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus |
| 15 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel | 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest |
| 18 - St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest | |



Knights of Columbus
Monthly
Family Breakfast



New Banquet Hall, New Breakfast Menu !

WAFFLES !

Blueberry Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Buttermilk Pancakes, Toast, Sausage Bacon, Ham, Fried Potatoes

Fresh Fruit
Breakfast Dessert Muffins
Instant Oatmeal Varieties
Hot Tea Assortment
Coffee, Orange Juice, Milk

***** Adults \$10, 16yrs & under \$5, Free 5yrs & under *****
***** \$30 family cap = 2 adults plus three or more children *****

Check, Cash, Credit Card

St. Mary Visitation Parish Banquet Hall

220 Lincoln Street NE

July 19TH 9am - 10:30

**We greatly appreciate you !
ALL are WELCOME**

In Service to One, In Service to All



Knights of Columbus
Monthly
Family Breakfast



Great Gift Idea

For Family - Party Hosts - Friends - Coworkers
OR
Your-Self

Fresh Coffee - 6 Bean Blend

DARK ROAST - REGULAR ROAST
Decaf 2 bean Blend

Whole Bean or Ground

\$18 suggested donation

After each Mass the 1st & 2nd weekend of each month

Would You Consider Joining the Knights of Columbus ?



Contact Tony Soto : 334-447-0558 or kofc4080@gmail.com

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July 2026 Newsletter

Pictures from Around the Parish

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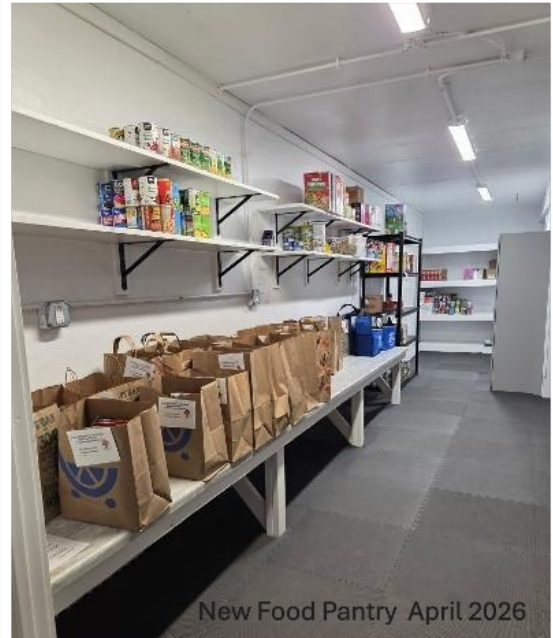


Pictures from the June 15th meeting of our St. Veronica's Ministry!



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The Food Pantry ministry moved into its newly built space on May 2. We are **tremendously grateful** to the **Buildings and Grounds ministry** members who created this wonderful facility in the ground floor of the administrative building. Where we used to be (before photo) was narrow and some of us would bump our heads on cabinets. The new pantry is spacious with plenty of room to move about (after photo). The Food Pantry serves our neighbors from nearby low-income senior housing towers, as well as anyone at all who asks for food. **Please, Help Us Stock Our Shelves!**



Ladies Sodality members **Rita Segewitz, Kathy Neger, Amy Gallagher, Angie Clawson, and Nancy Kitchens** gather after the St Monica Rosary on June 4th. The rosary will be said after the morning mass on first Thursdays each month asking for the Blessed St Monica to intercede on behalf of the souls of our family members who have fallen away from the church. **Please join us in praying for the restoration of our loved ones!**

**RECIPE
COLLECTION
SHEET**

For office use only	Recipe No.
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Category

Recipe Title	Recipe Description	Recipe Instructions	Recipe Ingredients	Recipe Notes
1. Chicken Noodle Soup	A comforting soup made with chicken, noodles, and vegetables.	1. Cook chicken in a pot of water. 2. Add noodles and vegetables. 3. Simmer for 30 minutes.	Chicken, Noodles, Carrots, Celery, Onion, Broth.	Can be served with a slice of bread.
2. Beef Stew	A hearty stew made with beef, potatoes, and carrots.	1. Brown beef in a pot. 2. Add potatoes and carrots. 3. Simmer for 2 hours.	Beef, Potatoes, Carrots, Onion, Broth.	Can be served with a slice of bread.
3. Vegetable Soup	A healthy soup made with various vegetables and beans.	1. Chop vegetables. 2. Add beans and broth. 3. Simmer for 30 minutes.	Carrots, Celery, Onion, Beans, Broth.	Can be served with a slice of bread.
4. Tomato Soup	A creamy soup made with tomatoes and cream.	1. Cook tomatoes in a pot. 2. Add cream. 3. Simmer for 30 minutes.	Tomatoes, Cream, Onion, Broth.	Can be served with a slice of bread.
5. Minestrone Soup	A soup made with various vegetables and pasta.	1. Cook pasta in a pot. 2. Add vegetables and broth. 3. Simmer for 30 minutes.	Pasta, Carrots, Celery, Onion, Broth.	Can be served with a slice of bread.

Submitted By

INGREDIENTS: Use abbreviations pt, qt, pkg, env, c, tsp, T, oz, lb, gal, doz, sm, med, lg.

DIRECTIONS:

NAME -“IN MEMORY”-

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OR

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- **Print NEATLY in INK, NOT PENCIL**, and place only **ONE RECIPE** per form.
- If more room is needed, use another sheet of the same size and staple together.
- Please **WRITE LEGIBLY**, as this will greatly reduce errors.
- List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions.
- Include container sizes, e.g., 2 (8-oz.) cans, temps, and baking/cooking times.
- Keep ingredients separate and directions in one paragraph. Do not submit recipes in steps, columns, or charts. Recipes which cannot conform to our chosen recipe format will be omitted.
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar."
- Do NOT use statements like, "combine first three ingredients."
- Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
- Any special recipe notes (anything other than ingredients, directions, contributor name, serving size, or recipe title) should be kept as a separate comment on the bottom of this form, as they may not be included unless we pay extra for it.
- Your recipes should fit into one of the following categories:

Appetizers & Beverages

Soups & Salads

Vegetables & Side Dishes

Main Dishes

Breads & Rolls

Desserts

Cookies & Candy

This & That

Dear St. Mary's Family,

The Knights of Columbus is preparing a wonderful custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our parish family. The cookbook will be professionally published, and is certain to become a treasured keepsake. Recipes in memory of are super special heirlooms....Please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes ! You can reserve one or more copies of the cookbook which makes a great Christmas gift to family and friends.

Please reserve _____ cookbook(s) for me.

Name _____

PLEASE SUBMIT ASAP.

PRINTING OF COOKBOOK IS LATE OCTOBER 2026

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