



December - Month of the Immaculate Conception

First Friday Adoration



*Adoration
December 5th
@ 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, cjadk@aol.com

Memorial Bricks

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There are still memorial bricks (8"x8") available in Mary's Prayer Garden. Suggested donation is \$100. **The plan, layout, and order forms are in the narthex or at the office.**

Women's Ministry

Ladies of the parish, you're invited to our **Paint Night Christmas Party** for our **Women's Ministry** meeting on Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Trecy room. Join us for an unforgettable evening of fun, fellowship, and painting.



Art by Candy will provide everything needed for our night out. There is a \$30 fee, which includes the supplies to create your 8x10 painting to take home. To reserve your spot and make a prepayment for this fun event, please contact Liz Montgomery. You can contact her at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com. We're looking forward to hearing from you and hope you'll join us for our ladies' night out!

Food Pantry's Advent Giving Tree



The SMV's Food Pantry Ministry will be doing the Advent Giving Tree again this year. The Advent Giving Tree will be up before 5:30 Mass on November 29th and will remain until December 14th.

There will be pantry members to help with the tree tags by the tree,

and one member in the Narthex to take monetary donations, at each Mass on the weekends. We ask that you wait until a member is available to take tree tag information.

All gifts need to be turned in by December 14th.

The Food Pantry Ministry wants to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and safe holidays.

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.

St. Raphael's Ministry

The next activity for St. Raphael's will be on Saturday December 13th. We'll start with the 5:30pm Mass and then walk the Tinsel Trail in downtown Huntsville followed by dinner at one of the downtown restaurants. Invite your friends!

Knight of Columbus

The perfect Christmas gift for Hosts and Guests, Knights of Columbus coffee!

Our own 6 bean blend of delicious coffee in 1LB. bags at the coffee tent.

Proceeds benefit so many KofC endeavors such as: St Judes Children Hospital, Food & Clothing for those in need, and St. Mary of the Visitation ministries.

ALSO

Spiritual/religious Christmas cards after select Masses next to the Church. Cards are an excellent way to reach out to family & friends, let them know you love them.

Available in English, Spanish, Polish & Italian!

Dec 6 & 7 / Dec. 13 & 14

Huntsville Christmas Parade

Join the Parish Social Ministry as we gather to watch the Huntsville Christmas Parade from the church's back parking lot on Tuesday, December 2. The parade begins at 6:00pm and will travel north on Washington Street. Come early and enjoy a complimentary hot dog and warm beverage. Due to the parade route, it is best to enter from Jefferson Street.

Paid Position Opening - Nursery Worker

The nursery worker cares for children four and under during Sunday Masses. If interested, please call the church office or email your resume to smvparish@smvparish.org.

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.

WELCOME TO THE VISITATION Advent/Christmas Opportunities 2025

REFLECTION BOOKLET: BRINGING HOPE TO LIGHT

FRIDAYS, DEC 5, 12, & 19 AT 6:30PM

MASS FOLLOWED BY ADORATION AND CONFESSION

SUNDAY, DEC 7: PARISH CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
AFTER THE 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM MASSES
(SWEET TREATS, HOT COCOA & COFFEE)

MONDAY, DEC 8: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
MASSES: 8:00 AM AND 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, DEC 13: PENANCE SERVICE 10:00 AM-NOON

SUNDAY, DEC 14: ADVENT GIVING TREE GIFTS ARE DUE

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 PM; 7:00 PM SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS; MIDNIGHT
(LESSONS & CAROLS 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE
4:30 PM MASS & THE MIDNIGHT MASS)

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM
(LESSONS & CAROLS 30 MINUTES BEFORE)

NEW YEAR'S DAY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1: MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
MASSES: 8:00 AM AND 6:00 PM

December Saints & Observances

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| 3 - St. Francis Xavier, Priest | 23 - St. John of Kanty, Priest |
| 4 - St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church | 25 - The Nativity of the Lord |
| 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop | 26 - St. Stephen, the first Martyr |
| 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 27 - St. John, Apostle and Evangelist |
| 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin | 28 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph |
| 10- Our Lady of Loreto | 29 - St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr |
| 11 - St. Damasus I, Pope | 31 - St. Sylvester I, Pope |
| 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe | |
| 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr | |

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Towards the end of the month, we got ready for Advent with our first ever *Walk with the Saints* event. We had fun visiting with saints, collecting prayer cards, assembling Advent wreaths, and enjoying time with our parish family as we learned about slowing down for Advent and truly embracing the season. Tasty treats and take home Advent resources for kids and adults concluded this wonderful evening event.



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