November 2026 Newsletter



November - Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

First Friday Adoration



Help Wanted!

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**

Gazebo Volunteers

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

Women's Ministry



Women's Ministry Friendsgiving Dinner
Gather • Give Thanks • Grow in Faith

Ladies, come join us for a special evening of friendship, gratitude, faith, and fun!

The Women's Ministry invites all ladies of the parish to our Friendsgiving Dinner on **Thursday, November 19** at **6:00 p.m. in Fr. Trecy Hall.**

Let's gather around the table and celebrate the many blessings God has given us while enjoying wonderful food and fellowship with one another. As part of our evening, we'll create a Gratitude Tree, sharing the blessings and people for whom we are especially thankful.

A smoked turkey is provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and come ready to enjoy an evening of laughter, connection, and gratitude.

The heart of our Women's Ministry is to bring faithful women together to strengthen our relationship with Christ and one another through prayer, fellowship, and fun. We hope you'll join us and bring a friend! Contact Debbie Moore at Dmoellen@yahoo.com to RSVP.

Come as you are, bring a grateful heart, and let's give thanks together!

Fifty-Five Plus(55 +) Event



Giving Thanks - Join us for our Fifty-Five Plus Potluck Dinner on **Friday, November 20th** at **5:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Please bring a dish or dessert to share! Drinks will be provided.

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.

Mother's Ministry

All moms expecting their first baby through having kids still at home are invited to join the Mother's Ministry. We have monthly social nights and a groupchat for fostering community and sharing resources. Come join a lovely group of moms! Contact Reilly Duvall for more information: reillycuccinelli9@protonmail.com or 703-479-4703

Expectant Mother's Ministry

Any St. Mary's mom expecting a baby, we have a ministry that would love to support you and your family around delivery! We mainly do postpartum meal trains, but provide other support as needed. You don't need to know a lot of people at church to participate, we love to support all our pregnant mamas! Contact Reilly Duvall for more information: reillycuccinelli9@protonmail.com or 703-479-4703

Saint Frassati's Adventurers

BIG ADVENTURES

- Saturday, Nov. 7th - Horseback riding in Tuscumbia, and a visit to the Rattlesnake saloon restaurant (in a cave by the horse stables). Minimum: 9 FULL – no more spots available.
- Saturday Nov. 21st Rickwood Caverns cave – it is decorated for Christmas (November). Cost and details to follow. Rated: Easy. Minimum: 6 Maximum 15

ADVENTURES

- Wednesday, Nov. 11th at 5:00 p.m. - Hit Golf balls – Madison Golf center, happy hour. Minimum: 4
- Friday, Nov. 13 at 9:00 a.m. - Greenway walk at Aldridge Creek – 3.5 miles. Minimum: 6
- Monday, Nov. 30th at 6:30 p.m. Saint Frassati's Adventurers Meeting – at SMV in Tracy Hall.

Parish Dances

Who's ready to dance! The PC is completed and it is time to bring back the parish dances! I am looking for people to join my team in planning the parish dance and pot lucks. If this is something you are interested in please contact me, Sophia Eheart at sophiaLeheart@gmail.com

Notice

The two renovated restrooms in Trecy 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.

Sharing Christ's Love: Care Packages for our Seminarian & Religious Sister

The Women's Ministry invites you to join us in sharing the love of Christ with our seminarian, Maximillian Waldron, and Sr. Maria Ann Catherine by preparing care packages for them.

Maximillian, son of Randy and Nancy Waldron, is currently studying at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Saint Meinrad, Indiana. Sr. Maria Ann Catherine is serving at St. Dominic's Monastery in Linden, Virginia. She was a RCIA core team member before discerning religious life.

How You Can Help:

- **Donate Items:** Suggested items include packaged snacks, candies, books, journals, pens, toiletries, socks, packaged thank-you cards, postage stamps, and Amazon gift cards. Please no restaurant or store-specific gift cards.
- **Write a Message:** Personal cards or letters of encouragement, gratitude, and prayer from your family are warmly welcomed to be included in the packages.
- **Monetary Donations:** Financial contributions are also welcome to help make these care packages special.

Donation Weekend: November 7 & 8

A collection box for items, letters, and monetary donations will be available in the narthex.

Thank you for helping us support Maximillian and Sr. Maria Ann Catherine and share God's love, one thoughtful gift at a time. For questions or additional information, please contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com.

Catholic Daughters

The **Catholic Daughters** invite all Catholic women ages 18 and older to our monthly meeting on Tues, Nov 3, at 6:00 p.m. in Fr. Trecy Hall. You're welcome to bring a fall dish to share. After the meeting, stay with our Sunshine Committee to write notes of thanksgiving and encouragement to others.

Catholic Daughters will also be selling pecans after weekend Masses outside the church, November 7–8 through November 22, or while supplies last. We'll have a variety to choose from, including raw pecan halves, chocolate-covered pecans, glazed pecans, and more. For more information, please contact our Regent, Janie Hoyt, at 256-651-4367.

Pro-life Ministry

The next Prolife Ministry Meeting will be: November 17, 2026 at 6:30pm in Visitation Hall.

St. Cecelia Event

Mark your Calendar!

Please join the choir for a very special adoration in the spirit of St Cecilia…with music! After exposition, the choir will lead Eucharistic hymns. Feel free to sing or listen! Mid-way through the Holy Hour, the children (of any and all ages) will be invited to the front to sit at the feet of Jesus as we sing a Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Following adoration, we will go to the Fr Trecy room for potluck Snacks and Sweets! Bring your favorite to share!

November 22
2-3 pm Holy Hour
3 pm Snacks and Sweets Social

Contact Jackie Henderson for more information, cjadk@aol.com.



Food Pantry

The Food Pantry Ministry will give out Thanksgiving Holiday food bags again this year along with our regular bags to our downtown community neighbors. We will collect our holiday food items the first 2 weeks in November. There will be a box by the gazebo for your donations.
We will need your help in filling these bags with the following items: canned chicken, or sm. canned hams; instant mashed potatoes; gravy; canned green beans; canned yams; cream of mushroom soup; cranberry sauce; and stuffing mix. Thank you for helping us make their Thanksgiving meal special.

November Saints & Observances

1 - All Saints Day
2 - All Souls' Day
3 - St. Martin de Porres, Religious
4 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
12 - St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
16 - St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Gertrude, Virgin
17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
18 - The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
23 - St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr
St. Columban, Abbot Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr
24 - St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
30 - St. Andrew, Apostle