



St. Mary of the Visitation

Catholic Parish

Oldest Catholic Parish in North Alabama—Established 1861



Parish Center
220 Lincoln St.

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.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass

Tuesday - Friday 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am,

11:00am (Contemporary Choir)

Nursery provided for both Sunday

Masses next door in the Fr. Treacy Room.

Confession

Tuesday - Friday 7:30am

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00pm

Or by appointment

Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction

1st Thursdays | 7:00pm



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

- Lk 15:10

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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Office Hours

Mon-Thu 8:30am-3:30pm | Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

After hours spiritual emergency: 256.384.3741

Faith Formation—Sunday Mornings

Youth 9:30-10:45am at Parish Hall

Adult Classes gather after 8:00am Mass for coffee at Parish Hall (Evelyn Jaap) or Visitation Hall (Mike Janssen) before classes begin.

RCIA 9:15-10:45am at Fr. Treacy Room

Sacraments

Matrimony | Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

Baptism | The class is by appointment and is required if not previously attended.

Anointing of the Sick | The Church recommends this Sacrament to all who are previously ill or in danger of death.

Mass Intentions 9/10-9/18

Sat 5:30pm | For the Parish

Sun 8:00am | † Ruth Azar

Sun 11:00am | Bijan Moghaddam (I)

Mon No Mass

Tue 8:00am | Fr. Charlie Merrill (I)

Wed 8:00am | Jackie Hallows (I)

Thu 8:00am | † Beth Bodine Mason

Fri 8:00am | Fr. Mike Mac Mahon (I)

Sat 5:30pm | † Carrie Helen
Tumminello

Sun 8:00am | For the Parish

Sun 11:00am | Dn. Jeff
Montgomery (I)

PRAYER, WORSHIP, MINISTRY

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Weekly Readings and Observances

Readings for the week of September 11, 2022

Sun: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Patriot Day; Grandparents' Day

Mon: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10 **The Most Holy Name of Mary**

Tue: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17 **St. John Chrysostom**

Wed: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Thu: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Our Lady of Sorrows

Fri: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3 **Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian**

Sat: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-4/Lk 8:4-15 **St. Robert Bellarmine**

Faith Formation

New Monday Night High School Class

begins this week - 9/12 at 7pm in the Fr. Treacy Room

Haven't registered? Sign up during Monday's class!

All are welcome!

Patriot Day

Heavenly Father, Creator of All, You have created the human person as good. You have placed us in the world as one human family, as sisters and brothers.

We pray today for all victims of violence across the world, for the healing of their mind and body, for their mourning family members, for the repose of their souls.

Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies, and to pray for those who persecute us. Give us the strength and courage to forgive. Remove all lingering desire for revenge.

Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God. Give us the gift of Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Amen.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are in celebration of

Julia Minopoli and

Jeffrey Klug

married September 10, 2022



Sanctuary Lamp

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.



September 11-18

For the intentions of:

Sun Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Gallagher
Mon Ms. Courtney Gallen
Tue Mr. & Mrs. Alonso Garcia
Wed Mr. & Mrs. Thad Gerrell
Thu Ms. Shannon Gilmore
Fri Mr. & Mrs. Todd Gilmore
Sat Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Good
Sun Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Goyer

Prayer Requests

Viola Cucullu, Jeannie Calvarese, Skye Grant, Darrel & Diane Kaiser, Jeff Skupien, Lynn Schneider, Pat Hicks, Holly Cooney, Ben Geist, Marilyn Plonka, Anna Fowler, Bill McCormack, Layne Gerbig, Jim Wall

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



Join the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus, here at St. Mary's, is looking for like minded men that want to help and run this Council. With Fr. Joy as our Chaplain, we invite you to join us. We are men who serve God by doing good works for our fellow mankind, by feeding and clothing those in need, funding seminarians, supporting our parish and each other, yet remaining humble.

Please contact me, Patrick "Pat" Davis @ tpatrickdavis81@gmail.com to become a Knight Of Columbus. St. John Paul II stated "the Knights of Columbus are the strong right arm of the Church". Let's live up to that statement. Our Orders foundational principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast Next Sunday 9:00-10:30am at the Parish Hall



includes scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, potatoes, toast, coffee, juice

Parish Immunization Clinic

The Men's Group is hosting an immunization clinic for the convenience of all parishioners during the weekend of September 24/25. This is an opportunity to get your flu, pneumonia, COVID, shingles, tetanus, or other vaccines next door to the church immediately after Mass.

Vaccines will be administered by a certified professional from locally owned and operated Madison Health Mart Pharmacy.

Most health insurance pays the full cost of these vaccines. For those without health insurance, there is a nominal cost for all shots other than COVID, which is free.

If you have any questions, contact John at jnerger@msn.com or the parish office.



Open House after all Masses this Weekend

The Buildings & Grounds Ministry has spent almost every Saturday renovating the Administration/Office Building into additional meeting space, the Deacon's office, a Bridal Suite, Fr. Joy's office, the conference room, and the work still continues on the remaining rooms. Come and take a tour of the progress made so far and enjoy an ice cream treat (5:30pm and 11:00am) or donut/coffee (8:00am). We are so very grateful for all the hours the volunteers have spent to make our facilities and grounds a more welcoming space.



PRAYER TO THE HOLY CROSS

Oh Lord Almighty! You have suffered death at the cross for our sins. Oh Holy Cross of Jesus be my true light. Oh Holy Cross of Jesus fill my soul with good thoughts. Oh Holy Cross help me in my salvation. Oh Holy Cross safeguard me against unholy thoughts and worldly dangers that I may worship the Holy Cross of Jesus of Nazareth crucified. Have pity on me. Oh Holy Cross of Jesus be my hope. Oh Holy Cross have mercy on me forever and ever.

In honor of the Precious Blood of Jesus and His fearful Death and Resurrection and His Glorification which leads to everlasting life. As true as Jesus is born on Christmas and crucified on Good Friday. As true as St. Joseph and Nicodemus took Jesus down from the cross, as true as Jesus ascended into heaven. May He preserve me from my enemies both visible and invisible forever and ever.

Lord Almighty, into Your hands I give my soul and my body. Oh Lord Jesus grant me strength to bear the cross as Yourself. Teach me to bear it with great humility that the Blessed Virgin may fill me with the Holy Spirit. Preserve my soul and lead it to life everlasting. Amen.

<https://www.vatican.va/holy-father/pope-francis/prayer/prayer-to-the-holy-cross.html>

This Week

Sunday, September 11

Noon-1:00pm | Food Distribution-
Kitchen Door-North Parking Lot
5:30-7:30pm | Youth Group (SJ)

Monday, September 12

7:00pm | Book Club (VH)

Tuesday, September 13

6:00pm | PPC (JTR)

Wednesday, September 14

6:00pm | Life in Faith (VH)

Thursday, September 15

6:00pm | Food Pantry (JTR)

Friday, September 16

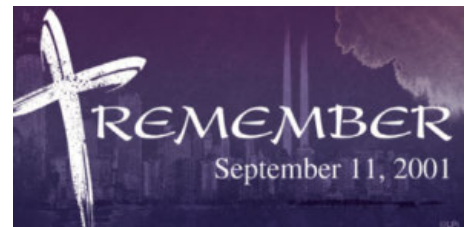
8:30am | Coffee after Mass (VH)

(VH) Visitation Hall (at courtyard ramp), (O) Office, (PH) Parish Hall, (JTR) Fr. Tracy Room, (SJ) St. Joseph—Francis Hall

Food Pantry Donation

Much Needed: Pasta and Pasta Sauce (Marinara or Alfredo)

Other Items Requested: Canned Chicken; Canned Tuna; Hamburger Helper; Boxed or Dehydrated Milk; Macaroni & Cheese; Cereal; Peanut Butter Crackers; Pop-top Cans of Chef Boyardee meals. **THANK YOU!**



SMV Book Club

This fall, the St. Mary's Book Club is going to read a Catholic Classic: **"The Life of Christ"** by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen!

Please join us—everyone is welcome! We start **tomorrow**, September 12th, at 7 p.m. in the Visitation Hall. Call LuAnn at 256-426-8898 if you have questions.

Due to an early publication deadline, the collections for September 3/4 will be included in the next bulletin.

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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