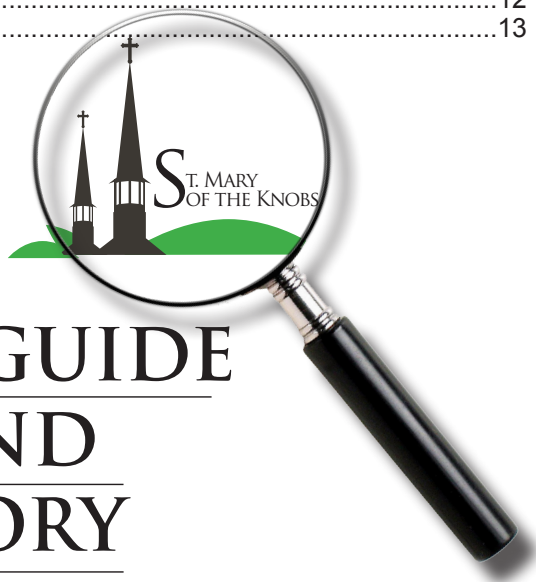




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## MASS SCHEDULE

**MASSES: Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am**

## OTHER SERVICES

Communion Services-Monday thru Thursday, 8:00am

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Sundays, 10:30am Mass

Confession: Saturday 3:30-4:00pm in Church

Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel -- First Thursday of month after 8:00am

Mass. Concludes at 6:00pm.

Anointing of the Sick-call the Parish Office 812-923-3011

Baptisms-Register at yoursmk.org

## PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Fr. Mike Hilderbrand ..... 812-923-3011

Adm. Asst.-Business Manager, Suzie Didat ..... 812-923-3011

Accountant, Candace Hyde ..... 812-923-2457

School Principal, Tracy Jansen ..... 812-923-1630

Coordinator of Faith Formation, Francine Gettelfinger ..... 812-923-2459

Youth Minister ..... 812-923-2461

Liturgy/Music Coordinator, Marilyn Merkel ..... 812-923-2460

Facility Manager, Melanie Hartlage ..... 812-923-2492

Parish Fax ..... 812-923-1431

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## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION AND PREPARATION

"The seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life: they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian's life of faith. There is thus, a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of spiritual life."  
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1210)

Sacraments are visible signs of God's invisible presence for Catholics. The following paragraphs describe how St. Mary of the Knobs prepares children and adults to receive and celebrate the sacraments.

## BAPTISM

Baptism welcomes one into the family of God and St. Mary of the Knobs parish. Baptisms may be scheduled during or after mass. Visit our parish website, [www.yoursmk.org](http://www.yoursmk.org), to register for the celebration of baptism.

Contact: Francine Gettelfinger..... 812-923-2459

## EUCHARIST

Contact: Francine Gettelfinger..... 812-923-2459  
Preparation for First Eucharist begins in third grade. Children need to be registered and attend SMK Faith Formation or SMK Catholic School in order to prepare for the sacrament. As part of the preparation, children are to attend a retreat and parents are to attend a Eucharist catechetical session. Celebration of First Eucharist takes place at a regular weekend mass during the Easter season.

## CONFIRMATION

Contact: Francine Gettelfinger..... 812-923-2459  
Confirmation is the third and final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic faith. Baptism and Eucharist being the first two. Preparation is open to high school youth in grades 10-12. Candidates are prepared annually which includes additional formation sessions. Confirmation is celebrated in the spring as determined by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

## RECONCILIATION

Contact: Francine Gettelfinger..... 812-923-2459  
Preparation for First Reconciliation begins in second grade. Children need to be registered and attend SMK Faith Formation or SMK Catholic School in order to prepare for the sacrament. As part of the preparation, children are to attend a retreat and parents are to attend a Reconciliation catechetical session. Celebration of First Reconciliation takes place during the season of Lent on a Saturday morning.

**Please visit our website, [www.yoursmk.org](http://www.yoursmk.org), for further details and contact information for the sacraments.**

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is made available as a communal service during Advent and Lent. However, if needed privately at any other time, please call 812-923-3011. In an emergency, please notify a priest immediately.

## MATRIMONY

Arrangements are to be made with the parish priest 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date. Bride or groom must be an active, registered, participating parish member. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required.

## HOLY ORDERS

Those considering entering the Priesthood or a Religious vocation, please contact our Pastor or the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 1-800-382-9836 or email: [eaugenstein@archindy.org](mailto:eaugenstein@archindy.org).

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS/TEENS/CHILDREN (RCIA) (RCI for Youth)**

St. Mary of the Knobs offers a process for serving those, of all ages, who are not Catholic or who have not fully celebrated their sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation). The process allows one to discern if Catholicism is what they seek in their journey of faith with Jesus Christ. There are weekly sessions that follow the academic calendar, unless otherwise scheduled with the Coordinator of Faith Formation. Sacraments are celebrated at the Easter Vigil (Saturday before Easter Sunday) unless directed otherwise. Visit our website, www.yoursmk.org, for further details and contact information for RCIA and RCI for youth 812-923-2459.

**ST. MARY OF THE KNOBS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**School Office ..... 812-923-1630**

St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic School unites faith and academic excellence to provide an outstanding learning experience for all students. The school serves approximately 185 students in preschool through grade 6. Seventh grade will be added in the fall of 2017 and eighth grade will be added in the fall of 2018.

The faith-filled SMK parish/school community provides a loving, nurturing environment for all. Students attend weekly Mass and participate in service projects and unique learning opportunities throughout the year. Religious education and daily prayer keep faith at the forefront of the school day. The school has a history of being named a Four-Star School and receiving an "A" accountability grade by the Indiana Department of Education. These accolades are reflected in the low pupil/teacher ratio combined with an outstanding, experienced staff.

SMKCS offers extra-curricular enrichment and athletic opportunities as well as extra support for its students. Students at SMKCS may participate in a variety of sports and clubs. Faculty and staff include all fully certified teachers, special needs instructor and instructional assistants. Music, computer, and physical education are taught by special area instructors. Our preschool program offers two-day or three-day classes for three year olds and our pre-kindergarten classes for four year olds are five days per week. Child care is available from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on school days for SMKCS students. Summer camp is also available.

Please visit our website at www.smkcatholicsschool.com or call the school office if you have questions or would like to tour the school.

**OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL**

707 Providence Way, Clarksville, IN 47129-1599 812-945-2538

Although grades preschool through sixth are important to the formation of Catholic values, the world broadens and diversifies when children

reach junior high and high school. The responsibility to educate our youth in the Catholic faith does not end with sixth grade graduation. To extend beyond the parish grade school, the New Albany Deanery provides both the environment and the expertise for continuing Catholic Education through grade twelve at Our Lady of Providence.

Providence High School is actually an extension of St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic School. It is a mission-driven community designed to nurture your son or daughter from childhood lessons to adult-level understanding of faith. At Providence, life-enriching faith and friendships are planted. In just six years, each child becomes a young adult. Thus, during these years, teens need the best possible soil in which to change, grow and mature-and PROVIDENCE IS GOOD SOIL.

**PARISH MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS**

TC denotes "Time Commitment"

**Pastoral Council**

Contact: Marilyn Faulkenburg .....502-724-3882

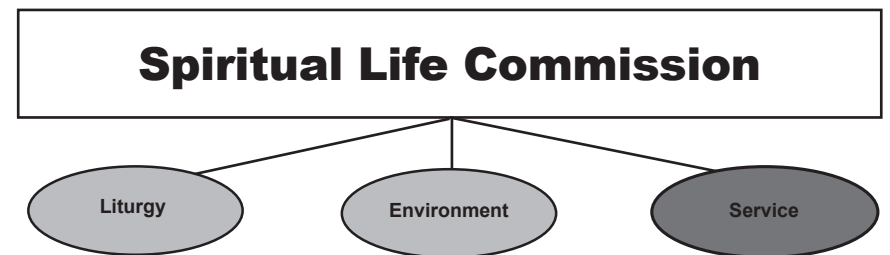
The Pastoral Council serves as a consultative body to the Pastor to help formulate policies concerning both parish and pastoral matters consistent with faith and morals, civil and church law and archdiocesan policy.

TC: Monthly meeting

**Finance Council**

Contact: Pat Byrne ..... 812-948-8853

The Finance Commission serves as a consultative body to the Pastor for meeting the material needs necessary to fulfill our parish mission. As stewards of parish finances, this Commission assists the Pastor in setting the annual parish budget, establishing effective accounting controls, and monitoring parish income and expenses through the year. A quarterly income statement is distributed to parishioners, as well as financial results for major fundraisers throughout the year. This commission is a great way to learn the nuts and bolts of how our church operates.



**SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION**

The Spiritual Life Commission is a small group of parishioners committed

to enhancing the spiritual growth of parishioners by supporting prayerful and inspirational liturgical celebrations and events which praise God and revitalize personal and community faith. The commission supports all Spiritual Life Ministries and acts as a liaison between these ministries and the Pastoral Council. They oversee the education and training of all Liturgical Ministers and promote parishioner engagement in ministries and at Mass.

The spiritual life commission has been hard at work this year supporting our liturgical, fellowship, and service ministries and serving as a liaison for them to the pastoral council, mission planning team and worked closely with them to discern the needs of our parish and to plan and implement a successful parish mission. Our liturgical ministries continue to grow as more and more parishioners are being trained and participating as liturgical ministers. We continue to utilize the Ministry Scheduler Pro online program designed to streamline the scheduling of our ministries. We have seen tremendous growth in the development of our youth choir. Our Parish Health Ministry hosts health seminars, communicates health information to our parishioners, checks blood pressures monthly, and has hosted several end of life seminars. We hosted a cookout to educate people on the liturgical calendar year and have been busy supporting parish events such as Breakfast at the Manger, the Parish Ministry Fair, and our Parish Mission community dinner.

#### **Prayer Blanket Ministry**

Contact Claudette Emery .....502-551-2579  
Charlene Peyton .....812-923-8863

The purpose of the Prayer Blanket Ministry is to provide a tangible expression of prayers to those who have a special need to feel the love of God and our parish community. The Prayer Blanket can bring comfort to the suffering and peace to the fearful. God has used this beautiful ministry to touch the lives of people who have received the Prayer Blanket, as well as those who witness it, such as doctors and nurses in a hospital. The blankets are handmade and blessed at Mass and made available at church, along with a 26-page booklet of prayers, for anyone to take to a friend, family member or parishioner they feel would benefit from knowing that all are praying for them during their time of struggle. How Can You Help? Assist in sewing Prayer Blankets; Donate materials needed to make blankets or donate money to cover cost of materials; put finishing touches on the blankets; help create the Prayer Booklets. Call a coordinator above to learn more.

#### **SERVICE MINISTRIES**

##### **Community Kitchen**

Contact: Pat Byrne .....812-923-8853  
Volunteers are needed to cook, bake, setup/cleanup and serve meals for the needy in Jeffersonville, IN.

#### **St. Vincent De Paul**

Contact: Lisa Huber ..... 502-376-4310  
Our Tri- parish (St. Mary Navilleton, St. John the Baptist and St. Mary of the Knobs) initiative works with SVDP outreach organization to meet social, material and spiritual needs of people in the local community who call for financial assistance. SVDP especially needs people to make home visits.

#### **Parish Health Ministry**

Contact: Denise Carter ..... 502-298-8902  
This ministry welcomes healthcare professionals, and those interested in integrating health and healing with faith and service. Some of the services provided are monthly blood pressure screenings after weekend Mass and the making and distribution of "prayer blankets." The Parish Health Ministry's concerns are multigenerational and outreach services are in formation.

#### **Circle of Love Meal Ministry**

Contact: Carole Strohbeck ..... 812-923-5013  
Join a small team operating on a rotation basis to supply assistance to those in need. Includes dish preparation and delivery of home-cooked meal to the home of those needing a hand in times of trial or recovery, or the birth of a child.

#### **Pro-Life Ministry**

Contact: Sherri Williams .....812-951-3131  
Brenda Byrne ..... 812-923-8853  
While keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pro-life committee exists to promote life from conception to natural death in our families, parish, community, and Archdiocese. We are committed to actively increasing awareness, praying and fasting for the conversion of hearts, and building and supporting pro-life efforts in our community.

#### **Funeral Comfort Meals**

Contact: Becky Giles ..... 812-923-3876  
After Funerals, our parish provides a luncheon for a deceased member's family and friends upon request. Volunteers are needed to prepare a dish, help setup, serve and clean up after the luncheon.

#### **Information Station Team**

Contact: Maggie Walker ..... 812-786-9225  
There is nothing quite as welcoming as people who are happy to see you! Stationed in the gathering space, team members provide directional information to visitors. They do not try to answer all the questions. They provide visitors with details about programs and services and help

members sign up to take their next steps in discipleship.

### **HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES:**

Liturgy Office ..... 812-923-2460

**Usher** - Men and women who assist in seating parishioners in church and collecting the offering during Mass.

• **Greeter** - Welcome parishioners, newcomers, and guests for the Eucharist and other liturgical celebrations. Duties include greeting people at the door, caring for individual needs, distribution of worship aids and parish bulletins.

### • **Art & Environment**

Contact: Paig Trinkle ..... 812-987-1277

This committee works as a team by sharing ideas and coordinating the decoration of our worship space throughout the year. Members meet quarterly to develop and implement ideas to enhance the sanctuary area so the décor will reflect the liturgical seasons. Members share the responsibility of decorating on a rotating basis. Flexibility is the key with this group. If decorating and design is your talent, please consider joining us.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

Liturgy Office ..... 812-923-2460

• **Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist** - Are you looking for a way to grow your faith in the Eucharist? Consider this ministry! Dedicated persons who minister the Body and Blood of Jesus to parishioners during Mass. This is a commissioned ministry for fully initiated Catholics (Confirmed). Ministers are trained and scheduled. It's a wonderful way to increase your participation in the Mass.

• **Nursing Home/Homebound Ministry** - Distribution of Holy Communion to shut-in parishioners, to residents at Azalea Hills retirement community, and other Nursing Home facilities. This is a very special ministry that touches the lives of those unable to attend Mass, reminding them that they are still a vital part of our faith community. Training is provided.

• **Lector** - Proclaimers of the Word of God! From the mouth of the proclaimer to the ears of the hearers, the Word of God comes alive. Adults and youth with a love of Holy Scripture, with good voice quality, who enunciate clearly and read with understanding are invited to participate in proclaiming the Word of God at Mass. Training is provided.

• **Gift Bearer** - Families / individuals to present the gifts of bread and wine during Mass. Since the early days of the Church the bread and wine

needed for consecration have been brought forth from the community. Today, as these gifts pass us in procession we are invited to symbolically place ourselves within the bowl on the altar to be transformed and become Christ for the world.

• **Server** - Patti Elias ..... 812-786-7063  
Reverent and conscientious adults, teens and pre-teens (girls and boys) prepare for and assist at Liturgies. Adults serve primarily at weekday Masses. Youth serve primarily at weekend Masses and weekday school Masses. Training is provided for this necessary ministry where individuals serve God, the priest-presider and the assembly.

### **MUSIC MINISTRIES**

Contact: Marilyn Merkel ..... 812-923-2460

"To sing once is to pray twice!" St. Augustine St. Mary of the Knobs is a parish known to sing and pray well. In addition to having many singers, the parish abounds with musical talent. If you have fostered your God-given gift of music and wish to share it with the parish for the glory of God, consider being involved in one of the following ways:

• **Instrumentalist** - Organ/piano artists, guitarists, and various instrumentalists serve the parish and enhance the Liturgy by sharing their God-given talents with the faith community.

• **Cantor** - Leader of sung prayer. Vocalists with pleasant voices and a love for Scripture will be trained to lead the sung prayer of our faith community. Cantors serve in a primary role at each of the three week end Masses. Junior Cantors are trained and begin serving as cantor at weekend Masses as young as the 6th grade.

• **Choirs: Adult, Teen, Children, Cherub** — Do you sing in the shower or along with the radio? Consider lending your voice to a choir. There is great fun and satisfaction in being part of a group whose primary purpose is to touch the heart of God and His people through song. Contact Marilyn at 812-923-2460 for rehearsal times for one of our parish choirs.

• **Handbell Choir** - Ringers have a special touch! St. Mary of the Knobs is blessed to have a four octave set of handbells. Rhythm and desire will land you a place at the table in the Handbell Choir. If you have always wanted to play an instrument but are not quite sure which one, this "instrument" takes many players to achieve its best sound. Join the fun of ringing in the special seasons!

- **Contemporary Ensemble (Guitar Group)** This group offers a different style of music than a choir and is a vital part of the Liturgy at various times. Call 812-923-2460 today.
- **Youth Mini-Orchestra** - Calling all YOUTH MUSICIANS! Stewardship involves sharing your gifts with our parish no matter your age. Instrumentalists 7th grade and up are invited to participate at weekend Masses and special occasions by sharing your musical gift. Rehearsals will be scheduled per event. Contact Jennifer Gordon at gordonjennifern@gmail.com or 812-697-0945 OR Marilyn Merkel at 923-2460.
- **Technical Support / Sound Control** –Volunteers will be trained to handle the microphone system and to use sound and recording equipment of the parish.

### Senior Citizens

Contact: Donna Book ..... 812-923-8723  
 This group is for parishioners age 65 or older who enjoy each other's company and wish to participate in the life of the parish. The day begins with Mass or a Communion Service followed by lunch and opportunity to play cards or games as desired. Meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month except for November and December.

### Christian Mothers

Contact: Alma Graf ..... 812-941-8697  
 Christian Mothers is a group of ladies from the parish who gather on a monthly basis (Sept.-May). They provide opportunities for education, information, growth in faith development, community service and fellowship. Open to women of the parish of all ages.

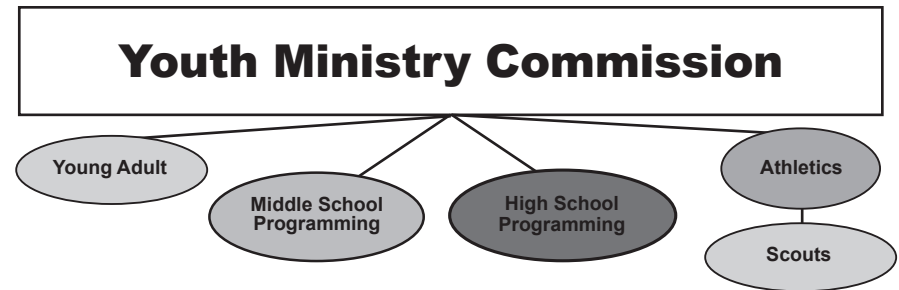
### Hospitality in Service Ministry (HIS)

Contact: Kay Novak.....812-951-3147  
 This ministry exists to extend hospitality to those that may feel lonely, forgotten or overlooked. Areas of this ministry focus are:

- Sending cards and making contact with the Homebound and Elderly
- Host a Special Needs event at least 3 times a year serving over 100 people
- Welcomes all new parishioners by hosting the Welcome Dinners

### Piecemakers Quilt Group

Contact: Martha Fessel ..... 812-944-9026  
 These ladies gather Mondays at 9am to share their gift of sewing, quilting and fellowship to provide outstanding quilts for parish fundraisers. New members will experience a welcome like none other—but be ready to share your craft! Bring your needle and come check it out.



### YOUTH MINISTRY COMMISSION

The Youth Ministry Commission at St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic Church is made up of a group of volunteers who are committed to advocating for the youth of our parish. The commission is designed to assist the youth minister in promoting youth events, assist in strategic planning, setting youth ministry policies and, recruiting volunteers for all programming. This group is vital in ensuring growth and development of the youth in our parish. The youth commission meets on a monthly basis.

### Middle School Youth Ministry

Middle school youth ministry is open to students in 5th -8th grade. This group gathers on a monthly basis to deepen their faith and to attend faith filled adventures throughout Southern Indiana. Some of these adventures include the Belle Cruise, Middle School Retreats, Kentucky Kingdom, Lock-Ins, Summer Daze, Local Service Projects, and prayer groups.

### High School Ministry

The High School ministry at SMK is made up of youth in 9th-12th grade. This ministry is designed to assist youth in keeping faith at the center of their lives as they journey throughout high school. High School youth participate in prayer services, lock-ins, retreats, food fasts, Kentucky Kingdom trip, and annual camping. The High School ministry is committed to providing the youth of our parish with the tools and resources to maintain their Catholic faith after graduation.

### Youth Ministry Volunteers

The youth ministry program at SMK would not be possible without the generosity of parishioners in our parish. Youth ministry at SMK relies on volunteers to provide food, faith, and mentorship as youth move through the youth ministry program. Volunteers will have opportunities to experience faith in an entirely different way as they stand alongside the youth of our parish. The time commitment for volunteering varies depending on the activity and size of the group.

### Youth Ministry Athletics Committee

The Youth Ministry Athletics Committee is responsible for organizing and coordinating sports programs for the youth of our parish. Youth sports are available for youth in 7th – 12th grade throughout the year. The Youth Ministry Athletics Committee is responsible for assisting coaches in keeping faith at the center of the sport while respecting the youth and their families. The Youth Athletics Committee holds monthly meetings.

### Youth Ministry Athletic Volunteers

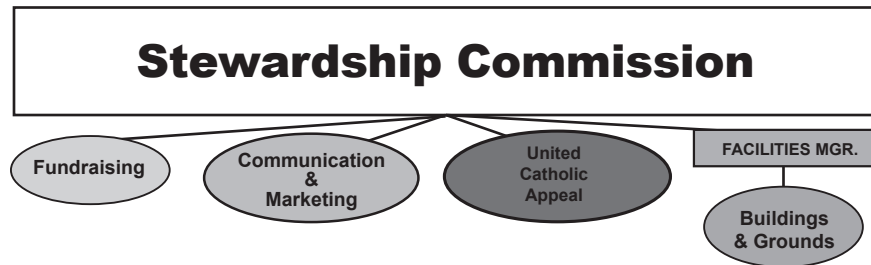
Our parish and deanery are blessed to have a thriving athletic program thanks to the many men and women who give of their time and talent to our youth. Men and women are needed throughout the year to coach sports including basketball, soccer, track and volleyball. The time commitment for coaching depends on the sport.

### Scouts

Contact: Dave Seewer..... 812-945-4551  
Scouting has long been a vital character builder of the youth of our parish. St. Mary’s encourages and supports scouting functions through youth ministry. Adult leaders and youth participants are always welcome to come forward and be a part of scouting in our parish. The time commitment for scouting varies.

### Young Adult Ministry

The young adult ministry at SMK is open to young adults ages 18-50. This ministry is designed to keep young adults involved in the parish post high school and beyond. The time commitment to volunteer for these events varies depending on the activity.



### STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Stewardship is embodied in every part of our parish, from the management of our facilities, to raising community awareness of what our parish has to offer. It is the goal of the Stewardship Commission to not only ensure the proper care and use of facilities and to engage our church family, but also to communicate with transparency to our parishioners and the broader church community. We have achieved this through a

variety of activities and initiatives such as:

- Use of our One Call Now system to effectively and efficiently communicate news and upcoming events, and the publication of our annual parish directory as a resource for parishioners.
- A ministry fair and pancake breakfast to promote parishioner engagement in our parish fundraisers, as well as timely communication of the results of all fundraisers.
- AdHoc Committee continued focus on the maintenance needs and usage opportunities for our Chapel, School, and the Sweeney Learning Center.
- Updating our website to keep our parish family informed of events, as well as partnering with One Southern Indiana to raise aware of our parish in the broader community.
- A second successful “Just Imagine” United Catholic Appeal campaign that exceeded our parish goal by 38%!

Additionally, we take advantage of technology to increase efficiency of processes and to stay current with applicable regulations and compliance needs. We see this in the use of SignUp Genius for volunteering at fundraising events, continued increase in the use of Online Giving for church tithing, the July 2016 implementation of new tuition and fee management software for the school, as well as a new payroll and timekeeping system to better ensure compliance with payroll and HR regulations. Through these actions, and others, the Stewardship Commission seeks not only transparency with our church family and, most importantly, with God, but also to keep our church relevant in a changing and more progressive world.

### Buildings and Grounds Maintenance

Contact: Melanie Hartlage..... 812-923-2492  
Our buildings and grounds require a great deal of care and general maintenance. Professional or trained craftsmen may handle major maintenance. However, volunteers may help with minor maintenance such as landscaping, painting, cleaning, etc.

### Rental of Facilities

Contact: Melanie Hartlage.....812-923-2492  
We are blessed with beautiful facilities, and they are available for rent for your special occasions. Visit our website [www.yourSMK.org](http://www.yourSMK.org) for a copy of the policies and procedures as well as the fee schedule. Contact the Facility Manager to schedule your events.

### Cemetery

Contact: Suzie Didat.....812-923-3011  
It’s a time honored tradition for members of a Catholic Church or parish



to provide a place of burial for its members. As part of St. Mary of the Knobs' ongoing renewal, a committee was formed to review and revise our cemetery rules and regulations. Call the Parish Office 812-923-3011 to schedule an appointment to purchase the right of burial in St. Mary of the Knobs Cemetery. Visit [www.yourSMK.org](http://www.yourSMK.org) for rules and regulations.

**Marketing/Communications**

Contact: Elaine Davis .....502-648-1556  
Marketing of all parish ministries is the goal of this committee. This committee is focused on telling our parish story to members and the local community in various venues. Sharing the benefits of belonging to St. Mary of the Knobs with our members and the community is our highest priority! Volunteers with knowledge and/or experience in marketing or communications are encouraged to share their expertise.

**United Catholic Appeal (UCA)**

Contact: Pete Welch .....317-625-1345  
The United Catholic Appeal is an annual campaign which provides information about and opportunities for each parishioner to renew their commitment to Christian stewardship, and to pledge their support for our parish and archdiocesan ministries. Are you interested in helping to publicize and educate our parish about Christian stewardship and this important annual appeal? If so, please call.

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

Volunteers on this committee share their talent for planning social events (parties) for our major fundraisers of KnobsFest, Card Party, Night Out, Fish Frys and Reverse Raffle. We're always looking for innovative ways to enhance our efforts! Revenue from these major fundraising events supports operating expenses for all parish ministries. If you love planning social events and having a good time in the process, you'll want to serve on this committee!

**• Card Party**

Contact: Rachel Didat .....812-941-3928  
Dessert Card Party held each September claims the prize for longevity—over 40 years in existence. A Procurement Committee gathers donations from community businesses to be raffled to the 400+ guests who gather in the Activity Center for this social event of the year! We rely on parishioners' donations of delicious homemade desserts to round out the event.

**• Harvest of Abundance Night Out**

Contact: Tiffany Nolot .....502-664-2122  
Held the Saturday before Thanksgiving at Huber Plantation Hall, this

event features Huber hospitality and service with delicious appetizers, buffet dinner, live & silent auction of procured items from community businesses. The evening ends with music 9-midnight.

**• Fish Frys**

Contact: Melanie Hartlage .....812-923-2492  
Held during Lent, St. Mary's Fish Frys provide a great opportunity for socializing with parishioners and friends in the community. Pull Tabs and 50/50 raffles at each event. The Reverse Raffle typically is held at the final Fish Fry.

**• Reverse Raffle**

Contact: Candace Hyde .....812-923-2458  
A Reverse Raffle is held at the last Fish Fry. At a Reverse Raffle, the goal is to be the last one standing. Each number is drawn one-by-one throughout the evening. Excitement builds as additional numbers are drawn from the raffle bin. Cash prizes of varying amounts totaling \$3,500 are paid out in each of the first 40 draws. A pool of \$5,000 is paid out to the FINAL 10 tickets in EACH color group. Holders of these final tickets must choose whether to split the pot or play on. Plan to attend this year and enjoy the fun!

**• KnobsFest**

Contact: Joe Happel .....502-376-1911  
Our largest parish-wide fellowship event! Plan to attend ALL the happenings of Knobsfest! Start the night by attending Saturday's 4:30PM Mass. **Saturday, August 20:** 6PM SMK Corvette Raffle Drawing; Gambling, Beer Garden & Food Trucks 6PM-Midnight. Dance the night away with LIVE music from The Louisville Crashers 9PM-Midnight. **Sunday, August 21:** Sunday Mass at 9:30AM followed by All-You-Care-To-Eat Chicken/Ham Dinner served between 10:30-3PM in the air-conditioned Geis Activity Center. Quilts, Booths, Capital Prizes, Vendors, Bingo, Kids Fun Tent 10:30-3PM.



**School Commission**

Contact: Tracy Jansen .....812-923-1630  
St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic School will operate under the guidance and support set forth by the School Commission. The school principal is the professional leader of the School Commission as an ex-officio (non-voting) member. The SMKCS School Commission strives to pro-

mote and support the highest quality spiritual, academic, and developmental programs for students. Finance, Marketing, Membership, Spiritual Development, Facilities, and Athletics/Extra-Curricular representatives on School Commission work in cooperation with the principal, pastor, Pastoral Council, and other SMK Commissions.

**Parish/Teacher Organization**

St. Mary of the Knobs Parish/Teacher Organization was established to assist the school principal on matters concerning the expression of the educational ministry to youth through the Catholic elementary school. The PTO serves the students, faculty, staff, parents, guardians, and parish members in providing services, volunteers, fundraising events, and social activities. All parents, guardians of students, members of the faculty, and parishioners are encouraged to become members of the SMKCS PTO and to actively participate in PTO events.

**Athletics and Extra-Curricular Opportunities**

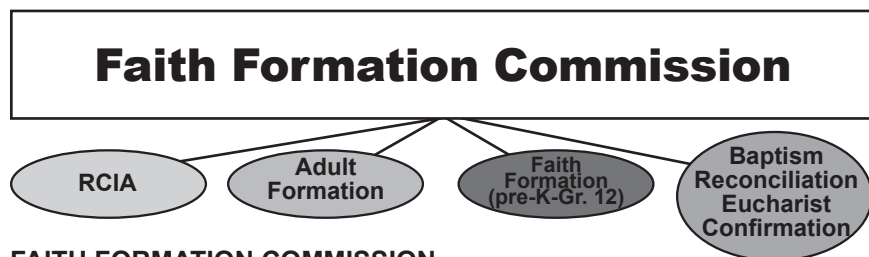
Athletics is a powerful tradition in Catholic schools and an important element in the SMKCS mission to educate the whole child. Our goal is to give our student athletes an opportunity to learn about sportsmanship and team unity while keeping faith at the center of the sport. SMKCS competes in the New Albany Deanery. The Athletics Committee is responsible for organizing and coordinating sports programs for youth of the parish throughout the year. Sports offered include: deanery football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, cheer, soccer, golf, track, and deanery tennis. There are also club offerings in Destination Imagination, technology, and archery.

**School Mission Statement**

SMKCS, modeled in the image of Christ, shall nurture the spiritual, academic, and individual potential of our students. In service to Christ and one another, we shall prepare children for the challenges of today and the future.

**Student Pledge**

Minds inspired, hearts of Christ, hands the serve – to give back more.



**FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION**

This past year's commission assisted in the success of our Ministry Fair. Supported our Breakfast at the Manger Parish Advent gathering in

conjunction with the Spiritual Life and School commissions. There was continued support for our youth and adult Faith Formation and Bible study. We are seeking new members to rebuild and re-energize our current commission.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**

Contact: Kelly Faye ..... (812) 923-2459  
 CLOW takes place during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 Sunday morning mass. Volunteers are needed to help lead children, 3 years – 2nd grade, in prayer, song, and reflection of the Sunday readings.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)**

Contact: Francine Gettelfinger..... (812) 923-2459  
 The RCIA is a process by which candidates are prepared for entry into the Catholic Church. Volunteers are needed to serve as a team member or sponsor. Team members assist in implementing the process. Sponsors assist the candidate as a companion and mentor throughout the process.

**Adult Formation/Bible Study**

Contact: Francine Gettelfinger .....(812) 923-2459  
 Currently, SMK offers two opportunities for adult Faith Formation, Thursday and Sunday mornings. Volunteers are welcome to facilitate a group continuing adult Catholic faith formation.

**Faith Formation (SMKFF)**

Contact: Francine Gettelfinger .....(812) 923-2459  
 Faith Formation is provided for Kindergarten through grade 12. SMKFF meets Sunday mornings, 9-10:15 am, following an academic calendar. Catechists (teachers of our faith) are part of a ministry who support our youth in learning and growing within their Catholic faith. Please consider to serve our parish youth through this ministry. You will in turn learn and grow in your faith. Training and support is provided.

**Catholic Men's Fellowship**

Contact: Paul Atkins .....(812) 248-0324  
 Men's Ministry is a Christ-centered ministry dedicated to unite men through vital relationships to become godly influences in their world. This group meets the second Monday of each month, with the primary focus being the Sunday scripture readings of the previous day. All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to participate.

## Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couples

Contact: Fr. Mike Hilderbrand.....812-923-3011

Sponsor couples are married couples who assist engaged couples in preparing for marriage. Sponsor couples meet each engaged couple an average of three times to discuss the practical and spiritual dimensions to married life. Training and resources provided. Sponsor couples may see two engaged couples a year.

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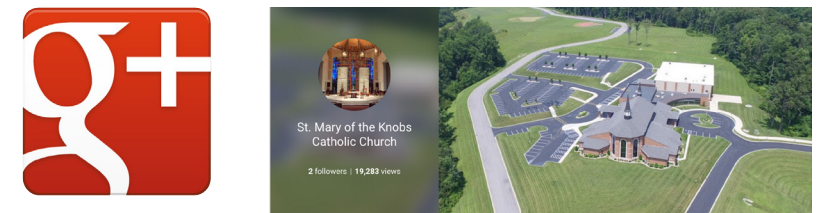
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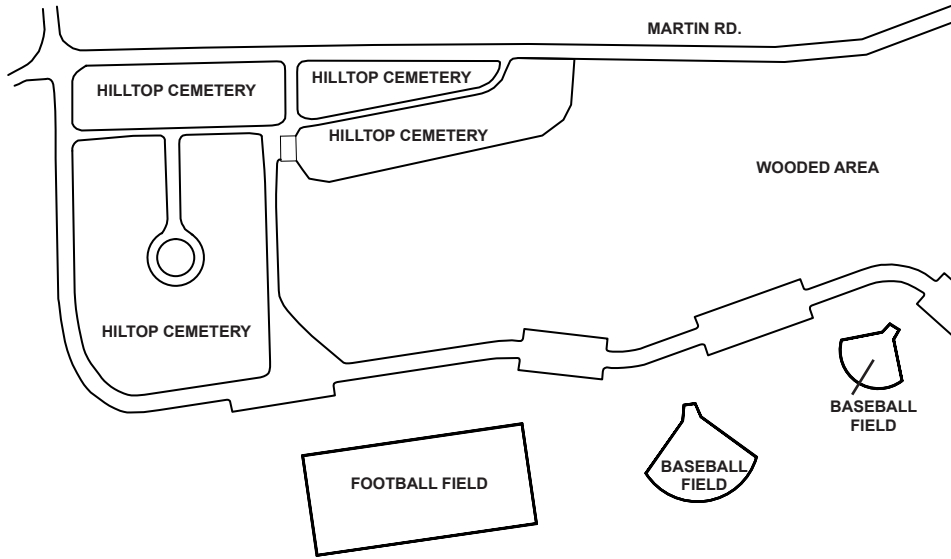
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