

An aerial photograph of a church and school complex. The church, in the center, has a prominent steeple and arched windows. To its right is a large, modern school building with a curved facade. The entire complex is surrounded by a parking lot and a road. The text "Welcome to St. Mary of the Knobs" is overlaid in white at the bottom.

Welcome to  
St. Mary  
of the  
Knobs

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# *From the Pastor*

Dear Parishioners,

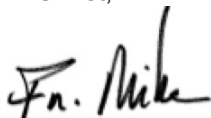
Do you realize what a treasure your faith is? But the treasure of the Gospel, worth more than all the money in the world, gives joy and salvation. If you share it, you are investing it wisely so others might come to believe and be saved. And the great thing is the treasure never is depleted. But best of all, millions have the treasure of eternal life.

This Parish Directory is a valuable tool for all the members of our church. If you are new to our congregation, you will find information regarding many of our ministries and contact people. Certainly everyone will find this an easy-to-use resource of addresses or telephone numbers of fellow church members. Keep this booklet near your telephone. Please note the e-mail addresses.

Putting together a directory like this for such a large church would be cost-prohibitive if it were not for the generosity of our advertisers. Many of them are parishioners and friends of church members. All of them are supportive of our efforts. I encourage you to consider their businesses whenever the need arises in gratitude for their support.

I also take this opportunity to ask for your continued support, encouragement, and prayers for the whole staff at St. Mary of the Knobs. Everyone serves our Lord and the body of Christ. Their witness and your witness are tools God uses to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please call on us if we can be of service to you.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Mike". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. H. Michael Hilderbrand  
Pastor

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, 4:30pm and Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

## **OTHER SERVICES**

Mass or Communion Services; Monday thru Thursday-8:00am.

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

Confession: Saturday 3:30-4:00pm

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

Administrative Asst.-Communications, Suzie Didat ..... 812-923-2456

Business Manager, Candace Hyde..... 812-923-2457

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

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

Youth Minister, Karrie Quenichet ..... 812-923-2461

Youth Minister Associate, Valerie Huber..... 812-923-2461

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

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

Maintenance, Stewart Johnson, II ..... 812-923-2463

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

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## **SACRAMENTAL 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 celebrate the sacraments.

## **BAPTISM**

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

Our baptismal preparation is called BELONGING. We are honored to walk with you as you prepare for your children's reception of the sacrament of baptism, and we will continue to walk with you in the weeks that follow.

You will be asked to attend a gathering and receive online preparation.

Baptisms may be scheduled during or after mass.

## **EUCCHARIST**

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, service opportunities, and a retreat.

## **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.

## **MARRIAGE**

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.

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Contact: Fr. Mike Hilderbrand..... 812-923-3011  
Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering. By the sacred anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. The sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage, and his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Christ for the building up of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], nos. 1520-23). St. Mary of the Knobs celebrates this sacrament one weekend during Advent and Lent at each Mass. It may also be celebrated upon request by contacting the Pastor.

## **HOLY ORDERS**

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

By virtue of our Baptism, all Christians are part of a common priesthood of believers. We are all called to participate in Christ's mission. Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, bishops and priests are given a special role in carrying out this mission. They exercise a ministerial priesthood. Deacons also receive a special grace through ordination and are called to assist the ministry of bishops and priests (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], nos. 1547, 1554). For further information on discerning the vocation of religious life, contact the Pastor or the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis at 800-382-9836.

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS/TEENS/CHILDREN - (RCIA)**

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

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.

## **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 278 students in preschool through grade 8. 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.

Please visit our website at [www.smkcatholicsschool.com](http://www.smkcatholicsschool.com) or call the school office 812-923-1630 if you have questions or would like to tour the school.

### **OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL**

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

The responsibility to educate our youth in the Catholic faith does not end with graduation at St. Mary of the Knobs. 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 four years, each child becomes a young adult. Thus, during these years, youth need the best possible soil in which to change, grow and mature-and PROVIDENCE IS GOOD SOIL.

### **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.

### **FINANCE COMMISSION**

Contact: Lesley Andres..... 502-640-8331

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.

# Operations

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

Contact: Stewart Johnson ..... 812-923-2463

Our parish often receives positive comments on how well-kept the campus is maintained. Professional or trained craftsmen handle major maintenance. However, volunteers may assist with minor maintenance, such as landscaping, painting, cleaning, etc.

## **FACILITY RENTALS**

Contact: Melanie Hartlage ..... 812-923-2492

With the blessing of beautiful facilities comes the responsibility for making them available for your special occasions. A very affordable fee schedule, as well as written policy and procedures, is available at [www.yourSMK.org](http://www.yourSMK.org). Click the “Who We Are” tab, then click “Facility Information.”

## **CEMETERY**

Contact: Suzie Didat ..... 812-923-2456

One end-of-life decision is to determine where one’s bodily remains will be laid to rest after death. In-ground, as well as cremain burial, is permitted with the purchase of the “Right of Burial” in St. Mary of the Knobs Cemetery. Parish rate structures are available on our website at [www.yourSMK.org](http://www.yourSMK.org). Click the Who We Are tab, select Cemetery Rules & Regulations. To make a purchase, call the parish office.

## **MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS**

Contact: Elaine Davis ..... 502-648-1556

As a parish member, each parishioner bears the responsibility to share St. Mary of the Knobs’ story by virtue of word and action. Communications outside the parish consistently bear the parish brand and logo. You will recognize SMK’s brand—twin steeples embedded in the hills—and our logo, “Your past, present & future”.

## **UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Contact: Pete Welch ..... 317-625-1345

Last Fall, we joined 18,000 other members of the Archdiocese in sharing our gifts through the “Christ Our Hope” UCA campaign, achieving our parish goal of \$79,166 as part of the Archdiocesan goal of \$6.1 million! Our parish exceeded its goal by 31%! During this annual campaign, parishioners also have an opportunity to renew their commitment to Christian stewardship at the parish level as well. If you are interested in

helping educate our parish about Christian stewardship and this Appeal, please call.

## **Service & Social Ministry**

### **PRAYER BLANKET**

Contact Claudette Emery ..... 502-551-2579

Charlene Peyton ..... 812-923-8863

This ministry provides a tangible expression of prayers to those who have a special need to feel the love of God and our parish community. A Prayer Blanket can bring comfort to those suffering and provide peace to the fearful. Those who make the blankets add their prayers with those of doctors and nurses who minister to those ill. The blankets and a booklet of prayers are blessed at Mass and available at church. They are for anyone to take to a friend, family member or parishioner who would benefit from knowing that all are praying for them during their time of struggle. How Can You Help? Assist in making the 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.

### **COMMUNITY KITCHEN**

Contact: Greg Ernstberger..... 812-945-0208

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**

Contact: Melanie Hartlage ..... 812-923-2492

This ministry welcomes healthcare professionals, and those interested in integrating health and healing with faith and service. Monthly blood pressure screenings are provided after weekend Mass. Members rotate being "on call" for medical emergencies during weekend Masses. The parish collaborates with the American Red Cross to host blood drives quarterly.

## **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 meals to the home of those needing a hand in times of trial or recovery, or the birth of a child.

## **PRO-LIFE**

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**

Contact: Cathy Robbins .....502-644-9167

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.

## **SENIOR CITIZENS**

Contact: Donna Book .....812-923-8723

This group is for parishioners age 60 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 the opportunity to play cards or games as desired. Meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month except for November and December.

## **HOSPITALITY IN SERVICE (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:

- Sends cards and making contact with the Homebound and Elderly
- Host a Special Needs event quarterly to 100+ guests.

- Host New Parishioner Welcome Dinners.
- Deliver poinsettias to homebound at Christmas.

**NEW PARISHIONER TEAM**

Contact: Melanie Hartlage.....812-923-2492  
 Team members work to secure individuals to serve as mentors to specific new families in the parish taking into consideration where they are in the cycle of life. The team’s purpose is to easily identify areas and contacts within the parish to help new families become actively engaged.

**PIECEMAKERS QUILTING 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.

## **Parish Fundraising**

Volunteers gather periodically throughout the year to plan the major parish fundraisers of KnobsFest, Card Party, Night Out, and Fish Frys. Revenue generated from these major fundraising events supports operating expenses for ALL parish ministries. The common denominator for each fundraiser is shared fellowship. If you love planning social events and want to have a good time in the process, you’ll enjoy serving in one of the following areas!

**KNOBSFEST**

Contact: Melanie Hartlage.....812-923-2492  
 Joe Happel .....502-376-1911  
 Our largest parish-wide fellowship event held the third weekend of August! Plan to attend ALL the events of Knobsfest by beginning with the 4:30PM Mass on Saturday, August 18th. Gambling, Beer Garden & Food Trucks 6PM-Midnight. Dance the night away with LIVE music provided by the ever-popular Louisville Crashers! Get a good night’s sleep because Knobsfest continues on Sunday, August 19th, 9:30AM Mass followed by All-You-Care-To-Eat Chicken/Ham Dinner served between 10:30-3PM in the comfortable air-conditioned Geis Activity Center. Special Quilt, Booths, Capital Prizes, Bingo and Kids Fun Tent open 10:30-3PM with our 3rd Corvette/Cash Raffle. It takes 500+ volunteers to make this event happen—There’s a place for you--sign up to help!

## **CARD PARTY**

Contact: Melanie Hartlage ..... 812-923-2492

Our Dessert Card Party has been in existence for 40+ years and is recognized in the community as the premier Card Party in the area! Over 400 guests gather in the Activity Center to enjoy an evening of card playing, bunco or your game of choice. Delicious homemade desserts, donated by parish bakers, set the stage for an FUN evening complete with chances to win fantastic prizes and raffles!

## **NIGHT OUT**

Contact: Melanie Hartlage ..... 812-923-2492

Carrie Senn ..... 502-693-1232

Held the Saturday before Thanksgiving at Huber Plantation Hall, this event features Huber hospitality and service. Delicious appetizers, buffet dinner, live & silent auction of procured items from community businesses— showcased SMK style! Dinner music followed by intergenerational music favorites 9pm-Midnight. Share your creativity for the good of your parish by volunteering to help with this event!

## **FISH FRYs & PICKLE JAR RAFFLE**

Contact: Melanie Hartlage ..... 812-923-2492

St. Mary's Fish Frys are a Lenten tradition. In addition to offering scrumptious fried or baked fish with side choices, this event provides a great opportunity to socialize with parishioners and friends in the community. Pull Tabs and 50/50 raffles are available and quite popular at each event. At the Pickle Jar raffle buyers purchase a numbered card of 25 chances which they separate and drop into the pickle jar prize they would like to win.

# **Spiritual Life Commission**

The Spiritual Life Commission is a small group of parishioners committed to studying and encouraging quality liturgy in our parish. The goal is to collaborate with Pastoral Council and other parish ministries to provide prayerful and inspirational liturgical celebrations which praise God and revitalize personal and community faith. As part of its task, this commission oversees the education, training and scheduling of all Liturgical Ministers, including those who participate in the Art & Environment Team.

Liturgical ministries in our parish continue to grow as more and more parishioners are being trained to participate 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 choirs and cantors.

**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! Needed are 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.
- 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 teens and pre-teens (girls and boys) prepare for and assist at Liturgies. 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 weekend Masses. Junior Cantors are trained and begin serving as cantor at weekend Masses as young as the 6th grade.
- Choirs: Adult, Teen, Music Makers, 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 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.
- Technical Support / Sound Control –Looking for a volunteer to be trained to handle the microphone system and to use sound and recording equipment of the parish.

## **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 quarterly or as needed basis.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY**

Contact: Karrie Quenichet.....317-418-2186

Middle school youth ministry is open to students in 5th -8th grade. This group gathers on a weekly basis and also throughout the month for socials, community service, open gyms and for participation in New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministry events, such as the Belle Cruise, Summer Daze, Jamboree, Dances, Ice Skating, etc. Visit: <http://middle-schoolministry.weebly.com/>.

### **HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY**

Contact: Karrie Quenichet..... 317-418-2186

The high school ministry at SMK is made up of youth in 9th-12th grades. 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, days of service, retreats, socials, as well as athletics and open gyms. 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.

### **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Karrie Quenichet .....317-418-2186

The young adult ministry at SMK is open to young adults ages 18 and up. This ministry is designed to keep young adults involved in the parish after their time in high school is finished.

**FAMILY MINISTRY**

Contact: Karrie Quenichet.....317-418-2186

Family ministry is open to families of all ages and sizes and meets on a monthly basis for the Burrito Rider Iron Chef Challenge! Families are also invited to participate in the Family Summer Challenge culminating in a picnic get-together to end each summer, open gyms and New Albany Deanery ministry events.

**YOUTH MINISTRY ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Contact: Karrie Quenichet ..... 317-418-2186

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 grades 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**

Contact: Karrie Quenichet ..... 317-418-2186

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.

**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 promote and support the highest quality spiritual, academic, and developmental programs for students. Finance, Marketing, Membership, Spiritu-

al 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 Parent-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 various club offerings.

**SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

SMKCS 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**

The St. Mary of the Knobs Faith Formation Commission is made up of a group of volunteers to assist the CRE's strategic planning, setting policies, and recruiting volunteers for programming and events. All ages are considered when planning.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION – BELONGING**

Contact: Francine Gettelfinger..... (812) 923-2459  
Our program uses current couples of our parish to journey with families

who are celebrating baptism for the first time with their children. We are trying to connect these families to our faith and SMK family. Your role would be to attend a gathering with the couple at SMK. After gathering, keep in contact with them either through email, meeting them at church, or elsewhere. Show them how our Catholic Faith family needs them and how they can be an integral part of our parish community.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)**

Contact: Francine Gettelfinger.....(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, 4 years – 2nd grade, in prayer, song, and reflection of the Sunday readings.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

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 FAITH FORMATION/BIBLE STUDY**

Contact: Francine Gettelfinger.....(812) 923-2459  
Currently, SMK offers two ongoing bible study opportunities for Adult Faith Formation, Tuesday evening and Thursday morning. Following the Faith Formation schedule, a Sunday morning bible study is conducted. Volunteers are welcome to facilitate a group continuing adult Catholic faith formation. SMK has several resources to consider.

**FAITH FORMATION (SMKFF)**

Contact: Francine Gettelfinger.....(812) 923-2459  
Faith Formation is provided for Kindergarten through grade 12. SMKFF meets Sunday mornings, 9-10:15am, 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 serving our parish youth through this ministry. You will, in turn, learn and grow in your faith. Training and support provided.

**CATHOLIC MEN’S FELLOWSHIP**

Contact: Paul Atkins.....812-248-0324  
This is a Christ-centered gathering dedicated to unite men through vital relationships to become godly influences in their world. This group meets the second Monday of the 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.



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### It's Here, the SMK App!

Download our App for FREE to receive notifications of upcoming events, view our weekly bulletins, access your Online Giving, and much more. The app is available now. Download the app today and stay connected with SMK!

**Apple devices: Text stmary1 to 555888**

**Android devices: Text stmary2 to 555888**

## We're Socially Accepted! Spread the Word!

Keep up-to-date with happenings in the church and school by following us on Facebook and Twitter. You will have to have an account to follow us.

### How?

It's Easy. On your personal Facebook page, search **St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic Church** and **LIKE** the page!  
You will start to get notifications of our posts in your timeline.



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It's Easy. Search **StMaryoftheKnobs** on Twitter and **FOLLOW** us! You will start to get notifications of our tweets!



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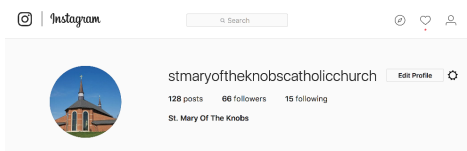
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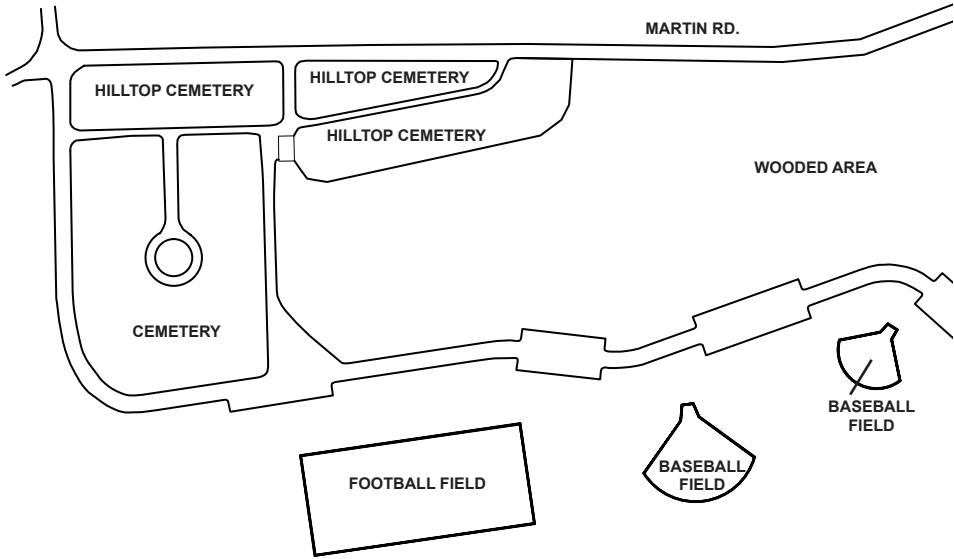
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