

VISITATION PARISH  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 4, 2024



**O U R M I S S I O N**

Visitation, a community of communities, is committed to a way of life based on Christ's teaching and our Catholic tradition by being dedicated to lifelong conversion in faith, healing sanctuary in our sacraments and relationships, an educational environment for our children which emphasizes Catholic values and is committed to excellence, awareness and responsiveness to the needs of our neighbors and our society.

**M A S S E S**

**Sunday Masses**

Saturday..... 4:00 pm  
Sunday..... 8:00 am & 10:30 am

**Confessions**

Saturday ..... 3:00 pm

**Weekday Masses (St. Joseph Chapel)**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.....6:45 am  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday..... 8:15 am  
Saturday..... 8:15 am

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY



### **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED**

The Visitation Athletic Committee is currently seeking interested volunteers to coach girls volleyball,

including non-parent coaches for the upper grades, for the upcoming season. The season runs from mid-August to mid-November. If you are interested in volleyball, and enjoy working with kids, please consider this very rewarding opportunity. Please contact Julie Munjak at 816-492-0700 or [jfmunjak@yahoo.com](mailto:jfmunjak@yahoo.com) for more information.

### **OUR SYMPATHY**

As a parish, we mourn the loss of our parishioners, Marion Brancato and Sina Beil, who died last week.

### **REMEMBER OUR SICK**

Earl Adam	Jeanne Lendabarker
Pamela Atherton	Scott Martens
Bill Blank, Sr.	Tim McNamara
Marianne Carl	Thom McNamara
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Tricia Melland
Susan Erwin	Peggy Pruitt
Laura Fitzpatrick	Ellie Rose
Bill Fuss	Kathy Scaglia
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Barbara Schulte
Margaret Howard	Aimee Sesler
Joe Irwin	Sandra Sharp
William Jewell	Special Intention
Erin Kallman	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Peg Kallman	Dave Wittrock
Bryan Larson	Leigh Ann Zeller

### **SICK LIST UPDATE**

Contact Jenny Greene to request an individual be added to our list. We ask that you leave a contact name and number. We will follow up with each request quarterly to keep the list current and to offer additional support as needed.

The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Major Philip Martin, Fort Leavenworth, KS; Major Chris Oppenlander, Hill Air Force Base, UT; Major Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Air Force Base, UT; Master Sergeant Louis A. Perez, Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL.

### **FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS**

**On Deck:** Team # 6

**On Alert:** Team # 7



Do you have questions about becoming Catholic and living a Catholic life? Please join us for 2 upcoming "Inquiry Sessions."

**Tuesdays, August 27 & September 3**

6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Faith Formation Room

These sessions will address your initial questions about the WHY, WHAT & HOW's of Catholicism. With a focus on fellowship and non-judgmental conversations, these Inquiry Sessions are open to walk-ins and all parishioners. Come with your questions, or follow the QR code to submit questions anonymously...



## PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Parishioners,

One of the enduring bits of learning I cherish from my last year of seminary came from a teacher in Sacramental Theology. In talking about the Mass, he said, “It’s Public, Formal and Repetitive.” The implications of that simple statement run deep. Public prayer demands that we recognize ourselves as part of a larger body. While we attend Mass as individuals, we most importantly become one body. We help each other pray. We have an impact on one another. We claim a responsibility for one another. Mass is much more than private prayer. There is a private element, but it is, by definition, public prayer with public effect. That ought to affect how we prepare, how we arrive, how we gather, how we participate and how we go forth. We greet people in a friendly and encouraging way. We resolve to enter into communion with people very different from ourselves. We recognize that our presence is a gift to others. Attending Mass is about more than ourselves as individuals because the Mass is public.

It’s also formal and repetitive. There is a structured way we celebrate it together with some variables. We always begin with the Sign of the Cross. We always listen to Scripture. We always offer bread and wine. We always consecrate it with the same words. There are elements to the Mass that are formalized, and thus they are often repetitive. It’s the nature of ritual to be repetitive. It doesn’t change from week to week, but one Mass very much resembles another. I’ve learned in my own life that ritual has unique power. Its familiarity from week to week allows me to rest into it, to relax the very busy part of my mind that’s always running so as to allow another part of me to emerge. The ritual of the Mass allows our souls some freedom to move into the open, to get some air, to become fully awake. The formal and repetitive nature of ritual speaks to the soul and connects us to divine wisdom, mercy and strength, realities much more difficult to access through our everyday conscious minds.

I hope the Mass brings you peace, at least some of the time. I hope it’s refreshing and inspiring and empowering. Gathering at the Table of the Lord with one another, singing praise and thanksgiving to God, being drawn into communion with God and one another and being blessed, broken and sent realizes our Baptismal call to live as the Body of Christ in the world.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

## BLOOD DRIVE

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**Thursday, August 22**  
**12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm**  
**Tighe Hall**

**Appointments preferred. Sign up online at**  
**[www.savealifenow.org/group](http://www.savealifenow.org/group)**  
**Use Group Code: VH.**





**MASS INTENTIONS  
AUGUST 6-11**

**Tuesday, August 6**  
6:45 am Darlene Henninger †  
8:15 am Martha Beckers †

**Wednesday, August 7**  
6:45 am James Roy †  
8:15 am Joseph Donnelly †

**Thursday, August 8**  
6:45 am Francis Beckers †

**Friday, August 9**  
8:15 am Michele Chollet †

**Saturday, August 10**  
8:15am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres  
4:00 pm Thomas Beckers †

**Sunday, August 11**  
8:00 am People of Visitation  
10:30 am Valerie Roach †

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE AUGUST 10-11**

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	C. Welsh <b>sub req</b> B. Murray L. McPherson	S. Munjak-Khoury H. Affolter H. Arthur <b>sub req</b>	R. Spadafore C. Campbell B. Burns
	K. Hughes <b>sub req</b> J. Johnson <b>sub req</b> S. Kearns <b>sub req</b> M. Kirwan K. Larson R. Larson F. Lester B. Mashburn <b>sub req</b> S. O'Neill S. Otto <b>sub req</b> K. Reichman	K. Banes P. Banes G. Bauman P. Clarke J. Colombo J. Dickmeyer J. Grego <b>sub req</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> Stephen Miller A. Paczkowski R. Paczkowski	B. Adams <b>sub req</b> A. Florez E. Florez M. Florez C. Fryer J. Goeke J. Goeke T. McGhie G. O'Brien B. Palmer <b>NOT FILLED</b>
E MS	L. Keens	M. Heckman-Crowe	N. Shump
LECTOR	M. Eckels L. Schibig M.J. Thompson	M. Dakan C. Schorgl <b>NOT FILLED</b>	R. Lang <b>sub req</b> J. Mateski <b>NOT FILLED</b>
	R. Steinert	B. Truta	J. Palmer
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SACR.			

**PARISH BOUNDARIES**

State Line on the West to Oak St. on the East;  
47th Street on the North to Meyer Blvd on the South

**PARISH OFFICE, Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**  
5141 Main St, Kansas City, MO 64112  
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[janet@church.visitation.org](mailto:janet@church.visitation.org)

Priest in Residence, Fr. Charles Rowe  
**BULLETIN DEADLINE Noon Monday**

**SACRAMENTS**

**Anointing of the Sick by appointment**  
Fr. Greg and Jennifer Greene

**Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital, Jennifer Greene**

**Sacrament of Matrimony, Contact Jennifer Greene to begin marriage preparation.**

**Sacrament of Confirmation, Youth Jennifer Greene**

**Sacrament of Infant Baptism, Adult Confirmation and Sacraments of Initiation, *For those who wish to become Catholic.* Teresa Albright**

**PARISH COUNCIL 2023-24**

Lindsey Anderson	John Legg
Dave Ekerdt	Melissa Lising
Jim Erlacker	Sandie McCray
Mary Gigliotti	Steve Torline
Fr. Greg Haskamp	Katie Wendel
Ryan Larson	Kathleen Wiedeman

Megan Burdolski, Staff

**School Office**  
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Phone 816-531-6200 ....Fax 816-531-8045

**Principal, Mary Kallman x3140**  
**Vice Principal, Bridget Gronniger x3141**  
**Secretary, Bridget Winget x3136**

**St. Vincent De Paul Help Line**  
816-753-9061

**Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph**  
**Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 816-812-2500**  
**Victim Assistance Coordinator,**  
**Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011**

## RACIAL JUSTICE



Time to complete your summer bucket list might be waning, but there are opportunities right here in Kansas City for cultural exploration and education. If you haven't visited [Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center](#), please consider doing so.



According to the Bruce R. Watkins website, the Heritage Center is a “beacon of African-American heritage in Kansas City, dedicated to commemorating and interpreting the rich diaspora through cultural and educational programs.” The center’s namesake, Bruce R. Watkins, was a local political and social activist.

The Center is open Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. In addition to standing historical exhibits, the Center hosts spoken word poetry and live music. Visit [www.brucewatkinscenter.com/events](http://www.brucewatkinscenter.com/events) for more information.



## WEDDINGS

### WEDDING COORDINATORS NEEDED

We need people to join our team of talented coordinators. These are people who both love the flow of liturgy within the Marriage Rite and are detailed-oriented so to be able to work with the bride and groom and their wedding parties. Coordinators provide their expertise for both the rehearsal and the wedding day and are essential to a beautiful wedding ceremony. Please contact Jenny Greene at 816-753-5155 x1309.





## SISTER PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for showing up to support our sister parish at our Tacos for Madre event again this year. We never cease to be amazed at the generosity and kindness of you all. Over 150 came to enjoy delicious tacos and pupusas, listen to music from El Salvador and learn more about our ongoing commitment to the over 35-year-old friendship we have established. If you were out of town and weren't able to make a donation, it isn't too late! You can either send a check to the parish office with a note that it is for Madre Month or go to our parish website and donate online! Sincerely - The Madre Steering Committee



# CONFIRMATION

## CONFIRMATION CHANGES

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph is changing the age of reception for the sacrament of Confirmation to students in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be adjusting the program to make sure all Vis children older than 6<sup>th</sup> grade who have not been confirmed will have the opportunity to be confirmed in the next two years. This will affect the following students:

- ⇒ **Incoming 10<sup>th</sup> graders** - You can enroll in Vis Confirmation prep program this year. Please be on the lookout for more information to come this fall.
- ⇒ **Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders** - You will enroll in the Confirmation program next year as a sophomore.
- ⇒ **Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who attend Vis** - You will receive preparation to be Confirmed through Visitation school.
- ⇒ **Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders who attend Vis** - You will receive preparation to be Confirmed next year through Visitation school.
- ⇒ **Incoming 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders** who do not attend a Catholic elementary school - You can enroll in the Vis Confirmation prep program later this fall. Please be patient and know there will have to be some flexibility as we all adjust and plan for this new Diocesan initiative. Keep an eye on bulletin announcements, emails and postcards for more information. Contact Jenny Greene at 816-753-5155 x1309 with any questions. **THANK YOU!**



## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

We are in communication with Della Lamb weekly regarding arrivals of refugees; they are continuing to look for a family whose size will be a good fit for the Visitation Community. Thanks to everyone for their donations and prayers for this mission. Please check future bulletins for further information.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**ONE CITY CAFÉ** next on **Thursdays, August 8 and August 22 from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm.** Please reach out to Bill Staggs for details at Bill Staggs at 816-304-3264 or willstaggs48@gmail.com.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN-** Great family service opportunity! Please join our gardeners as they tend to the summer garden on Saturday mornings. Volunteers should arrive by 9:30 am and can stay as

long as they are able. Any assistance you can provide is helpful! The garden is in full swing with spring planting having been completed. We need regular teams of people for watering and tilling. If you are interested in helping with our community garden at St. Francis Xavier, please contact Alison Dudley at 816-914-3528 or [alisondudleykc@gmail.com](mailto:alisondudleykc@gmail.com).





## FATIH FORMATION

Don't miss out on the next tour group for the Michael Klein Collection of Judaica at Temple B'nai Jehudah. Now scheduling a weekday tour group in August. Contact Teresa at [teresa@church.visitation.org](mailto:teresa@church.visitation.org) for more information.

Here's what others had to say about the tour:

*"I was inspired by the extent and the beauty of the collection, and the significant role of artistic expression in Jewish spirituality. The diversity of this collection underlines how Jewish faith is integrated into every aspect of life, something we as Catholics also promote, believe and cherish." - Fr. Greg Haskamp*

*"The collection was amazing in itself, but the docent's explanation of how the items were important parts of Jewish life, traditions and holidays, made the tour such a learning experience. Thank you so much for making this possible for the Visitation Community." - Julie & Mike Morrard*



*"The Michael Klein Collection at The Temple B'nai Jehudah was a visual, religious, artistic and cultural treasure for me personally and believe it was for all of our group. Our learned docent did a fabulous job of providing engaging information on the Judaic artifacts but she also gave us her own intimate connection with the objects, Judaism and her Jewish life." - Sheila Jewell*

*"The Klein Judaica Collection is filled with beautiful and meaningful objects from many ages and places. The collection illustrates Jewish beliefs and practices, many of which inform our own Catholic faith tradition." - JoAnn & Dan Axtell*

*"The collection, docent, and curator were warmly welcoming and informative. I highly recommend this opportunity." - Julie Aucar*

*"The collection was fascinating and the docent was excellent. I particularly liked that she wove her experiences of Judaism into her talk." - Kathleen Lusk*

*"Not only beautiful objects but informative descriptions of the ceremonies that use them." - Jan Tromans*

*"Our docent highlighted four Jewish holidays and discussed the related artifacts and also explained current changes and updates in the holiday traditions. I learned a lot." - Sandy Handley*

*"On its own, the Klein Collection is a stunning array of art, craftsmanship, culture and history. Curating the pieces around their significance as Judaica, along with a knowledgeable docent personally connected to its central theme, takes this visual experience to a deeper level. It also brings to mind the many items and traditions we as Catholics share and how they may continue to evolve." - Debi Sicoli*



## ABOUT TOWN

### JOURNEY TO BETHANY FARNAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER 301 EAST SANTA FE TRAIL

You are invited to learn more about Journey to Bethany while sharing your ideas for ways we can create a path to healing from clergy sexual abuse in our diocese.

Our mission is to serve those who were harmed by clergy sexual abuse, and that includes direct survivors, their family members and closest supporters, and those of us who are angered and saddened by these events. Community Conversations are a way to address the hurt and share ways to heal. You can share as much or as little as you would like.

#### ON AUGUST 18 FROM 2:00 - 4:00 PM

we'll talk about how best to respond to survivors, our new listening ministry program and Journey to Bethany's programs and services. All your thoughts, feelings and ideas are welcome. EVENT LINK: <https://www.journeytobethany.org/events/community-conversation-aug-2024/>

community conversation  
August 18 | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Farnan Spirituality Center

We Don't Heal In Isolation,  
But In Community.

S. Kelley Harrell



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## ENCOUNTERING CHRIST RETREATS

### *Benedictine Spirituality*

Our Benedictine Retreats draw from more than 1500 years of wisdom in the Benedictine tradition and are rooted in the principles outlined by St. Benedict in his Holy Rule.

On these retreats you can expect:

- Silence and a technology "fast"
- Four conferences given by a monk
- Participation in the Divine Office and Mass
- Personal prayer and *lectio divina*
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Pricing: \$250 per person.  
Retreat costs includes all the meals, a private room, linen and towels, and retreat director fee.*



Visit [conceptionabbey.org/guests/](https://conceptionabbey.org/guests/) or scan the QR code to view all of our retreat listings.

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**CONCEPTION**  
Living the Benedictine Tradition  
ABBAY GUEST CENTER

# This Isn't Your Grandmother's Church. Will It Be Your Grandkids'?

Continuity and Changes in the Contemporary American Catholic Church

What are the the possibilities?  
What are the problems?

Fr. James Smith, C.P.P.S., will present his research on recent shifts in American Catholicism, particularly regional shifts in Catholic parishes. After his presentation, Jennifer Green, a pastoral associate at Visitation Parish in Kansas City, will respond to the presentation.

The two will then facilitate a discussion on possibilities and problems emerging out of these shifts.

Wednesday | 6:30-8 p.m.

Aug. 7

In person and Zoom

Scan the code to register or visit us online.



Suggested offering: \$10



## The Presenter

Fr. James Smith, C.P.P.S., is a graduate student in practical theology at Graduate Theological Union. Fr. James was born, raised, and lived in Indiana until he entered formation with the Precious Blood community after graduating from St Joseph College in Rensselaer, Indiana. He was ordained in 2017. His research interests include theologies of pastoral care, practical theology, and trends in American Catholicism.



## The Respondent

Jennifer Greene grew up in Kansas City, married Denis Greene in 2000 and raised three kids in Visitation parish. After finishing a Masters in Ministry from Creighton, she taught theology at St. Teresa's Academy for 10 years and transitioned to parish work last year. Jennifer says, "Having watched my own children's relationship with the Church and hundreds of teens over 10 years, I urgently want to be part of this conversation."

Get more information or register:

- [pbrenewalcenter.org/events](http://pbrenewalcenter.org/events)
- [info@pbrenewalcenter.org](mailto:info@pbrenewalcenter.org)
- 816-415-3745



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