

VISITATION PARISH  
24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



OUR MISSION

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 life-long 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.

MASSES

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

### CONFIRMATION - UPDATED SCHEDULE

Attention 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students not attending Catholic grade school: (10<sup>th</sup> graders will be a later date).



**Sunday, September 29**

**4:00 -TIGHE HALL**

*Come start the Confirmation process by joining us for pizza and games.*

Any questions? Call me at **816-753-5155 x1309**

*-Jenny Greene*

### Parent Information Meeting

(for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders not attending Vis)

Monday, September 23 at 6:30 pm in Tighe Hall.

### IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

This week, Della Lamb received information that our matched family, the Mutangalas would not be arriving as as planned and there were no indications if or when that would change.

Hopefully we will have another match soon and will let the Visitation Community know through the bulletin.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On September 27, the church celebrates the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul. Known for his charitable work during his lifetime among the poor and marginalized, St. Vincent de Paul's legacy lives on in the many works of service that continue to be performed in his name. Here, at Visitation, we have a St. Vincent de Paul conference dedicated to serving our local neighbors in need. Our parish members meet face-to-face with our community to offer rent, utility, food and other financial relief, bringing peace and hope through each interaction.

We invite you to join us at a monthly meeting where we share our successes, discuss how we can best help others, and come together in Christ's love. Our next meeting is this **Thursday, September 19 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Faith Formation Room**. We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Debi Sicoli at [debi@strausy.com](mailto:debi@strausy.com)

### OUR SYMPATHY

AS a parish, we offer sympathy to Carmen M. Sabates on the death of her mother, Carmen C. Sabates.

### ROSARY FOR THE SICK

WEDNESDAY IN ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL  
AT 5:30 PM. PLEASE JOIN US IN THE CHAPEL OR  
ON FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM.

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam	Bryan Larson
Pamela Atherton	Jeanne Lendabarker
Bill Blank, Sr.	Scott Martens
Leslie Burke	Tim McNamara
Marianne Carl	Tricia Melland
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Jen O'Neil
Kay Dierks	Peggy Pruitt
Michele Desnoes	Ellie Rose
Laura Fitzpatrick	Kathy Scaglia
Bill Fuss	Barbara Schulte
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Aimee Sesler
Margaret Howard	Sandra Sharp
Joe Irwin	Special Intention
William Jewell	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Erin Kallman	Dave Wittrock
Peg Kallman	

### 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.

### MILITARY

The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Lieutenant Colonel Cade Keenan, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti; 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 # 1 (Bergner/Palmer)  
**On Alert:** Team # 3 (Burns/Franke/Fowler)

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

We are in the midst of the Season of Creation. The Catholic Church has joined with other churches worldwide to give thanks for the beauty of our common home, celebrate and savor that beauty and pledge to be good stewards of the earth. On Saturday, October 5, our Faith Formation Team invites us to gather for 9:00 am Mass, followed by a walk/hike, all in Shawnee Mission Park. I know from experience that spending time outdoors is one of the quickest paths to prayer for me, that connecting with the beauty of the earth helps me remember my place in the Reign of God. I hope you can join us on October 5.



On Sunday, October 6, we celebrate our Parish Fiesta. It gives us an annual opportunity to gather as a community and to recognize the good bonds that connect us. Our Parish Council also hopes to make this event an opportunity to welcome our non-Catholic neighbors and friends, members of our parish who haven't fully returned since the pandemic and Catholics who might have no parish home. Feel free to invite family, friends and neighbors to join us at the Fiesta. All are welcome!

Peace - Fr. Greg

## FAITH FORMATION



Saturday, October 5, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.

## Shawnee Mission Park

7900 Renner Road, Shawnee, KS 66219—SHELTER 10

"This Day offers individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live." - Pope Francis on the Establishment of the Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 2015



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope  
(Rom 8:19-25)*

SCAN to Sign-up   
-OR- call 753-7422



**All ages & abilities are welcome!**

*Shelter area includes parking, bathrooms and paved sidewalks*

9:00 a.m. **Outdoor Mass for Creation  
with Fr. Greg Haskamp**



10:00 a.m. **Hike/Nature Walk**

**3 mile loop dirt hiking trail  
-OR- paved walking/biking trail**

to nearby inclusive playground, dog park and more...

**MASS INTENTIONS  
SEPTEMBER 17-22**

**Tuesday, September 17**  
6:45 am Maria Chalk †  
8:15 am Kathleen Polsinelli †

**Wednesday, September 18**  
6:45 am Jack Wahlstedt †  
8:15 am Kevin Mashburn †

**Thursday, September 19**  
6:45 am Chace Brundige †

**Friday, September 20**  
8:15 am Cathy Campbell †

**Saturday, September 21**  
8:15am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres  
4:00 pm People of Visitation

**Sunday, September 22**  
8:00 am Steve Seigfreid †  
10:30 am Mae Brown †

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 21-22**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
C. Welsh Shane Anderson sub req. Sienna. Anderson	G. Greim <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	L. Esslinger L. Gaarder N. Greenhalgh
G. Bauman D. Bruegging J. Call Keith Connor Kevin Connor A. Coppage S. Garrett L. Gromowsky F. Lester C. Schorgl L. Waters	K. Banes P. Banes J. Colombo J. Dickmeyer C. Jackson E. McCann M. McCann A. McKenny S. O'Neill K. Strauss K. Taylor	A. Adams B. Adams E. Connell sub req. V. Connell K. Esslinger A. Florez E. Florez M. Florez C. Fryer G. Herrenbruck T. McGhie
B. Nelson	J. McCann	D. Closson
P. Dunlay J. Waldrup <b>NOT FILLED</b>	F. Erlacker J. Erlacker <b>NOT FILLED</b>	G. Canino Jim Canino <b>NOT FILLED</b>
J. Rebman	E. Johnson	B. Truta

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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 2024/25**

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# SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

VIS PROGRESSIVE DINNER FUN!

Visitation's annual Progressive Dinner was a fantastic success last weekend, providing a wonderful opportunity for our adult community to connect with new faces while raising funds for the Visitation auction. This event is always a great way to kick off the school year and our auction fundraising efforts.

A huge thank you to our hosts for their thoughtfulness and creativity, which contributed to a record attendance this year. The themed dinners showcased a variety of cuisines and festive tablescapes. To top it all off, a DJ kept the party going with an amazing mix of tunes and late-night pizza served at the dessert house.

We're incredibly grateful for the hospitality and support. The Progressive Dinner was not only a fantastic start to our auction events but also a wonderful reminder of the vibrant community we have at Visitation!

A special thank you to our Progressive Dinner leads: Kristin Osbern and Brooke Smith.



## RACIAL JUSTICE



The parish Racial Justice Committee has existed since the summer of 2020 and has evolved to a core group of 12-15 who meet monthly - with an email distribution list of 40+ members who receive updates and information monthly. In these past four years, adjustments have been made as this fledgling group worked to promote and understand ways to grow and connect with others. What has remained the same are these goals:

- Look at our own biases, reflect on and develop our own Christian rooted response to racism.
- Read, discuss and share '*Open Wide our Hearts - The Enduring Call to Love, A Pastoral Letter Against Racism*' by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.
- Foster prayer, active listening, dialogue and action on behalf of racial justice.
- Fundraise to support four Cristo Rey Student interns in the school.
- Offer opportunities to continue education for our entire parish community in and around the topic of racial diversity (i.e. Just Faith series).
- Promote and support minority owned businesses, explore venues and parks in underserved areas as well as host speakers & cultural events to promote diversity.

If you would like to know more or join this committee, please contact co-chairs:  
Linda Hughes ([lchteach20@gmail.com](mailto:lchteach20@gmail.com)) or Peg Ekerdt ([peggyekerdt@gmail.com](mailto:peggyekerdt@gmail.com))

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

Help us fill our basket each weekend in September!

Donations will benefit four neighboring food pantries:  
St. Francis Xavier, Bishop Sullivan Center (Troost location),  
Guardian Angels & Redemptorist.

*Young children are invited to participate and bring donations to the basket on the predella during the collection each weekend in September.*



The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of ), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816-812-2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org) if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



# FAITH & GRIEF LUNCH



TUESDAY, OCTOBER, 10TH

12:00 TO 1:00 P.M.

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SPEAKER: Jen Wewers

## Grief, Gratitude, and Laughter: Lessons from my Dad



After her dad died in 2013, Jen learned that her grief was intertwined with sorrow, as well as gratitude and joy. Jen will share some of her dad's wisdom and invite us to explore how humor, laughter, and gratitude can be meaningful parts of our own grief journeys.

### ABOUT

Lunch presentations and facilitated table conversations provide a safe place to listen, remember, and pray together. You may share (or not) as you are comfortable.

- All are welcome. No charge.
- Complimentary box lunch provided for those who pre-register (free-will offerings appreciated)
- Sponsored by a collaboration of local churches, hosted by Village Presbyterian: 6641 Mission Rd,



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## CATHOLIC AUTHOR STUDY



*The Chosen's* Jonathan Roumie, speaking at the National Eucharistic Congress, wore a tee-shirt emblazoned with Flannery O'Connor's famous retort, "If it's just a symbol, the hell with it." Last fall actor and director Ethan Hawke released *Wildcat*, his biopic of Flannery O'Connor, with Maya, his daughter, playing the author herself. Flannery O'Connor endures. Her stories reveal her bedrock Catholic faith even as her characters shock, frustrate, amuse and mystify us. The mysteries of God's gifted opportunities of grace, conversion, and redemption are her core concerns; her native, "Christ-haunted" rural South is her vividly depicted landscape. Join an exploration of this extremely consequential author and devout Catholic in six 90-minute sessions offered by Lorraine Gordon, former Visitation podcast host and veteran literature teacher. **Six successive Tuesdays, mid-day starting on September 24 from 10:30 am to noon; or six successive Wednesday evenings, starting on September 25, from 7:00-8:30 pm** at Visitation Church. If interested, please email [lorrainegordon116@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainegordon116@gmail.com).

# MEDICINE FOR MADRE

Our medical delegation will be leaving for El Salvador on October 5 and will be carrying over-the-counter medicine to assist the health clinic. Donations of the following would be appreciated:

- Vitamins for children & adults (no gummies, please)
- Acetaminophen 500 mg (adult)
- Children's Acetaminophen (no liquids)
- Aspirin 81 mg
- Benadryl 25 mg (tablets only)
- Magnesium tablets
- Toothbrushes for children & adults
- Ace Bandage Wrap



*Donations may be brought to the narthex or parish office on or before September 28.*

## CARE FOR THE COMMON HOME

### **VISITATION CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME DISCUSSION IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26!**

Please plan to attend to hear from Brian Roewe, National Catholic Reporter (NCR) environment correspondent and Visitation parishioner; Chelsea Vrobil, Diocese KCSJ Stewardship of Creation Ministry Committee; and Larry Guillot, Visitation parishioner and Care of our Common Home team leader. They will share insight into Pope Francis' encyclical letter, Laudao Si, and the resulting initiative by Bishop Johnston for the Diocese of Kansas City, St. Joseph. You won't want to miss this informative discussion.





# FAITH FORMATION @VISITATION

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## SEPTEMBER

**15** Final tour of the Klein Collection of Judaica at Temple B'nai Jehudah (1:00 pm)

## OCTOBER

**05** 5th Annual "Season of Creation" Mass & Hike at Shawnee Mission Park (9:00 am)

**06** *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* Moderated Small Group (9:15am)

**20** *Forming Consciences* Small Group (9:15am)

**27** *Forming Consciences* Small Group (9:15am)

## NOVEMBER

**06** Adult Bible Study begins (10:00 am—12noon) led by Pastoral Minister, Teresa Albright

**13** Adult Bible Study, Lesson 2

**19** Supper Series: *Back to Basics, Catholic Prayer Stations & Parishioner Panel* (6pm—8:30pm)

**20** Adult Bible Study, Lesson 3

## DECEMBER

**01** Advent Wreath Making Family Event -AND- NEW *Between Two Masses* Advent Small Group faith-sharing begins

**04** Adult Bible Study, Lesson 4

**11** Adult Bible Study, Lesson 5

**18** Adult Bible Study, Final Lesson

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## VIS FAITH FORMATION TEAM

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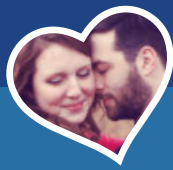
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**WHAT:** Three Sunday sessions between Masses for parishioners to engage with fellow people of faith about current events. These will be moderated discussions around the content of informative videos produced by the Montana Catholic Conference on the USCCB's document "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship."

**WHY:** Part of the parish staff's seasonal efforts to raise awareness on issues pertaining to our faith. In October, we will focus on our "Right & Responsibility" to engage in the political process.

**WHEN:** Sundays Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Oct. 27 (9:15 - 10:15 am)

**WHERE:** Tighe Hall, Media Classroom

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