

VISITATION PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024

ADVENT
FAITH FORMATION AT VISITATION

Every Sunday in Advent
BETWEEN TWO MASSES
9:15–10:15 am in the Retreat Room

- **ADVENT SMALL GROUP** led by Faith Formation Team members. No sign-up required.
- **"AT HOME WITH THE WORD"** booklet sales.
- **BOOK SALE** of surplus parish books. A perfect Christmas gift for only \$5 while supplies last.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING
Join us for this beloved, family-friendly Visitation tradition on the First Sunday of Advent,
Sunday, December 1
between Masses

For \$25 you get:

- 4 Premium Advent Candles from the Corner Candleshop
- 8" Brass wreath ring
- Fresh evergreen fir tips
- Festive ribbon and floral wire
- 1 Copy of the "At Home with the Word" Scripture resource.

\$10 discount available if you bring your own wreath ring or choose economy candles.
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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



10th grade interviews are underway! Please reach out to Jenny Greene at 816-753-5155 x1309 if your sophomore has not signed up! Next meeting is

TONIGHT at 7:00 pm for

CANDIDATES/ SPONSORS. This was on a much earlier schedule as a parent meeting; please note it is for CANDIDATES/SPONSORS. NO MEETING ON DECEMBER 8 for 10th GRADERS. JUNIOR HIGH-NEXT meeting is Sunday, December 8 WITH SPONSORS.

RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOME

On Sunday, December 8 at the 10:30 am Mass, please help our community welcome four baptized Candidates and accept one Inquirer into the Order of Catechumens at this first ritual on the way to full initiation into the church. Please hold **Sam, Sadie, Dan, Alexa and Katie** in your prayers as they move closer to the Easter Sacraments.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish community we thank the following **Women of Vis Funeral Meal Team 2:** Captains **Debbie Lolli, Susan Erwin** and their team of Elizabeth Carlyle, Mary Clarkson, Amy Clarkson, Suzette Cutcliff, Patti Finn, Sarah Griggs, Jane Gard, Becky Gude, Fran Lester, Kate Mahoney, Cathy Maple, Tina Mateski, Barbara Nelson, Sandy Midkiff, Ricki Ritter, Joanie Spiking, Becky Summers, Ann Sundeen, Patti Walsh and Mary Wirken.

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
Margaret Austin	Jolene Lynn
Bill Blanck, Sr.	Scott Martens
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Mary Beth Cicchetti	Tricia Melland
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Michele Desnoes	Peggy Pruitt
Laura Fitzpatrick	Ellie Rose
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Brooke Kuechler Harris	Gary Schafer
Margaret Howard	Barbara Schulte
Joe Irwin	Aimee Sesler
William Jewell	Sandra Sharp
Erin Kallman	Special Intention
Peg Kallman	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
	Dave Wittrock

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 # 6

On Alert: Team # 7

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

I love Advent. I know many of us do. It carries a spirit of starting over, making room and anticipating a better future. For centuries, human beings have dared to dream of better days ahead, and we dare to continue that legacy. As people of faith, we trust that the future is in God's hands. And we have the privilege of cooperating with that vision. So we follow the call of Advent to smooth the rough roads and make a level path for God's arrival, both now and at the end of time, so that God's work and God's reign progress unhindered.



Concretely that means a call to repentance, to change things that are in the way of right relationship with God and neighbor. Harsh words. Longstanding grudges. Self-absorption. Fear. Arrogance. Tis the season for conversion, of making room for God and for believing that better days are ahead.

Peace,

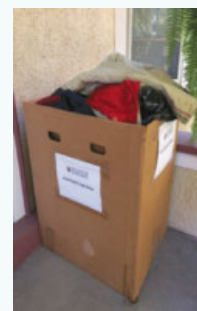
Fr. Greg

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & VISITATION SCHOOL



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRONT PORCH COAT DRIVE

For 15 years, our Visitation Knights of Columbus Front Porch Coat Drive has collected gently used (& new) coats, hats, gloves, blankets and other winter items for the needy in our community. Now partnering with Visitation School, there are 6 front porch drop-off locations where you may bring your donations over the next several weeks.



Vasquez home - 5415 Baltimore
Steinert home - 5818 Central
Fedinets home - 433 W. 69th St.

Coppage home - 808 Huntington Rd. (screened in porch)
Dickmeyer home - 439 E. 55th St.
Schloegel home - 6001 Morningside Dr.

KNIGHTS NOTES - Upcoming Events

Pancake Breakfasts at Visitation:

- December 8 (Children's Place)
- January 26 (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution - SOAP)
- February 23 (Little Sisters of the Poor)

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization open to Catholic men of the parish. We sponsor and

conduct a variety of activities throughout the year including Lenten Fish Fries and Pancake Breakfasts to support numerous causes including Vocations and Seminarians, FIRE Foundation, Cristo Rey Internships, Winter Coat Drive, and our Sister Parish in El Salvador, to name a few. If you are interested in joining the Knights, please contact either Bob Steinert (Grand Knight) 816-729-2748 or Mark Blanck (Membership Director) 816-419-7171.

FINANCIAL

Contribution Income:

In October, Contribution Income exceeded budget expectations by \$10,266 (3.5%), driven by timing differences in the giving patterns of our parishioners.

Other Income:

Other Income, which encompasses ministries, program fees, one-time donations, school tuition, registration fees, and before/after care fees, also surpassed the budget by \$15,215. This increase was primarily due to a timing difference in tuition payments, particularly the MoScholars payment received this month.

Parish Expenses:

Parish expenses for October exceeded the budget by \$59,828. The overage was largely due to a three-pay-period month, higher-than-expected benefit costs and additional computer software expenses, exceeding budget by \$14,687.

As a result, the Parish Net for October reported a budget shortfall of \$34,347.

Year-to-Date (YTD) Financial Summary

Contribution and Other Income:

Contribution Income is ahead of budget by \$42,483 (4.2%). Other Income has exceeded budget expectations by \$83,509 (8.7%). Together, these resulted in a budget surplus of \$125,993 for the year-to-date.

Operating Expenses:

Operating expenses are under budget by \$13,426 (0.7%), leading to a Parish Net Operating Budget surplus of \$139,419.

Comparison to Prior Fiscal Year:

Parish Contribution Income for FY 2024/2025 is \$53,763 higher than the same period last year. Other Income surpassed last year's results by \$266,968. Net Budget Surplus: The overall net budget surplus stands at \$159,162.

Month of October 2024

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 300,946	\$ 290,680	\$ 10,266
Other Income	\$ 41,451	\$ 26,236	\$ 15,215
Total Operating Income	\$ 342,397	\$ 316,916	\$ 25,481
Operating Expense	\$ 532,774	\$ 472,946	\$ (59,828)
Net	\$ (190,378)	\$ (156,030)	\$ (34,347)

Fiscal YTD (July-October)

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 1,047,372	\$ 1,004,889	\$ 42,483
Other Income	\$ 1,043,155	\$ 959,645	\$ 83,509
Total Operating Income	\$ 2,090,527	\$ 1,964,534	\$ 125,993
Operating Expense	\$ 2,000,970	\$ 2,014,396	\$ 13,426
Net	\$ 89,557	\$ (49,862)	\$ 139,419

Fiscal YTD This Year vs. Fiscal YTD Last Year

	Fiscal YTD This Year	Fiscal YTD Last Year	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 1,047,372	\$ 993,610	\$ 53,763
Other Income	\$ 1,043,155	\$ 776,187	\$ 266,968
Total Operating Income	\$ 2,090,527	\$ 1,769,796	\$ 320,731
Operating Expense	\$ 2,000,970	\$ 1,839,401	\$ (161,569)
Net	\$ 89,557	\$ (69,605)	\$ 159,162

Thank you for your continued support.

WEATHER CANCELLATION

SCHOOL/MASS CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

When Visitation School is closed due to snow/ice, morning liturgies for that day are cancelled. For closing information, phone the school at 816-531-6200, go to www.visitation.org and look for closing information in the "Special Announcement" box on our homepage or watch for "Southwest POD Catholic Schools" on the media. Cancellation of Mass is for the safety of those attending as parking lots and walks may have not been cleared.



**MASS INTENTIONS
DECEMBER 3- 8**

Tuesday, December 3

6:45 am George McLIney †

8:15 am Esther Valdivia †

Wednesday, December 4

6:45 am Margy Sonnenberg †

8:15 am Mae Brown †

Thursday, December 5

6:45 am Carlos Manso †

Friday, December 6

8:15 am Daniel Bray †

Saturday, December 7

8:15am Jerry Handley †

4:00 pm Cathy Campbell †

Sunday, December 8

8:00 am People of Visitation

10:30 am Becca Lueke †

RACIAL JUSTICE



The Visitation Racial Justice Committee invites you to participate in a transformative 8-week Just Faith study session.

Opening Retreat, Saturday, January 25th - 12:00 - 3:00 pm
Sessions Every Other Wednesday, January 29th - May 7th, 2025
4:00 or 7:00 pm in-person sessions available

Interested in learning more?

Contact pastoral associate Karen Miller at

karen@church.visitation.org.

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

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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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Victim Assistance Coordinator,

Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

SOCIAL CONCERNS



PEACE TREE TAGS

Every year parishioners are invited to help provide gifts, gift cards or financial support for organizations helping those in need for Christmas. Please take a tag and share the joy of the season! All donations should be returned by December 8! For questions, email Marny Sherman at msherman@mlpholdings.com, or call Karen in the parish office at 816-753-5155 x1308.

FOOD DONATIONS

Don't forget! Donations to the food basket in the narthex go directly to pantries serving those in need! So, during this season of giving bring a donation of canned goods to Mass each week! Your kindness will help spread joy to all who receive them! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Glory Ministries – Volunteers needed to prepare and serve breakfast on the first Thursday of each month! Volunteers arrive by 6:30 am and will be finished with clean up by 8:15 am! Our next opportunity is on Thursday, December 5. If you are interested, please email karen@church.visitation.org to reserve your spot or feel free to call the parish office.

One City Café next on Thursday, December 12 from 4:30 -6:30 pm. Please reach out to Bill Staggs for details at Bill Staggs at 816- 304-3264 or willstaggs48@gmail.com.



MADRE

Did you know the school year for our friends in El Salvador is from January through November? As the students we sponsor prepare to take break from school, we begin the season of giving and gathering! Don't forget that if you sponsor a child, your support is due this month! Should you have any questions, call Karen in the parish office at 816-753-5155 1304.

GAUDETE HAPPY HOUR

Celebrate the joy of the Advent season!

3rd Annual
Gaudete Happy Hour

Saturday, December 14
following 4:00 pm Mass

The 3rd Sunday in Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is Latin for "Rejoice in the Lord Always!" In anticipation of the coming of the Lord, all are invited to join us for Happy Hour to celebrate our Catholic faith & the Visitation community.



SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

K/8TH GRADE BUDDY DAYS ARE THE BEST

Kindergarten and 8th Grade Buddy Days are among the most cherished events of the month. The K/8 buddies start their day by celebrating Mass together, then enjoy an afternoon activity, often accompanied by a tasty treat. This tradition is a wonderful example of living faith through connections across grades and experiences



RUBE GOLDBERG EXPERIMENTS

Our 4th graders put their creativity and engineering skills to the test by designing their own Rube Goldberg machines to demonstrate various energy transfers. Parents were invited to explore these inventive experiments and see the students' hard work in action.

CONSTRUCTION BIDDING OPPORTUNITIES



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Newkirk Novak Construction Partners looks forward to working with Visitation on the upcoming building improvement projects.

As plans progress and fundraising continues, we will keep the Parish informed of bidding opportunities and invite any interested trade partners to contact our team!

Newkirk Novak Construction Partners Project Contact:

Joe Brown | Visitation Project Lead

Email: joe.brown@newkirknovak.com | Phone: 913.265.6035

STEWARDSHIP AT VISITATION

2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

The Visitation Parish 2025 Annual Appeal is underway. You should have received your parish pledge request in the mail last week. The parish's 2023-2024 annual report has also been mailed to all parishioners. Please take a few minutes to review our annual report and prayerfully consider your support for our parish in calendar year 2025. Then make your pledge online or complete the enclosed form and return it to us. Thank you for your continued support of Visitation!

GIVING AT VISITATION

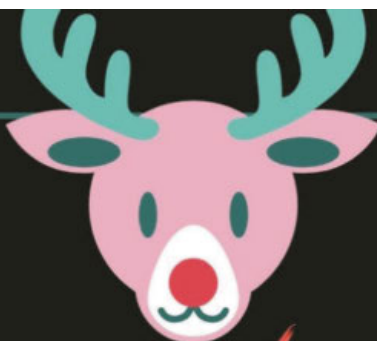
As we near the end of the calendar year, the parish would appreciate 2024 pledges being fulfilled by year end. If you did not make a pledge but consistently give a year-end gift, we value your past support and appreciate any contribution you make this year. Please allow adequate mail or processing time depending on your type of transaction to enable us to credit the donation by December 31, 2024 for possible tax-deduction purposes.

There are numerous ways to contribute:

- Drop an offertory envelope in the Sunday collection.
- Mail a check to the parish office.
- Call us to set-up a one-time or regular, automated gift using your bank account or credit/debit card.
- Send your contribution via the online banking offered by your financial institution.
- Use the online giving tab on our parish website for a one-time gift: www.visitation.org.
- Donate appreciated assets.
- Make a charitable distribution from your IRA.

Please keep in mind that we distribute offertory envelopes based on your giving preferences. Please contact the parish office if you wish to change those preferences or notate on your pledge form.

If you have any questions regarding your pledge balance or how to initiate an automated withdrawal, gift of stock or any other type of transaction, please contact Megan Burdolski, Director of Stewardship, at 816-753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org.



Women of Visitation Reindeer Games



Wednesday, December 4
7:00 pm Tighe Hall

All ladies of the parish are invited to this annual evening of holiday fun. Don your antlers, holiday sweater & join us for an evening of refreshments (holiday spirits!), festive food, & merry game play: Bunco, Mahjong, or bring your own!



*Free will donations accepted for
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All ladies welcome!



Cost: \$25.00 per Santa

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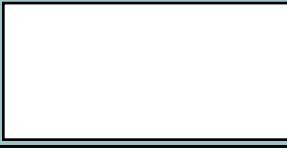

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Jesus

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DECEMBER 15TH
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*Please bring a gently used coat and/or warm weather gear for Knights of Columbus' coat drive.

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