

VISITATION PARISH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 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



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Join us for Mass on Monday, December 9 at 8:15 am or 12:00 noon.

CONFIRMATION

Sophomores - Candidates, please invite your sponsors to join you for a coffee date, the communal reconciliation service at Visitation on December 11 or at weekend Mass.



Junior High (Vis/SFX) - NEXT meeting is this afternoon, Sunday, December 8 WITH SPONSORS at 4:00 pm.

PEACE TREE THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed gifts to the Peace Tree again this year and to all who helped sort and deliver gifts! A special thank you to our coordinators, Marny Sherman and Janie & Bruce Palmer. Your kindness and generosity are unmatched!

FOOD BASKET - 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

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

RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOME

Today, December 8 at the 10:30 am Mass, our community welcomes 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.

WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

ROSARY FOR THE SICK
WEDNESDAY IN ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL
AT 5:30 PM. PLEASE JOIN US
IN THE CHAPEL.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam
Pamela Atherton
Margaret Austin
Bill Blanck, Sr.
Marianne Carl
Mary Beth Cicchetti
Kay Dierks
Michele Desnoes
Bill Fuss
Brooke Kuechler Harris
Margaret Howard
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
Erin Kallman
Peg Kallman

Bryan Larson
Jeanne Lendabarker
Jolene Lynn
Scott Martens
Tim McNamara
Tricia Melland
Jen O'Neill
Peggy Pruitt
Ellie Rose
Kathy Scaglia
Gary Schafer
Barbara Schulte
Aimee Sesler
Sandra Sharp
Special Intention
Salvador Valdeperas, 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

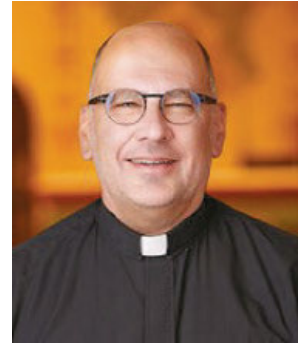
On Deck: Team # 6

On Alert: Team # 7

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

While today is December 8 and is the date of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence over the Solemnity in the hierarchy of liturgical feasts. When a Solemnity falls on a Sunday during Advent, Lent or the Easter Season, the Solemnity is transferred, usually to the Monday following, and the appropriate liturgy for Advent, Lent or Easter is celebrated on that Sunday. If a Solemnity falls on a Sunday during Ordinary Time (Assumption or All Saints, for example), the Solemnity takes precedence over the ordinary liturgy for that Sunday. While it might sound and feel a little complicated, it emphasizes the importance of the liturgical seasons, in this case, the Season of Advent, the days of which are so brief and incredibly precious.



So this year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9.

And while the Solemnity is transferred, it remains a Holy Day of Obligation. In light of this, we will have 8:15 am and noon Masses on Monday, December 9 to celebrate the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of our diocese and of the United States. The 8:15 am Mass will be a School Mass, but all parishioners are welcome.

Peace,

FAITH FORMATION



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.

**MASS INTENTIONS
DECEMBER 9-15**

Monday, December 9
8:15 am Margy Sonnenberg †
Noon People of Visitation

Tuesday, December 10
6:45 am Lee Jones †
8:15 am Robert Wasson †

Wednesday, December 11
6:45 am Valerie Caffrey †
8:15 am Linda Osterhaus †

Thursday, December 12
6:45 am Sue Cooke Turnbull †

Friday, December 13
8:15 am Bob Cotton †

Saturday, December 14
8:15am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres
4:00 pm Stephen Moran

Sunday, December 15
8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Tadeusz Zakrzewski †

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 14-15

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
J. Accurso K. King C. Langlade	E. Larson C. Larson E. Taylor	C. Noel sub req. P. Munce C. Carney
M. Heckman-Crowe M. Hodes A. Holewinski J. Johnson M. Kirwan F. Lester A. Peratt C. Powers sub req. M. Rice NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	C. Jackson K. Larson R. Larson M. McCann E. McCann J. McCann A. McDonald J. McGee Amy. Thompson Addie Thompson M.J. Thompson	A. Bergner V. Connell D. Devine A. Florez M. Florez E. Florez C. Fryer J. Goeke J. Goeke G. Herrenbruck sub req. B. Palmer
P. Fanning	Mark Thompson	B. Nelson
C. Maggiorotto W. Maggiorotto NOT FILLED	K. Keller C. Keller NOT FILLED	T. Ritchie NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
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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

Stephen Bowen	Kristie Larson
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Victim Assistance Coordinator,
Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011





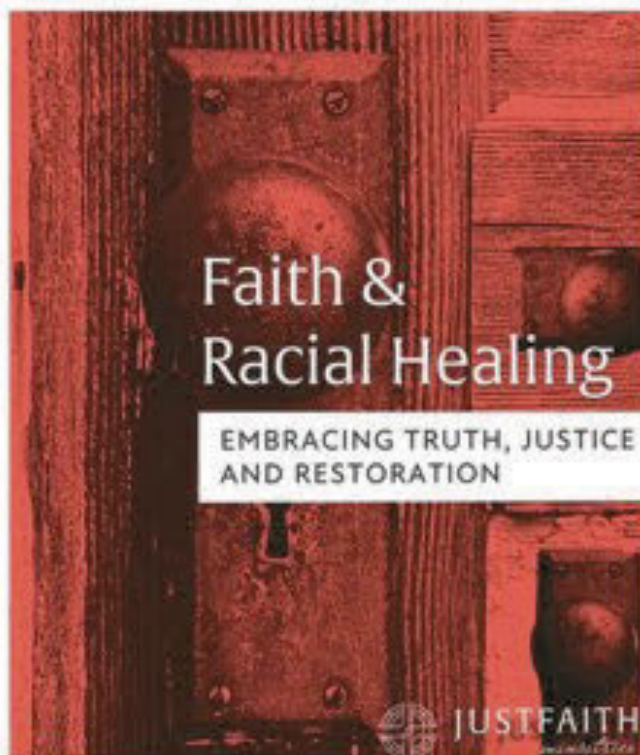
The Visitation Racial Justice Committee invites you to participate in a transformative 8-week Just Faith study session.

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

Testimonials

"I urge the old and the young regardless of your activism or non-activism to consider enrolling in these 8 week classes if you desire to broaden your knowledge in your faith and your consciousness on social justice."
- Alvin Brooks

"I thought I knew about slavery. But what I knew was just the tip of the iceberg... I have a better empathy for the anger and frustration of African-Americans and people who have been enslaved over the years. I would highly recommend this series although sometimes it's difficult to watch, hear and read about."
- Mary Beth Cicchetti



Interested in learning more?

Contact pastoral associate
Karen Miller at
karen@church.visitation.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



KNIGHTS NOTES

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882, it was named in honor of the mariner Christopher Columbus. Originally serving as a mutual benefit society to working class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, it developed into a fraternal benefit society dedicated to providing charitable services, promoting Catholic education and Catholic public policy positions, and actively defending Catholicism in various nations.

Visitation: The Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Tighe Council #1698:

The Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Tighe Council #1698, is open to Catholic men of the parish. Consistent with the National Charter, 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. We also provide manpower for the annual Parish Fiesta and other parish events. The Knights also engage in various social events such as Royals nights outings, chili contests and craft beer brewing.



Charitable Donations and Sponsored Organizations:

In 2023, the Knights raised and donated over \$22,000 to our parish and school, religious education, vocations, seminarians and to the wider community. The following are some of the worthy causes we regularly support:

- ◆ Conception Seminary
- ◆ Theatre at Vis
- ◆ Fire Foundation
- ◆ St. Mary's Home for Mothers
- ◆ Little Sisters of the Poor
- ◆ Morning Glory Ministries
- ◆ The Children's Place
- ◆ Journey to a New Life
- ◆ Water for Madre
- ◆ Halo
- ◆ Special Olympics
- ◆ Operation Breakthrough
- ◆ Veterans Community Project
- ◆ Down Syndrome Innovations

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please contact either Bob Steinert (Grand Knight) at 816-729-2748 or Mark Blanck (Membership Director) at 816-419-7171.

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15th Annual

Front Porch Coat Drive

Drop off your donations of coats, gloves, hats, blankets and other winter items at these locations:

- Vasquez home - 5415 Baltimore
- Steinert home - 5818 Central
- Fedinets home - 433 W. 69th St.
- Dickmeyer home - 439 E. 55th St.
- Schloegel home - 6001 Morningside Dr.
- Coppage home - 808 Huntington Rd. (screened porch)

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 are 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.

PASTORAL CARE

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

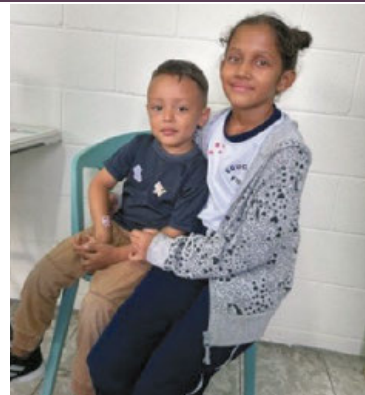
It has been our practice for many years to include bulletin prayer requests for those who are sick, homebound, in treatment or in care centers. Praying for others helps us stay connected to God and to one another. Thus, we list parishioners, families and friends who need the prayer support of this community. There is also a "Special Intention" listed in the bulletin so that we can hold in prayer any among us who have asked for prayers but would rather remain anonymous. Many thanks to each of you who prays for the intentions of this parish. To add a name on the prayer list or have it removed please contact Jenny Greene at 816-753-7422 x1309 or jennifer@church.visitation.org. Visitation walks in prayer with all those on our prayer list and their caregivers.



SISTER PARISH



Did you know the school year for our friends in El Salvador begins in January and ends in November? As the children you support through our Sponsorship Programs prepare for a break from school, we begin our season of giving. Each family with



a child in the program is required to meet regularly for various classes and formation. The community built around this ministry ensures greater success for each child. Don't forget that if you sponsor a child, your support is due now! Should you have any questions, call Karen in the the parish office at 816-381-6914 or email at kmiller@viskc.org

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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

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 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 for more information.



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Go to leadtoreadkc.org to apply and learn more.

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.

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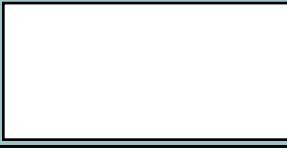
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Saturday, December 14
following 4:00 pm Mass

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.



MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jesus

Help us celebrate with donuts, coffee and a surprise guest!

DECEMBER 15TH

9:00 - 10:20 in Tighe Hall

RSVP for children

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

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RSVP to <https://tinyurl.com/moyc-Jesus-24>

