

VISITATION PARISH
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 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 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.

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



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.

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE NEED

The Visitation Refugee Assistance Committee is looking for a used bicycle for the father of our refugee family, Miguel, to ride to the bus stop and for small grocery trips. If anyone has a men's bike in good condition that they would like to donate, please text or email Mike & Julie Morrand at 913-558-8825 or jgmorrand@yahoo.com.



MONSIGNOR TIGHE COUNCIL #1598

Knights of Columbus Upcoming Events:

Pancake Breakfasts at Visitation:

- January 26 (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution - SOAP)
- February 23 (Little Sisters of the Poor)

Monsignor Tighe Council Free Throw Contest

(boys and girls ages 9-14): February 2, 2025.

Lenten Fish Fries: March 7, March 28, April 4 and April 11.

RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOME

On December 8, at the 10:30 am Mass, our community welcomed four baptized candidates and accepted 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 journey to the Easter Sacraments.



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Dayle Dickens and Sam Stewart, who were married on December 7.

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

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Whitlow Brewer Emanuels

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 Valldeperas, Sr.

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,

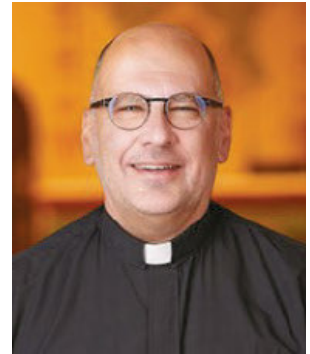
We've done some updating recently in the rectory. Several rooms have been painted, some new furniture has arrived and things have been rearranged in places. It's really looking great and feels like a new house in some ways. The fireplace in the living room has been busy thus far and is a real treat on chilly evenings.

I know it's important to many of you that we keep the rectory up to date, so I hope this comes as good news. There's more to do, so I'll keep you posted and might even share some photos at some point! Even better, we might host an open house in the spring!

I hope Advent is a fruitful season for you this year.

Peace,

Fr. Greg



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REDISCOVER



"Last year, we were so broken.

I had our divorce papers in the car and was going to present them to him after the holidays. As we sat under the tree, I was shaking and crying, thinking that this was the last Christmas we were going to have as a family.

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Tuesday, December 17
6:45 am Maria Chalk †
8:15 am Fr. Norman Rotert †

Wednesday, December 18
6:45 am Daniel Bray †
8:15 am Helen Betty Giallanza
Schothoerster †

Thursday, December 19
6:45 am John Fitzgerald †

Friday, December 20
8:15 am John Fitzgerald †

Saturday, December 21
8:15 am Debbie Elias †
4:00 pm Martha Beckers †

Sunday, December 22
8:15 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Carmen Sabates †

ALTAR SERVERS

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 21-22

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
J. Flanagan C. Dimond NOT FILLED	G. Malter J. Kobler D. Colombo	H. Arthur B. Arthur M. Filing
T. Cotton S. Otto sub req. D. Pucci sub req. K. Reichman C. Roewe B. Roewe M. Shannon G. Smith sub req. D. Tietjen M. Tietjen L. Waters	P. Clarke J. Colombo T. Coppinger V. Coppinger E. Johnson A. Leimora J. Grego sub req. A. McKenny C. Schorgl H. Shinn K. Taylor	J. Johnson T. Mayer T. McCray L. McLIney L. Meyers sub req. J. Olivias M. Roach A. Smith C. Spaeth D. Valenti K. Van Asdale
D. Fenley	B. Winget	N. Shump
P. Dunlay NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	J. Erlacker F. Erlacker NOT FILLED	G. Canino J. Canino NOT FILLED
C. Ruiz sub req.	P. Ekerdt	S. Mayer

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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

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





Dear Vis Friends-

This is a personal ask.

At the end of January, the parish Racial Justice Committee and Social Concerns Ministry team again will offer the 8-week series: Just Faith, Racial Healing.

Please imagine us standing beside you and inviting you to join this new group. Because we are inviting you!

This is the ninth time Vis has offered this series. Over 80 people have enriched the process with their participation. Most have been parishioners, but in the last two sessions, we have included folks from five more parishes.

Along the way, we have shared this journey with Bishop Johnston and Deb Shepard from the diocesan Life and Justice office and received their support.

We don't know exactly how to make this ask, but we so deeply believe in the power of this process that we want it to be part of everyone's already busy lives.

- *Class meetings are two hours (4:00 pm OR 7:00 pm start time).*
- *Prayer, discussion and videos are part of each class.*
- *Start date is January 25, then every other Wednesday, January 29 - May 7*
- *The group reads two books, broken into easily managed chapters.*
- *We all miss a class or two so don't let that stop you from registering.*

Please think about and pray on this. We promise that if you make this commitment—you will never regret it. Contact any one of us to register.

With hope and with gratitude-

Linda Hughes (lchteach20@gmail.com), Peg Ekerdt (peggyekerdt@gmail.com) and Karen Miller (karen@church.visitation.org) We will lead this next session.

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.

CONSTRUCTION BIDDING OPPORTUNITIES



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

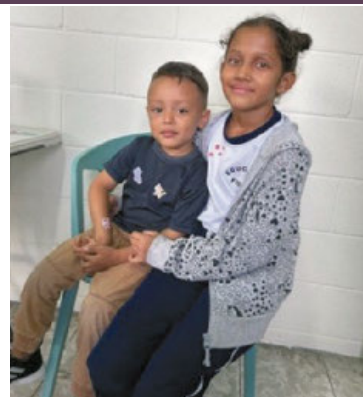
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SOCIAL CONCERNS



SISTER PARISH CHILD SPONSORSHIP

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 karen@church.visitation.org.

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.
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- Steinert home - 5818 Central
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- Schloegel home - 6001 Morningside Dr.
- Coppage home - 808 Huntington Rd. (screened porch)



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Mass Schedule 2024

Christmas Eve, December 24

3:00 pm - Carols begin at 2:30 pm - Choir, Handbells, Brass, Woodwinds, Strings & Percussion

6:00 pm - Carols begin at 5:30 pm - Chamber Choir, Trumpet & Violin

10:00 pm - Carols begin at 9:30 pm - Choir, Handbells, Brass, Woodwinds, Strings & Percussion

Christmas Eve, December 24

10:00 am - Carols begin at 9:30 am - Chamber Choir, Trumpet & Violin

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.

SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER

The best way to spread Christmas cheer is to sing out loud for all to hear—and that's exactly what our K-4th grade students did! Visitation School kicked off the holiday and Advent season with our annual Christmas choir performance, a heartwarming celebration that was nothing short of magical.

A huge thank you to our talented music teacher, Mrs. Edwin, for guiding the students to shine in this year's program. The students' hard work truly paid off, with each grade performing a variety of festive songs, creatively brought together by Mrs. Edwin. From recorders and boom whackers to piano solos and brave vocal soloists who stole the show, the performance was a joyful reflection of the season's spirit.

A special shoutout also goes to Mr. Dan Regan and students for their leadership in stage and set design, helping to bring the holiday spirit to life visually. There's no better way to embrace the magic of Christmas than by witnessing the pure joy and wholeheartedness of our students as they sang with all their hearts. What a beautiful way to kick off this season of joy and giving!





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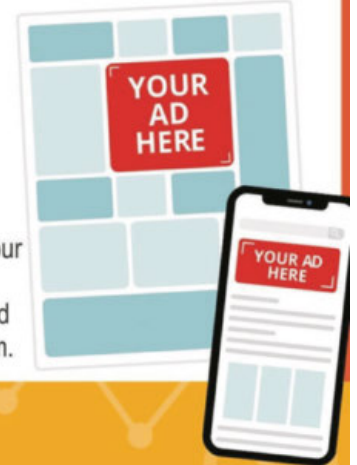
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