

VISITATION PARISH FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 22, 2024

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 Day, December 25

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

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

NO MASS DECEMBER 26

We will not have the 6:45 am Mass on Thursday, December 26. Weekday Mass will resume at 8:15 am on Friday, December 27.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas. We will re-open on December 26.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish community we thank the following Women of Vis Funeral Meal Team:

Captains Jennie Egan and Amy McKenny and their team of Kristin Beerman, Laura Connealy, Carol Crowe, Patti Dunlay, Ann Eckels, Jan Fakoury, Carol Fryer, Erica Gaarder, Amy Perry, Ann Hodes, Shawn Keller, Jane Kieffer, Jackie Massman, Maureen McMeel, Sharon Molloy, Barbara Mullane, Karen O'Neill, Nancy Pell, Alison Ward and Julie Cheslik.

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.

AT HOME WITH THE WORD

At Home with the Word is available in the narthex for \$5. Please pay in the parish office or use the envelopes placed next to the books for payment.



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

OUR SYMPATHY

As a community, we mourn the loss of our parishioner, Diane Welch and extend prayers to the Welch family.

**NO ROSARY FOR
THE SICK ON CHRISTMAS
DAY OR NEW YEAR'S DAY.**

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam	Bryan Larson
Pamela Atherton	Jeanne Lendabarker
Margaret Austin	Jolene Lynn
Bill Blanck, Sr.	Scott Martens
Marianne Carl	Tim McNamara
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Tricia Melland
Kay Dierks	Jen O'Neill
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Whitlow Brewer Emanuels	Ellie Rose
Bill Fuss	Kathy Scaglia
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Gary Schafer
Margaret Howard	Barbara Schulte
Joe Irwin	Aimee Sesler
William Jewell	Sandra Sharp
Erin Kallman	Special Intention
Peg Kallman	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 # 7

On Alert: Team # 9

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

These are some of my favorite days in the entire liturgical year. The seven days before Christmas are known as Late Advent Weekdays. The tone of the liturgies shifts to a heightened sense of joyful anticipation. We feel the imminence of God's arrival in our lives as the stories of the Annunciation, Visitation, Birth of John the Baptist and other events immediately preceding Jesus' birth abound in the lectionary. I love the sense of a slowly dawning and expanding joy that these days reveal. There's a glow of hope, optimism and bliss that we taste in advance of the celebration of Christmas. God is with us, even now we feel it. No matter what the future may hold, divine light will shine in our midst. Savor these days!



Peace,

Fr. Greg

PASTORAL CARE



Speaker: Marcia Tammeus

Faith & Grief Lunch

Village Presbyterian
Church

Tuesday, January 7
12:00 -1:00 pm

A Reflection on Three Losses, Father, Sister and Brother-in-Law

Cancer is not kind. Many of us have experienced the death of a loved one because of this disease. The saving grace for me was being able to say goodbye with hopes of a peaceful death for each one of them. I believe that happened, but for my sister, it took time. I learned a lot from these experiences and I believe my faith was/is strengthened for having walked alongside them in spite of my being 1500 miles away. I returned home to Vermont to do just that whenever possible.

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 Road.

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Newkirk Novak Construction Partners Project Contact:

Joe Brown | Visitation Project Lead

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

**MASS INTENTIONS
DECEMBER 24-29**

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
3:00 pm Cathy McGee Schuerer †
6:00 pm Dominic Passantino †
10:00 pm People of Visitation

Wednesday, Christmas Day
10:00 am William Motter III †

Friday, December 27
8:15 am Cathy Campbell †

Saturday, December 28
8:15 am Dick & JoAnn Heinzmann †
4:00 pm Regina Teresa Emily †

Sunday, December 29
8:00 am Bill Hodes †
10:30 am People of Visitation

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 28-29

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
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L. Keens	E. Greim	D. Closson
S. Barone M. Eckels NOT FILLED	J. Grego C. Schorgl NOT FILLED	J. Hughes J. Mateski NOT FILLED
R. Steinert	B. Truta	To Be Determined

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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
Bill Donath	Melissa Lising
Jim Erlacker	Steve O'Neill
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Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

RACIAL JUSTICE

As we celebrate this 4th Sunday of Advent, we know that Christmas will have passed before the next bulletin. So it is that we offer the words of Howard Washington Thurman (1899-1981), American author and theologian, as our Christmas message to all.



*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among all,
To make music in the heart.*

Christmas blessings to all—
The Visitation Racial Justice Committee

CHRIST IS PRESENT

*Into this world, this demented inn, In which there is
absolutely no room for Him at all,
Christ has come uninvited. But because He cannot be
at home in it, because He is out of place in it, and yet
must be in it, His place is with those others for whom there
is no room. His place is with those who do not belong, who
are rejected by power because they are regarded as weak, those
who are discredited, who are denied status as persons, who are
tortured, bombed, and exterminated. With those for whom
there is no room,
Christ is present in the world.*

- Thomas Merton



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.

EPIPHANY CONCERT

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EPIPHANY CONCERT
ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 5!



SOCIAL CONCERNS

MADRE CHRISTMAS BASKETS



Your recent donations to Madre have allowed us to help provide Christmas baskets for 30 senior citizens living in the community who are in need! The baskets will include rice, beans, sugar milk, pastas, coffee, soups and personal hygiene items. What a boost it will be for them to receive this helpful gift at this time! Thank you, Visitation!

Follow our sister parish on social media! They livestream Mass each week and share relevant information happening about their parish community! Find them at [Parroquia Maria Madre de Los Pobres!](#)

SPONSORSHIP PAYMENTS DUE!

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 parish office at 816-381-6914 or email at karen@church.visitation.org.



REFUGEE ASSISTANCE - BIKE NEEDED

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 Morrond at 913-558-8825 or jgmorrond@yahoo.com.

PEACE TREE THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed gifts to the Peace Tree again this year and those who coordinated the effort, Marny Sherman and Janie & Bruce Palmer. We also thank the volunteers who helped sort and deliver gifts! Your kindness and generosity are unmatched!



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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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)



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.

CONFIRMATION



On behalf of the staff and volunteers helping with the Confirmation program this year, I would like to extend our appreciation for your patience and grace as we worked on new programming.

A few notes/reminders:

- In the next two weeks, I will be finalizing rosters for the 10th grade and Visitation and St. Francis Xavier groups. Please make sure you have registered your child with Vis or SFX and paid your registration fee. Go to this QR code to



register on the website.

I will also be sending you a reminder email. Please take care of this promptly.

- If you are a Vis school parent, please look for updates and information from the school. Jayna Timpe is your contact person.
- If you are a parent of a student in either the high school or Vis/SFX program, you will receive updates from me by email and in the bulletin.

NEXT MEETINGS (MEET IN TIGHE HALL)

Vis/SFX	February 23	4:00-7:00
High School	February 23	7:00-9:00

SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THE
VISITATION COMMUNITY

As we reflect on this year, we are filled with deep gratitude for the vibrant and supportive Visitation community—our teachers and staff, students, and families. Together, we've grown stronger in our commitment to each other and to the mission of our school.

To our dedicated teachers and staff, thank you for your unwavering passion and commitment to nurturing both the academic and personal growth of our students. Your hard work and care make a world of difference every single day.

To our students, your curiosity, creativity, and kindness continue to inspire us all. You bring energy and enthusiasm that make our school a special place to be, and we're so proud of all you have accomplished this year.

To our families, thank you for your continued support, collaboration, and trust. You are the heart of our community, and together, we create an environment where everyone can thrive.

As we look ahead to the new year, we are excited for the possibilities that await, knowing that with such a strong and caring community, we can accomplish anything together. Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful holiday season, filled with love and gratitude.



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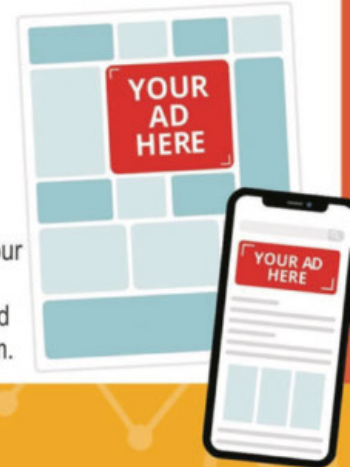
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Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception

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