

VISITATION PARISH
THE HOLY FAMILY
DECEMBER 29, 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

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, a holy day of obligation. Join us for Mass at 10:00 am in the Nave.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will close at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, January 31 and will be closed on New Year's Day. The office will be open regular business hours on Thursday, January 2.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

- Arnold Cornelius
- Julie Cheslik
- Hans Hodes & Quinn O'Connor
- Tim & Maureen Hellhake

ATTENTION 2025 LENT BOOK WRITERS!

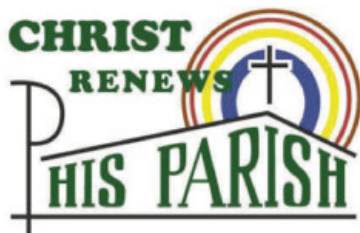
Thank you for agreeing to write a reflection for the 2025 Lent Book. This beloved Vis tradition is a project created *by* parishioners *for* parishioners each year. If you were asked to write a reflection but have not received a letter with your assigned Scripture reading in the mail yet, please contact Teresa Albright in the parish office as soon as possible.

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 QR code on the sign for payment.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH - SAVE THE DATE!

If you have been considering attending a Christ Renews His Parish retreat, you are in luck! The next weekend for both men and women will be on **March 1-2**. It will be a wonderful way to prepare your spiritual walk through Lent this year! If you have questions or want to register now, please contact Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org.



OUR SYMPATHY

We keep in our prayers Lindsey, Keaton and Margaux Serrano, on the death of their husband and father, Joe Serrano; and Linda Hall on the death of her husband, Eugene.

**NO ROSARY FOR
THE SICK ON
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
Michele Desnoes	Peggy Pruitt
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 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: 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,

I hope your celebrations of the Christmas Season are full of light, joy and love. I love the fact that our church celebrates Christmas not just for a couple of days, but for a season. We extend the celebration each year until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (this year on January 12). The mystery of the Incarnation deserves such solemnity and reflection, as it transforms the human journey and draws us into intimate friendship and communion with God. God becomes one of us that we might more closely resemble the God who made us. That is the best of news! We recognize it as we gather with those we love and who give flesh to divine love in our lives.

While school is out and while things are moving a bit more slowly through the holidays, I am leaving this afternoon for a week in Florida. I'm returning to my favorite destination of Cape San Blas and am actually going alone this time. Travel has become more challenging for my mom so unfortunately she won't be going with me. I'm staying in a condo on the beach and look forward to some quiet quality time in a beautiful place. I'll be back the evening of January 7. Have a blessed and happy new year!

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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- 469-616-1795
- facebook.com/FaithandGriefKC



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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

**MASS INTENTIONS
DEC. 31-JAN. 5**

Tuesday, December 31
6:45 am Michael Messina †
8:15 am Dominic Passantino †

Wednesday, January 1
10:00 am Amy Thompson †

Thursday, January 2
6:45 am Casey Pointer †

Friday, January 3
8:15 am Bill Hodes †

Saturday, January 4
8:15 am Andrew Huxley †
4:00 pm Julie Ann Francis †

Sunday, January 5
8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Amy Thompson †

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE JANUARY 4-5

4:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM

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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

RACIAL JUSTICE

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.

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.

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.

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Become a Reading Mentor

Help a student learn to read during your lunch hour!

Go to leadtoreadkc.org to apply and learn more.



Lead to Read KC is recruiting volunteers to read **once a week for 30 minutes over your lunch hour** with students in high-need elementary schools.

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We need volunteers at other schools too. It's the easiest, most meaningful volunteer opportunity in the city.

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SOCIAL CONCERNS

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

The five members of the Contreras family: Miguel, Karla, and children Miguel, Camila, Moises and Arlet, are beginning their third month in Kansas City. Volunteers have been driving them to medical and Della Lamb appointments, accompanying them on weekly shopping trips, tutoring them in their English language skills, and working with them on their budget.

They received a washer and dryer several weeks ago which helps so much going into the winter season.

The oldest two children, Miguel and Camila are attending school and the bus picks up and drops off close to their home.

For the holidays, the family was treated to an outing to see Union Station. Thanks to school families, they also received a decorated Christmas tree and Nativity.

Members of the committee visited with the family last weekend, taking some treats and wrapped gifts to open on Christmas.

We are so grateful for the many hours and wonderful donations from the Visitation Community that are helping this beautiful family to acclimate to their new home in our community. We will co-sponsor them through May 2025 and will post updates of the family in future bulletins.



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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sheffield Place is looking for individuals to volunteer in their children's program. Volunteers enable Sheffield Place to reach beyond the limits of our staff resources and expand service to homeless mothers and children. As a volunteer, you can make a difference in the lives of the families who call Sheffield Place "home." Available hours are between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Monday -Thursday or 9:00 am - 1:00 pm on Friday. A volunteer may work as little as one hour or as long as four hours on any weekday. For more information, please contact Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Next weekend's second envelope benefits our St. Vincent de Paul Society ministry to the poor. Thank you for making it possible to serve the poor in our community. An envelope for this purpose may be found in your packet.



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

FINANCIAL



Contribution Income:

In November, Contribution Income was short of budget expectations by \$2,889 (0.85%), 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, surpassed budget by \$7,588. This increase was primarily due to a timing difference in the FIRE grant expected last month.

Parish Expenses:

Parish expenses for October exceeded the budget by \$37,971. The overage was largely due to general operation expenses i.e., (school testing, and payment to our capital campaign consultant).

As a result, the Parish Net budget for November reported a shortfall of \$33,302.

Year-to-Date (YTD) Financial Summary:

Contribution and Other Income: Contribution Income is ahead of budget by \$39,595 (2.9%).

Other Income has exceeded budget expectations by \$91,067 (9.2%). Together, these surpluses result in an Operating Income Budget surplus of \$130,662 for the year-to-date.

Operating Expenses:

Operating expenses are over budget by \$28,376 (1.1%), leading to a Parish Net Operating Budget surplus of \$102,286.

Comparison to Prior Fiscal Year:

- Parish Contribution Income for fiscal year 2024/2025 is \$54,671 higher than the same period last year.
- Other Income surpassed last year's results by \$256,040.
- This has resulted in a Total Operating Income surplus of \$310,711, despite Parish Expenses being \$260,627 higher than last year.
- Net Budget Surplus:

The overall net budget surplus stands at \$50,085.

Month of November 2024

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 335,390	\$ 338,279	\$ (2,889)
Other Income	\$ 36,394	\$ 28,836	\$ 7,558
Total Operating Income	\$ 371,785	\$ 367,115	\$ 4,670
Operating Expense	\$ 534,774	\$ 496,803	\$ (37,971)
Net	\$ (162,989)	\$ (129,688)	\$ (33,302)

Fiscal YTD (July-November)

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 1,382,763	\$ 1,343,168	\$ 39,595
Other Income	\$ 1,079,549	\$ 988,481	\$ 91,067
Total Operating Income	\$ 2,462,312	\$ 2,331,649	\$ 130,662
Operating Expense	\$ 2,543,768	\$ 2,515,392	\$ (28,376)
Net	\$ (81,456)	\$ (183,742)	\$ 102,286

Fiscal YTD This Year vs Fiscal YTD Last Year

	Fiscal YTD This Year	Fiscal YTD Last Year	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 1,382,763	\$ 1,328,092	\$ 54,671
Other Income	\$ 1,079,549	\$ 823,509	\$ 256,040
Total Operating Income	\$ 2,462,312	\$ 2,151,600	\$ 310,711
Operating Expense	\$ 2,543,768	\$ 2,283,141	\$ (260,627)
Net	\$ (81,456)	\$ (131,541)	\$ 50,085

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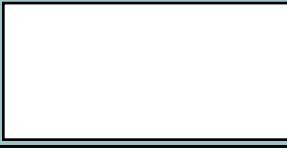
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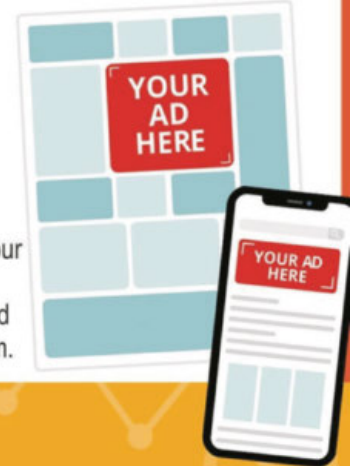
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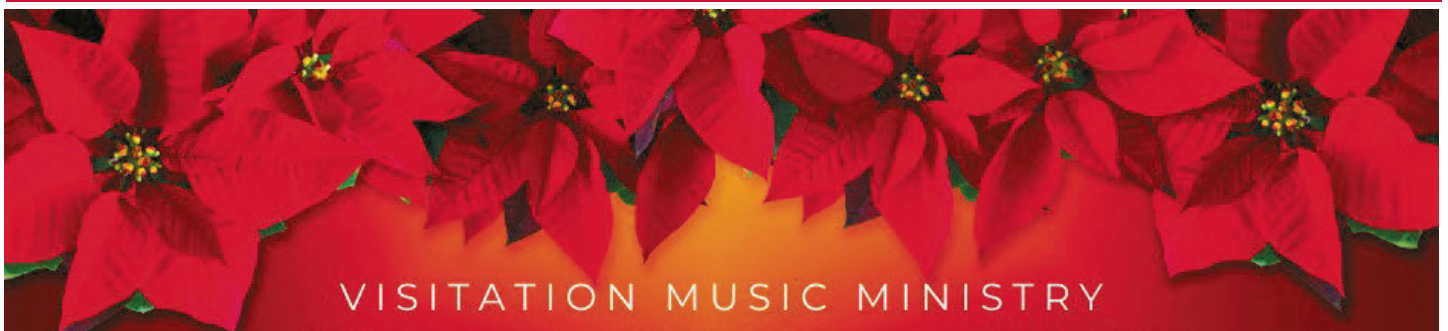
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