

# VISITATION PARISH

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### JANUARY 19, 2025



Juan de Flandes Netherlandish ca. 1497

#### 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

### MEDICAL DELEGATION

Save the date! The next medical delegation is scheduled for October 4-11. If you are a medical provider and are interested in participating in this delegation, please reach out to Julie Aucar at [jaaucar21@gmail.com](mailto:jaaucar21@gmail.com) or 217-552-2465. Even if you are retired or haven't been working, your skills could still be relevant to our sister parish clinic! Please call Julie for more details!



### ATTENTION 2025 LENT BOOK WRITERS!

Thank you for agreeing to write a reflection for the 2025 Lent Book. This beloved Visitation 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 at [teresa@church.visitation.org](mailto:teresa@church.visitation.org) or 816-753-7422 x1306 as soon as possible.

### AT HOME WITH THE WORD

At Home with the Word is available in the narthex for \$5 (an \$11 value). "This resource offers historical background and faithful insights into every Sunday's Mass readings." 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](mailto:karen@church.visitation.org).



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

### OUR SYMPATHY

To Debbie Lolli, on the death of her husband, Don Lolli; and to the family of Charles Adams, who died this week.

**EACH WEDNESDAY ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO COME AND PRAY THE ROSARY IN THE ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL FOR THOSE ON THE PARISH PRAYER LIST.**

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

Barbara Grange	Jolene Lynn
Earl Adam	Scott Martens
Pamela Atherton	Tim McNamara
Bill Blanck, Sr.	Tricia Melland
Marianne Carl	Jen O'Neill
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Peggy Pruitt
Kay Dierks	Ellie Rose
Michele Desnoes	Kathy Scaglia
Whitlow Brewer Emanuels	Gary Schaffer
Bill Fuss	Barbara Schulte
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Aimee Sesler
Margaret Howard	Sandra Sharp
Joe Irwin	Special Intention
William Jewell	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Bryan Larson	Dave Wittrock
Jeanne Lendabarker	

### 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: 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 Parish Families,

Visitation School is an integral part of our parish's mission to provide a faith-filled, academically excellent education. I invite you to join us for our Open House on Saturday, January 25, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to:



- Tour our school and see what makes Visitation such a special place for children and families.
- Meet our teachers and staff and learn about our robust learning support services, enrichment programs and family engagement opportunities.
- Discover our exciting plans for the future, including a new S.T.R.E.A.M Innovation Lab and multi-million dollar school renovation and expansion.
- Connect with school and parish leadership to explore our curriculum, faith formation, enrollment process and tithing commitment.

We encourage all parishioners to help spread the word about this event to neighbors, grandchildren and friends who might benefit from Visitation's outstanding education and vibrant community. For more information, contact our school office at 816-531-6200 or [info@viskc.org](mailto:info@viskc.org). We look forward to welcoming you!

Peace,

Fr. Greg Haskamp

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**MASS INTENTIONS  
JANUARY 21-26**

**Tuesday, January 21**  
6:45 am Bernice Campbell †  
8:15 am Tricia Thompson †

**Wednesday, January 22**  
6:45 am DeDe Murphy †  
8:15 am Carlos Manso †

**Thursday, January 23**  
6:45 am Adam Wacht †

**Friday, January 24**  
8:15 am Edward FitzGerald †

**Saturday, January 25**  
8:15am William Motter III †  
4:00 pm People of Visitation

**Sunday, January 26**  
8:00 am Laura McGinley †  
10:30 am Vera Gilmartin †

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE JANUARY 25-26**

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

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Keith Connor Kevin Connor J. Crowe, Jr. T. Egan E. Haines A. O'Toole C. Roewe B. Roewe MJ Thompson M. Thompson A. Thompson	K. Banes P. Banes G. Bauman P. Clarke J. Colombo sub req. T. Coppinger V. Coppinger J. Dickmeyer K. Levi E. McCann J. McCann	A. Bergner V. Connell D. Devine D. Dubrava K. Esslinger A. Florez E. Florez M. Florez G. Herrenbruck J. Johnson M. Sonnenberg
B. Nelson	M. McCann	D. Closson
C. Maggiorotto W. Maggiorotto NOT FILLED	M. Dakan T. Dakan P. Levi	R. Lang J. Mateski sub req. NOT FILLED
R. Steinert	J. Reboulet	S. Mayer

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**PARISH OFFICE, Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**  
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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**

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Bill Donath	Melissa Lising
Jim Erlacker	Steve O'Neill
Mary Gigliotti	Katie Wendel
Fr. Greg Haskamp	Kathleen Wiedeman
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Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph  
Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 816-812-2500  
Victim Assistance Coordinator,  
Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011



## THANK YOU TO VISITATION PARISH

Dear Visitation Catholic Church,  
On behalf of the entire congregation of Central Presbyterian Church, we extend our deepest gratitude to your Social Concerns committee in support of our first-ever Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender of unwanted firearms event this year. It meant so much to us and we thank you for helping to make our community a little bit safer.



Peace,  
Rebecca Merola & the G2G 2024 Task Force



## RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Dear Visitation,  
One of the pillars of our REVEAL Therapy program is a weekly women's Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) group. One of our amazing therapists, Keri, facilitates the group and helps clients learn skills for emotional regulation, impulse behavior and relationship skills.

One of our recent DBT graduates, Brittany, spent more than six months working to improve her mental health, which paid off- Brittany is newly employed full-time at a local hospital. "I really didn't think I'd get to this point," Brittany said. "If you asked me six months ago if I'd be able to do that, I would've told you, no."

We are deeply grateful for your generous gift of \$600 in November. Your contribution has been life-changing for our clients. Your support enables us to continue our programs like DBT, which help our clients achieve their "life worth living" goals. THANK YOU!

For Those We Serve,

Fr. Justin Mathews  
CEO

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](mailto: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](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

## JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH!

### DID YOU KNOW:

Human Trafficking has become the most lucrative crime business after drugs since the “merchandise” can be sold over and over again?

### ROOT CAUSES:

Worldwide, root causes for human trafficking stem from social exclusion, gender discrimination, economic hardships, environmental disasters and conflict that results from political or legal issues.

Source: Alliance to end Human Trafficking



To learn more about this issue, go to [www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign](http://www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign) or the US Catholic Sisters website: [www.alliancetoendhumantrafficking.org](http://www.alliancetoendhumantrafficking.org). Also, you can download the [ILAB Sweat and Toil](#) application which was created by the US Department of Labor. With the click of a button you can learn about the products you purchase which may be made using child labor, forced labor and human trafficking around the world.

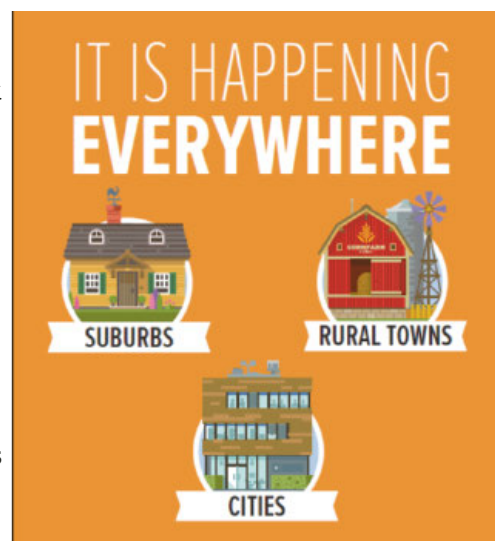


## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO LABEL SOAP FOR THE SOAP PROJECT!

All ages and abilities are welcome. Please join us in Tighe Hall after each Mass on Sunday, January 26 to label soap and learn about the good work being done to combat Human Trafficking by the Soap Project. The SOAP Project Outreach is a unique, hands-on opportunity that allows groups of any size to fight human trafficking locally and potentially recover victims. Human trafficking has been reported in both poverty-stricken urban area motels as well as in suburban upscale hotels. With



that in mind, we aim to educate those working in these locations on the signs of trafficking, arm them with the resources to fight



it and give victims a way out. But to do this, we need your help.





## REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

### REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE NEEDED!

Miguel, the father of the Contreras family, who the Visitation Community is co-sponsoring, is looking for a job. The job would need to be a full-time position with some benefits in order for him to support his family of six, and be paid by check or direct-deposit.

He is anxious to work and is a very hard worker. He worked for many years in Honduras in different jobs, beginning at age 13. He has worked in construction and carpentry. He has cleaned houses and offices. He has worked as a delivery man, delivering food and packages. As he grew older, he worked as a painter, and did tile work and plumbing. He also was a security guard in a mall. Most recently, he helped his neighbor with a roofing job on his home and the VRAC committee has seen his ability to fix many things around the house.

Miguel has legal status. He is working hard to learn English; however, his first language is Spanish. He is also studying for his driver's license exam, but at this time, would need transportation to work.

If you know of an opportunity for Miguel or have any questions, please email Mike and Julie Morrard at [jgmorrard@yahoo.com](mailto:jgmorrard@yahoo.com). Thank you!



## PASTORAL CARE

### FROM THE GRIEF OF LOSING A SPOUSE TO GRATITUDE

Terry will share her experience of losing her husband, finding a way to navigate intense grief, fear, emptiness and numbness. On the other side of these hard things, she moved to a place of deep gratitude and even found love again.



**SPEAKER  
TERRY  
SWEETEN**

Faith & Grief Lunch  
**Visitation Church  
in Tighe Hall**  
Wednesday,  
February 5  
12:00-1:00 pm

### ABOUT

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.

### Learn More & Register

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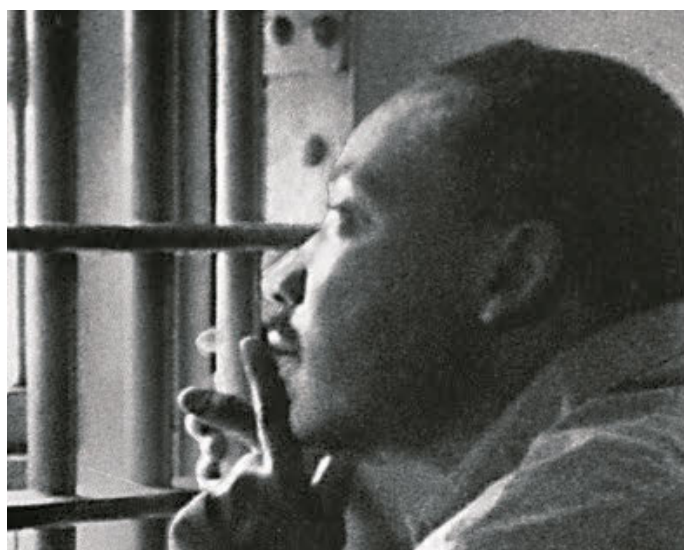


## RACIAL JUSTICE

The Visitation Racial Justice Committee strives to provide educational resources to its members and the parish as a whole. Coming this month:

- Just Faith: Faith and Racial Healing 8-week transformative study session, starting Wednesday, January 29, at 6:30 pm, facilitated by Peg Ekerdt, Karen Miller and Linda Hughes.

Please contact Peg Ekerdt, [peggyekerdt@gmail.com](mailto:peggyekerdt@gmail.com), Karen Miller, [karen@church.visitation.org](mailto:karen@church.visitation.org), or Linda Hughes, [lchteach20@gmail.com](mailto:lchteach20@gmail.com), for more information about Just Faith.



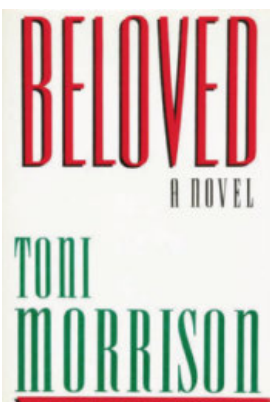
## Martin Luther King Jr. Day Prayer Service

*Inspired by King's Letter from  
Birmingham Jail*

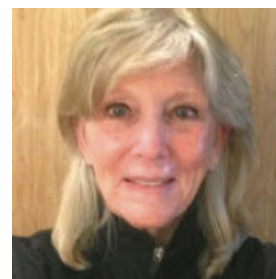
January 20, 6:30-7:30 pm

Hosted by the Visitation Racial Justice Committee

### **TONI MORRISON'S *BELOVED*: an invitation to witness slavery's lingering legacy yet celebrate the response of enduring resilience.**



The true story of Margaret Garner, an enslaved mother, and her fateful actions becomes the central and riveting narrative of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *Beloved*. Come join us as we explore not only Toni Morrison's mastery in conveying the historical reality of slavery- from her unvarnished depiction of Southern plantation life to her vivid portrayal of the mid-Atlantic slave trade passage - but also her skill in conveying the emotional pain experienced by both victims and survivors. *Beloved* is the recounting of trauma and recovery, the dismantling of families and their reconstruction, the intermingling of the past with the present. Even if you haven't read or completed the



novel, you are welcome to join Lorraine Gordon, RJC member and former Vis podcast host, as we navigate the challenging complexity and experience the rewarding richness of Morrison's exceptionally executed craft.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7:00- 8:00 PM  
IN TIGHE HALL'S KINDERGARTEN ROOM I.**



## ABOUT TOWN

# ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SUPPORT A TEENAGER IN OUR COMMUNITY?

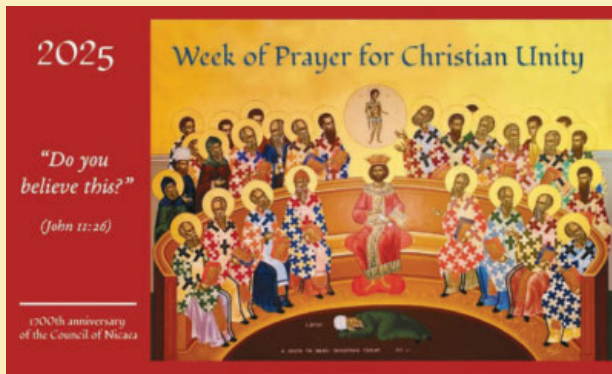
Many teens want a caring adult to listen and encourage them. Please consider volunteering with Friends in Faith KC! We offer social and spiritual support to high school students and we're launching a new program at Cristo Rey starting January 29.

As a volunteer, you'll meet with your student two Wednesdays a month, 11:45am-12:35pm, discussing a different topic each time. To make a meaningful impact on a teen's life, visit [www.FriendsInFaithKC.org](http://www.FriendsInFaithKC.org) or contact Brad Grabs, Director, at [BGrabs@FriendsInFaithKC.org](mailto:BGrabs@FriendsInFaithKC.org) or call/text 913-244-5838.



### PRECIOUS BLOOD RENEWAL CENTER, COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE THEME: JOHN 11:26, "DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?" JANUARY 23 FROM 7:00 - 8:00 PM

No registration needed - Sponsored by the Liberty Area Ministerial Alliance



Join us for an ecumenical community prayer service January 25 at 7:00 pm at Liberty Community of Christ Church, 1220 Liberty Drive, Liberty, MO.

1,700 years ago, Christians struggled with questions of belief, confusion and difficulty. Out of these struggles, they were able to proclaim together their faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

On January 23 we will gather as a community of Christians from diverse cultures, beliefs and practices - including both creedal and non-creedal traditions. We come together to celebrate our shared journey of faith.

Christ is in our midst.

Music will be provided by the Liberty Community Chorus. Local ministers will lead the prayers.

#### Background

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ecumenical observance celebrated internationally; and since 1908 between the feasts of St. Paul and St. Peter (January 18-25) under the auspices of the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and World Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission.

2025 marks the 1,700 anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 A.D. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the Creed formulated during this Council; a faith that remains alive and fruitful in our days.



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Last Sunday, the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, School of Religion parents shared baptism memories with their children and recalled the beautiful words from the Baptismal Rite that the priest said to all of us at our own baptism.



More School of Religion scenes from fall semester!

