

VISITATION PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 26, 2025



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



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Next weekend's liturgies, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, honoring Jesus Christ's presentation in the Temple when he was



a young child. This feast always takes place on February 2, 40 days after Christmas. This year it happens to fall on a Sunday which takes precedence over the 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

The origins of the feast lie in ancient Jewish custom. On the 40th day after childbirth, parents brought the infant to the Temple to present him/her to the Lord and to purify the mother. St. Luke tells us that Joseph and Mary followed this custom.

On the old calendar, this feast marked the end of the Christmas season. Now we end the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord.

We will begin the liturgy with a blessing of candles to recall that Jesus is the source and origin of all light: "a light to the gentiles." This feast is also referred to as Candlemas. You are welcome to bring a candle used at home to be blessed.

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.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

- Alexa Schaaf & Andrew Richards
- Carolyn Crowe & Connor Rellihan
- Scott & Anna Finucane
- Adam & Sarah Finocchario
- Ben & Kelly Schloegel
- Erin Salsich & Ian Thompson

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Watch your mail/email this week for your 2024 contributions statement.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our parish mourns the loss of our parishioner, Frances Pfeifauf. Our prayers and sympathy to Tina Mateski, on the death of her father, Leslie Newsom.

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

Jerry Calkins

Laine Riehle

Earl Adam

Pamela Atherton

Bill Blanck, Sr.

Marianne Carl

Mary Beth Cicchetti

Kay Dierks

Michele Desnoes

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Margaret Howard

Joe Irwin

William Jewell

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.

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: 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'd like to give a shout out to all our liturgical ministers! Every Sunday Mass requires the generosity of so many people. Parishioners who serve as greeters, extraordinary ministers of Communion (EMs), altar servers, lectors and sacristans give of their time, energy and talents to help us celebrate the Liturgy in the most beautiful, prayerful and dignified way. It is a real commitment, especially for those who serve frequently, sometimes Sunday after Sunday, in these roles. Keeping track of scheduled times, preparing in necessary ways, showing up early, often celebrating at least some of the liturgy apart from their family and dressing appropriately all require extra effort and energy. We are truly blessed and grateful for such service.



I'm also grateful to members of our parish staff who are present in the Narthex for every Mass and event in the church. They work hard to make sure all ministries are covered, and if a lector or several EMs or an altar server don't show up as scheduled, they find generous people who will substitute, even if they don't feel dressed for the role. Sometimes people have had to step into the lector or EM role at the last minute recently, and have worried about what they were wearing. But they graciously filled the role because they were asked. We can only be grateful for such dedication!

Many thanks to all who serve in liturgical roles, including everyone who attends every Sunday as part of the assembly. Fidelity to the work of Liturgy lends to its beauty and enables us to be a community at prayer.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

CPR TRAINING

CPR Class Saturday
February 8,
10:00 pm in Tighe Hall

February is Heart Health Month

RSVP to Joni at 816-753-7422
limited spots available

The poster features a dark grey background with a white ECG line. A large, 3D-style red heart is positioned in the center, overlapping the ECG line. The text is in white, with the date and time in a larger font. The phrase 'February is Heart Health Month' is written in a red, cursive font at the bottom left. The contact information and 'limited spots available' are at the bottom right.

MASS INTENTIONS JAN. 28-FEB. 2	MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 1-2			
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
<p>Tuesday, January 28 6:45 am Michael Messina † 8:15 am George Hanson †</p> <p>Wednesday, January 29 6:45 am Mary Dakan † 8:15 am Carlos Manso †</p> <p>Thursday, January 30 6:45 am Charlene Lyons †</p> <p>Friday, January 31 8:15 am Paul Lillig †</p> <p>Saturday, February 1 8:15am Sister Parish 4:00 pm People of Visitation</p> <p>Sunday, February 2 8:00 am Marjorie Callaway † 10:30 am Hurley Carter †</p>	ALTAR SERVERS	M. Gromowsky C. Juhnke G. Malter	G. Greim D. Kobler J. Kobler	T. Hagenhoff M. Hagenhoff L. Gaarder
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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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RACIAL JUSTICE

Thank you to all who attended the reading of the Letter from Birmingham Jail to honor Dr. King on January 20. Thank you especially to our readers, Fr. Greg, Melissa Wagner, Michael Abraham, Isabella Denny, Dan Vogt, Pat Fanning, Michael W. Garrett, Sheila Goins, Angel Leimora and Ruby Kennedy.

Many of Dr. King's words continue to resonate with us today:

- Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.
- One has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws.
- We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people.
- Anyone who lives inside the U.S. can never be considered an outsider anywhere in the country.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Imagine a hearty plate of pasta, each strand perfectly coated with a savory sauce, perhaps sprinkled with a dash of parmesan – a dish that’s as comforting as a warm hug. Now picture that same plate as a powerful tool to help invest in our community, plus it’s a dinner you don’t have to make!!

The Visitation Knights of Columbus are excited to host a fabulous Pasta Feast to benefit the Scouts of Pack 4084, on February 7, 2025, from 6-8pm.

Your family can look forward to plentiful pastas, scrumptious sauces, and bountiful bread – not just for your sustenance, but to help nurture the growth of our Pack! Please plan to join us for a fantastic evening featuring live guitar music, community, camaraderie, and plenty of carbs. We’ll make sure to have a salad, too!

\$10/pp or \$30/family.

Venmo, cash, and checks accepted.

All donations are tax-deductible.

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.

NEXT MEETINGS (MEET IN TIGHE HALL)

Vis/SFX February 23 4:00-7:00 pm

High School February 23 7:00-9:00 pm Make-up available.

(There will be a makeup on Monday, February 24 for high school kids only.)

SOCIAL CONCERNS

JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH!

God, help us see that human trafficking affects all of us. Show us what is ours to do to increase awareness of human trafficking so that people do not become victims. Help us become more aware of how social media, poverty, homelessness or immigration status may make children and others vulnerable to exploitation. Enlighten us on how our obsession with consumerism serves to feed the demand for cheap labor. Help us to commit to incorporate one action in our lives that will serve to stop the demand and help people not become victims of human trafficking. Amen.



~ Alliance to End Human Trafficking

To learn more about this issue, go to www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign or the US Catholic Sisters



website 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.



MEDICAL DELEGATION

The next medical delegation is scheduled for October 4 -11, 2025. If you are a medical provider and are interested in participating in this delegation, please reach out to Julie Aucar at jaucar21@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!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

After meeting a few wonderful people in need of help, the texts of appreciation began to come in one by one. It is an honor to be part of the St Vincent de Paul conference but humbling at the same time. The reality is that any of us could have a turn of bad luck, any of us could be on the receiving end of assistance. If you are interested in learning more about SVDP, please contact Paul Burns at p.burns@tarsus.pro.

I'm so grateful I'm in tears literally thank you all so much for working for me you gave me a blessing and I hope to one day return it thank you so very much please let everybody know how grateful I am God bless you all thank you thank you!



I'm extremely great full to you and everyone that's helped me, I most certainly appreciate everything you all have done for me, Thank you so very much! God Bless you all!

Thank you! This is such a blessing and the great relief. I am forever grateful for your generosity. I am in tears thinking about how much of a relief this is. If there is anyway that I may be able to give back please let me know. Thank you!

Response: We are all in this journey together. Glad you invited us to be part of yours. I'm sure there will be moments ahead when you can pay it forward to someone else. For now, I pray that you can relax and enjoy a blessed thanksgiving!!

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

The next CRHP retreat will be on March 1-2, for both men and women! If you have questions or would like to register contact Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

2024 PHILANTHROPY REPORT: During the last two years (2023 and 2024) the Knights have sponsored and conducted events such as the Lenten Fish Fries and Pancake Breakfasts, assisted in the Parish Fiestas and have conducted numerous other events and fundraisers.

Due in large part to the generosity of our fellow parishioners, we have been able to donate over \$35,000, provide winter coats and nutritious meals to those in need, and to otherwise support many worthy causes ranging from our parish school to our sister parish in El Salvador, from vocations and seminarians to Religious currently active in our community, and from ministries in Kansas City to those in South America. These ministries and other causes include: Conception Seminary, Little Sisters of the Poor, Little Sisters of the Lamb, Morning Glory Ministries, Bishop Sullivan Center, Operation Breakthrough, Cristo Rey Interns, the Visitation Teachers Fund and The Children's Place to name just a few.

We thank you for your generous support and invite you to continue in that support by joining us in the following Upcoming Events:

January 26 - Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast (Benefitting SOAP - Saving Our Adolescents from Prostitution), 9:00-10:15 am

February 7 - Pasta Feast, hosted by the Visitation Knights of Columbus (Benefitting Scouts Pack 4084), 6:00-8:00 pm, Tighe Hall

February 23 - Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast (Benefitting Little Sisters of the Poor), 9:00-10:15 am

God bless you,
The Knights of Columbus
Monsignor Tighe Council 1698

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.

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FINANCIAL

Contribution Income

In December, Contribution Income fell below budget expectations by \$95,146 (12.78%). This shortfall was primarily caused by timing differences in parishioner giving patterns.

Other Income

Other Income - which includes ministries, program/activity fees, fundraising, school tuition, enrollment fees and grants was under budget by \$80,334. The primary reason was a timing difference in the FIRE grant, as well as funds from the PTO that are expected to be received at a later date.

Operating Income

The combination of these income shortfalls and higher expenses resulted in an Operating Income deficit of \$175,480 for December.

Parish Expenses

Parish expenses exceeded the budget by \$77,736. Several factors contributed to this overage:

Personnel expenses; Facility expenses, including roof repairs at the church office, school software costs, and KC Street Car Taxes originally budgeted for January; General operating expenses, such as school testing and payments to the capital campaign consultant; and Donations to the poor, driven by the timing of these charitable contributions.

Overall December Net

Due to these variances, the Parish's overall net budget for December reflected a shortfall of \$253,813.

Year-to-Date (YTD) Financial Summary

Contribution and Other Income:

Contribution Income is behind budget by \$55,551 (2.7%). Other Income has exceeded budget expectations by \$10,733. Together, the difference result in an Operating Income Budget shortfall of \$44,818 for the year-to-date.

Operating Expenses:

Operating expenses are over budget by \$118,904 (3.91%), leading to a Parish Net Operating Budget shortfall of \$163,722.

Comparison to Prior Fiscal Year:

Parish Contribution Income for FY 2024/2025 is \$32,116 lower than the same period last year. Other Income surpassed last year's results by \$285,929. This has resulted in a Total Operating Income surplus of \$253,813, despite Parish Expenses being \$341,438 higher than last year.

Net Budget shortfall: The overall net budget shortfall stands at \$87,625.

Month of December 2024

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 649,565	\$ 744,711	\$ (95,146)
Other Income	\$ 77,319	\$ 157,653	\$ (80,334)
Total Operating Income	\$ 726,884	\$ 902,364	\$ (175,480)
Operating Expense	\$ 609,355	\$ 531,619	\$ (77,736)
Net	\$ 117,529	\$ 370,744	\$ (253,216)

Fiscal YTD (July-December)

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 2,032,328	\$ 2,087,879	\$ (55,551)
Other Income	\$ 1,156,868	\$ 1,146,134	\$ 10,733
Total Operating Income	\$ 3,189,195	\$ 3,234,013	\$ (44,818)
Operating Expense	\$ 3,170,307	\$ 3,051,402	\$ (118,904)
Net	\$ 18,889	\$ 182,611	\$ (163,722)

Fiscal YTD This Year

	Fiscal YTD This Year	Fiscal YTD Last Year	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 2,032,328	\$ 2,064,444	\$ (32,116)
Other Income	\$ 1,156,868	\$ 870,939	\$ 285,929
Total Operating Income	\$ 3,189,195	\$ 2,935,382	\$ 253,813
Operating Expense	\$ 3,170,307	\$ 2,828,869	\$ (341,438)
Net	\$ 18,889	\$ 106,514	\$ (87,625)



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While the winter chill may be in the air, things are certainly heating up at Visitation! Our first graders recently embarked on an exciting adventure as they became mini scientists at Science City. With wide eyes and curious minds, they explored the many hands-on exhibits, discovering the wonders of science in a fun and interactive way. It was a day full of learning, laughter, and unforgettable memories!

We also celebrated the brilliance of our young spellers during our annual Spelling Bee. Students took the stage with courage and determination, spelling their way through some tricky words. A special congratulations goes to Meredith Gunter, who earned the title of Spelling Bee Champion after an impressive performance!



**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 8**

2025 VIS
**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

6 PM DOORS OPEN
7 PM PLAY BEGINS
9 PM THAT'S A WRAP

**REGISTER
NOW!**

**THEME
HEROES &
VILLAINS**



**AWARD FOR
BEST DRESSED/
TABLE**

LET THE BATTLE OF KNOWLEDGE BEGIN!

**A FUN
ANNUAL
SCHOOL
+ PARISH
EVENT!**

All adults
are welcome!

tinyurl.com/vis25trivia



130/PERSON
UP TO 8 PPL PER
TEAM/TABLE