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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2025



Giovanni Bellini's Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, 1493

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

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements or acknowledgement letters for calendar year 2024 have been sent. Please watch your mail or check your inbox for an email from Megan Burdolski. If you have not received your statement by mid-week, please contact Megan Burdolski, Director of Stewardship at 816-753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org. Please take time to carefully review your statement and contact Megan with any discrepancies or questions you may have.

ATTENTION LENT BOOK WRITERS!

Thank you again for adding your voice to this beloved Visitation tradition. Your draft is due to the parish office the first week of February. Please email it to talbright@viskc.org.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH, MARCH 1-2

Looking to deepen your community within our parish? You are invited! Come to Christ Renews His Parish, an entirely-free, two-day retreat experience, at our parish. The weekend is an opportunity to grow in real community and relationship with Christ through fellowship, prayer, inspirational talks and the sacraments. The weekend is scheduled for March 1-2 for both men and women. For more information, please contact Karen Miller at 816-381-6914.

SAVE THE DATE! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 28-31!

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The next baptism preparation class for new parents is Sunday, March 9 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Meet in the church narthex.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

To celebrate Black History Month, the Racial Justice Committee has set up a cart of black history related books in the narthex. Please take this opportunity to learn more about the history, struggles and achievements of our black brothers and sisters. There are books for all ages and interests. There is a checkout card in each book-please complete and place in the designated basket.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Anna Franke and Scott Finucane, who were married on December 21, 2024.

OUR SYMPATHY

The parish extends our sympathy to Jim and Larry Rebman on the death of their mother, Patricia Rebman.

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

Danny Smith	Jeanne Lendabarker
Earl Adam	Jolene Lynn
Pamela Atherton	Scott Martens
Bill Blanck, Sr.	Tim McNamara
Jerry Calkins	Tricia Melland
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Mary Beth Cicchetti	Peggy Pruitt
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Bill Fuss	Gary Schafer
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Barbara Schulte
Margaret Howard	Aimee Sesler
Joe Irwin	Sandra Sharp
William Jewell	Special Intention
Bryan Larson	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 # 2

On Alert: Team # 9

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

We have the whole month of February before Lent begins this year. That's very unusual. Typically we celebrate Ash Wednesday mid- to late February, but this year it's delayed until March 5. It gives us some extra Sundays for Ordinary Time as we walk through the depths of Winter. But it also gives us some good opportunity to prepare a bit more for the season of conversion that Lent is.

These are good days to ponder who we are, who we are called to be, and what we might need to do to reconcile the two. We can start practicing now a new form of prayer and walk into Lent with good momentum. Daily reading of the Scriptures is a great way to stay grounded in God's word. The USCCB is a great resource for the daily readings, offering a free email subscription. We have Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Whether you pray 5 minutes or for a full hour, the door is open. A morning or evening walk can bring peace, clarity or insight. There are many ways to pray!

Other opportunities abound in our parish. Step up to serve as a Lector or Greeter. Commit to the Christ Renews His Parish retreat March 1-2. Return your annual appeal pledge to both Visitation and to the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Offer to help with funeral luncheons or service at One City Cafe.

Lent will be here soon. It's a good year to get a head start!

Peace,

Fr. Greg



CPR TRAINING

CPR Class
Saturday, February 8
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Tighe Hall

February is Heart Health Month

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

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 4-9	MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 8-9			
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Tuesday, February 4 6:45 am Thomas Dubbert † 8:15 am Amy Jeanne Thompson †	ALTAR SERVERS	C. Dimond S. Anderson B. Anderson	C. Bock M. Watts K. Westervelt	L. Esslinger M. Filing Meredith Gunter
	Wednesday, February 5 6:45 am Edward FitzGerald † 8:15 am Mary Casey †	EMMS	C. Brain T. Egan P. Fanning M. Garrett S. Garrett M. Hodes K. Hughes M. Innes F. Lester J. McPherson M. O'Neill	J. Dickmeyer J. Grego L. Hughes A. Leimora K. Levi sub req. M. Lising C. Maple M. McCann E. McCann J. McCann NOT FILLED
Thursday, February 6 6:45 am Brian O'Rourke †	LECTOR	D. Brain	B. Winget	J. Anderson
Friday, February 7 8:15 am Deacon Don Madden †		USHERS	S. Barone P. Dunlay NOT FILLED	J. Hughes M. Vrabac NOT FILLED
Saturday, February 8 8:15am Sister Parish 4:00 pm Marialice Searcy †	SACR.		J. Rebman	J. Reboulet
Sunday, February 9 8:00 am People of Visitation 10:30 am Brian O'Rourke †				

PARISH BOUNDARIES

State Line on the West to Oak St. on the East;
47th Street on the North to Meyer Blvd on the South

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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
Mary Gigliotti	Katie Wendel
Fr. Greg Haskamp	Kathleen Wiedeman
Megan Burdolski, Staff	

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 Secretary, Bridget Winget x3136

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 816-753-9061

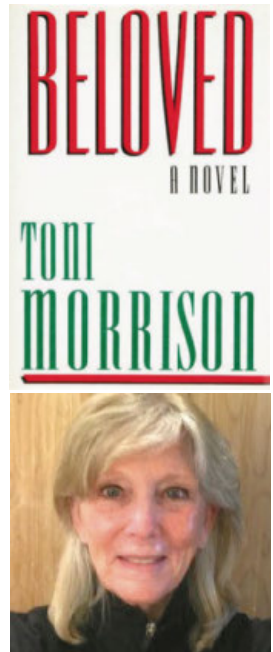
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 Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 816-812-2500
 Victim Assistance Coordinator,
 Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

RACIAL JUSTICE



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.**

FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

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

Team #9: Captains Cathy Marx & Charlotte Jett and team members Chris Alexander, Deborah Bird, Maureen McMeel Carroll, Kathy Hughes, LaNora Hughes, Ruby Kennedy, Julitta Langle, Jolene Lynn, Terry McGhie, Donna Messina, Niccole Radetic, Mary Ann Oswald, Megan Schaefer, Heather Shinn, Theresa Schekirke, Abigail Curry Swafford, Josh Swafford and Betsy Berdelle.

Team #12: Captains Tatia Batz & Paula Banes and team members Cathi Brain, Pattie Donath, Anne Gagel, Anne Lovelace, Jolene Lynn, Stacy Mayer, Holly Mihalovich, Betsy O'Brien, Jennifer O'Hara, Sharon Perry, Karen Rundle, Joanne Scurato, Cynthia Solorio, Jane Vaughn and Cathy Zitnik.

Team #7 Captains Mary Catherine Newman & Christy Hartner and team members Angela Accurso, Kristan Ammatelli, Melissa Batz, Pam Bowen, Gina Canino, Cathy Colburn, Ginger Hertenstein, Katie Levi, Barbara Mashburn, Carrie McCausland, Louise Meyers, AnnBeth Mulloy, Jeanne Musgrave, Jennifer Olson, Jody Olson, Rosalyn Osborn, Christin Steffano, Katherine Taylor and Kristina Thompson.

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.

RCIA



Last week our R.C.I.A. team volunteered at One City Café!

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

VISITATION GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

Valentine's Day Luncheon

Friday, February 14 12:00 Noon Tighe Hall
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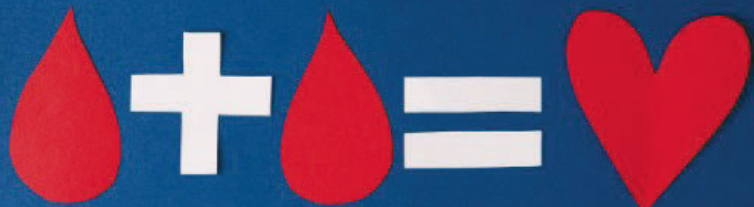
This past weekend our friends from St. Monica's joined us to celebrate the liturgy and remember the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The choirs made the Mass even more beautiful and Father Leonard was a wonderful presider. We look forward to more opportunities to gather with our friends.

BLOOD DRIVE

Blood Drive
Wednesday, February 12
1:00-6:00 pm Tighe Hall

Sign-up online at
www.savealifenow.org/group
Use Group Code: VH

 Community Blood Center



SOCIAL CONCERNS



SOAP PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who came to label soap for the SOAP Project last weekend. Because of your kindness, 1,500 bars of soap labeled with the Human Trafficking Hotline will be placed in trafficking hotspots. If even one person is able to free themselves from bondage, it will be a victory! For more information on the SOAP PROJECT visit www.soaproject.org.



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.
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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 vs Fiscal YTD Last 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)

SCHOOL

BOYS VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED

The Visitation Athletic Committee is currently seeking interested volunteers to coach boys volleyball, including non-parent coaches, for the upcoming season. The season runs from early March to early May. If you are interested in volleyball, and enjoy working with kids, please consider this very rewarding opportunity. Please contact Katie Taylor at kathryntaylorkc@gmail.com or 816-210-8923 for more information.



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BRIGHT FUTURE AT VISITATION: OPEN HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

Visitation School recently opened its doors to a wonderful mix of families curious to learn more—young families, those considering a transfer from other area schools, and curious minds alike—all eager to learn what makes Visitation school so special. Guests were welcomed with open arms to experience the warmth of the Visitation community.

Fr. Greg perfectly summed it up: "What a great event it was! So many wonderful families and such wonderful energy. Thank you to those that organized it and bringing us together to tell the good news about Visitation!"

A special thank you goes to our dedicated volunteer leaders, Shelley Carney, Lauren VanDyke, and Katie McGurk, along with the many Vis families, and staff, who generously gave their time to provide tours and share their excitement about Catholic education. Their efforts gave prospective families a glimpse into the enriching experience of being part of Visitation school and was the perfect kick-off to Catholic Schools Week. Visitation continues to shine as a top-tier school, rooted in strong academics, faith-based education, and a vibrant, welcoming community. The time to be a ShamROCK has never been brighter!



A FUN ANNUAL SCHOOL + PARISH EVENT!

SAT, FEB 8 @ TIGHE HALL

6 PM Doors Open | 7 PM Trivia Begins | 9 PM Wrap-Up

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