

VISITATION PARISH 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 9, 2025



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

LECTOR TRAINING

We are looking to add lectors at all Mass times. There will be a training for new lectors on Wednesday, February 26 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. For those who are interested in this ministry, please email Janet Ridder at janet@church.visitation.org. If this training time does not work for you - please reach out so we know of your interest.

GREETER TRAINING

4th Sunday Greeter Training! We need your help being a greeter! We will be having training on Saturday, February 22 at 4:00 pm and between Masses on Sunday, February 23 at 9:15 am. More to follow on March 22-23 and April 26-27. If you are interested, please email Janet Ridder at janet@church.visitation.org.

**EACH WEDNESDAY AT 5:30 PM
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

Patricia Keens

Earl Adam
Pamela Atherton
Bill Blanck, Sr.
Jerry Calkins
Marianne Carl
Mary Beth Cicchetti
Kay Dierks
Michele Desnoes
Whitlow Brewer Emanuels
Bill Fuss
Brooke Kuechler Harris
Margaret Howard
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
Bryan Larson

Jeanne Lendabarker
Jolene Lynn
Scott Martens
Tim McNamara
Tricia Melland
Jen O'Neill
Peggy Pruitt
Laine Riehle
Ellie Rose
Kathy Scaglia
Gary Schafer
Barbara Schulte
Aimee Sesler
Sandra Sharp
Danny Smith
Special Intention
Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.

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.

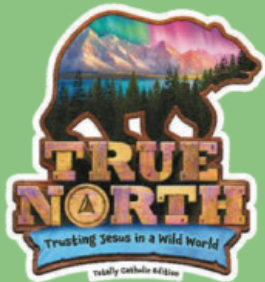
MILITARY

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.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 11

On Alert: Team # 2



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

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 kathryntaylorlorkc@gmail.com or 816-210-8923 for more information.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH, MARCH 1-2

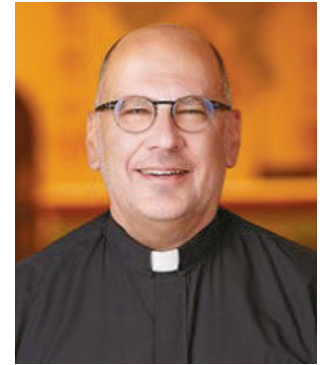
Looking to deepen your community within our parish? You are invited! Come to Christ Renews His Parish, an entirely-free, two-day retreat experience, at our parish. The weekend is an opportunity to grow in real community and relationship with Christ through fellowship, prayer, inspirational talks and 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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

Bishop Johnston recently shared a letter reiterating our church's teaching on the dignity of the human person. At one point, he states:

"The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has consistently emphasized the Church's unwavering dedication to upholding the dignity of every human person, regardless of their immigration status. Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the USCCB, reminds us that our actions as a nation should "demonstrate a genuine care for our most vulnerable sisters and brothers, including the unborn, the poor, the elderly and infirm, and migrants and refugees."



This consistent ethic of life makes a claim on us to stand in solidarity with any human being whose life and dignity is threatened. The bishop encourages us in his letter to pray, educate ourselves, extend a hand of welcome and advocate for justice. We are in conversation with other deanery parishes to find concrete ways to put this teaching into practice, so as to stand in solidarity with migrants, immigrants and refugees in these uncertain days.

The bishop has also asked us this weekend to reflect on the call to priesthood and religious life through the Called By Name program. I feel fortunate to be a priest, and to be with you here at Visitation. It's been an eventful and fulfilling life for me! If you know of someone you'd encourage to think about the priesthood or religious life, mention it to them and offer them your prayers.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS



Visitation offers a Baptism Preparation class for new parents six times a year where we prayerfully walk through the Rite of Baptism and learn about its ancient and rich sacramental symbols. The next class will be Sunday, March 9. We will meet in the narthex of the church. To learn more, contact Teresa Albright in the parish office at or teresa@church.visitation.org or 816-753- 5155 x1306.

New parents are required to complete Baptism preparation prior to their child's baptism.

- Parents who want a "refresher," or godparents wishing to deepen their understanding of Baptism, are invited to attend the class.
- All others are also welcome! Parents who baptized their first child during the pandemic and had to take the class online are especially encouraged to attend this class in-person.

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 11-16	MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 15-16		
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Tuesday, February 11 6:45 am Sharon Smart † 8:15 am Donald Farley †	ALTAR SERVERS E. Taylor C. Juhnke K. King	J. Tuttle C. Thompson C. McCoy	Josie Canino A. Schilling K. Schilling
		WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 6:45 am Bill Condon Sr. † 8:15 am Joseph Crowe, Sr †	EMS D. Bruegging J. Call Keith Connor Kevin Connor A. Coppage K. Reichman L. Reichman L. Saxe M. Shannon G. Smith sub req. K. Taylor
Thursday, February 13 6:45 am Msgr. Arthur M. Tighe †	LECTOR J. Evett M. Evett C. Maggiorotto W. Maggiorotto	C. Wagner	N. Shump
Friday, February 14 8:15 am Lisa Sokoloff †		USHERS R. Steinert	C. Keller K. Keller NOT FILLED
Saturday, February 15 8:15am Sister Parish 4:00 pm Diane Welch †			
Sunday, February 16 8:00 am Maria Chalk † 10:30 am People of Visitation		E. Johnson	S. Mayer

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

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

RACIAL JUSTICE

BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT VISITATION



We encourage parishioners to celebrate Black History Month, with opportunities at Visitation and in the community.

- Check out a book from the Black History Month book cart in the narthex after Masses in February.
- Attend *Beloved* Book Discussion, facilitated by Lorraine Gordon on Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm in Kindergarten Room 1.
- Enjoy lunch or dinner or cater an event with a Black-Owned Restaurant – The Combine, 2999 Troost, Urban, 3420 Troost; Ruby Jean’s Juicery, 3000 Troost; Love Is Key, 8581 N. Green Hills Rd.
- Watch *The Six Triple Eight* on Netflix with your family, or check out offerings on PBS.
- Attend a cultural event - African-American Read-In, UMKC Miller Nichols Library, Room 325, on Monday, February 17 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm. Register at <https://libcal.library.umkc.edu/calendar/events/AARI-2025>.
- Download the Kansas City Black History 2025 Booklet to learn more about prominent local African Americans, www.kcblackhistory.org.

Racial Justice Committee members, **join us via Zoom on Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 pm for our monthly RJC meeting.** Interested in joining the committee? Email Peg Ekerdt at peggyekerdt@gmail.com or Linda Hughes at lchteach20@gmail.com.

SISTER PARISH

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 217-552-2465 or jaucar21@gmail.com. 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!



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.

PASTORAL CARE

Our **WOMEN OF VIS Funeral Meal Teams** bring comfort and support to grieving families who have lost a loved one in our parish. They are the acting symbol of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. When our loved ones have died, we need to be nourished, cared for and loved. The WOV funeral meal team is one way to offer our love and care during a most needed time. Are you a good cook, a good organizer, or have time to share your smile and serve? If you feel called to volunteer, please contact Jenny Greene: 816-753-5155 x1309 or jennifer@church.visitation.org.

EVERY MARRIAGE HITS A ROCKY ROAD at times. If this is such a time for you because of stress, loss of work, anxiety, communication problems or loss of purpose, then think about making a **RETROUVAILLE** weekend. For confidential information about or to register for a weekend, <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/> <https://retrokc.com/>. Visitation Parish wants to support our married couples—always—in good times and in hard times. If you would like to make the weekend, but are concerned about the cost (\$200), we as a community want to help. Contact Jenny Greene at Jennifer@church.visitation.org for assistance.

How can we pray for you? It has been our practice for many years to include bulletin prayer requests for those who are sick, homebound, in treatment or in care centers. Praying for others helps us stay connected to God and to one another. Thus, we list parishioners, families and friends who need the prayer support of this community. There is also a “Special Intention” listed in the bulletin so that we can hold in prayer any among us who have asked for prayers but would rather remain anonymous. Many thanks to each of you who prays for the intentions of this parish. To add a name on the prayer list or have it removed please contact Jenny Greene at jennifer@church.visitation.org or 753-7422 x1309. Visitation walks in prayer with all those on our prayer list and their caregivers.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

ENGAGED COUPLES



Congratulations on your Engagement! Visitation welcomes you into the marriage preparation process that will enrich and equip you to experience a joy-filled marriage. Visitation’s engaged couples who are preparing for marriage are guided in an insightful and life-giving marriage preparation process. Our process helps form essential marriage tools and establishes a closer connection with our parish community. The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph sets the expectation that engaged couples will notify parishes at least nine months in advance of their weddings in order to participate fully in preparation for the sacrament of marriage. If you are newly engaged, please contact our pastoral associate, Jenny Greene at Jennifer@church.visitation.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Upcoming Events:

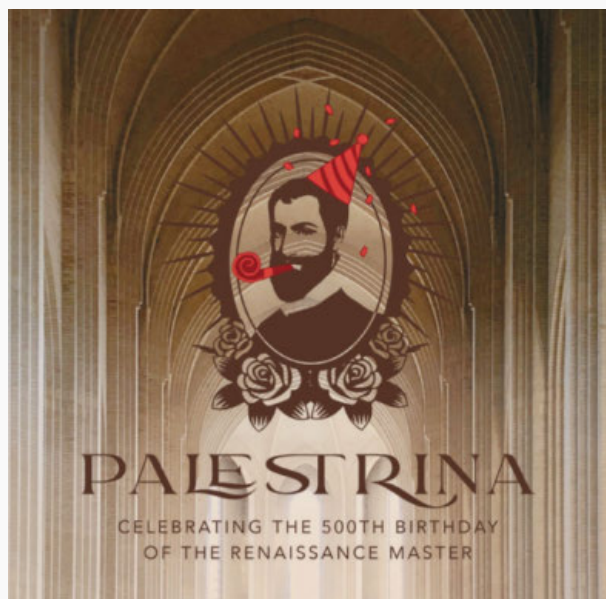
Pancake Breakfasts at Visitation:

- February 23 (Little Sisters of the Poor)

Lenten Fish Fries:

- March 7, March 28, April 4 and April 11.

ABOUT TOWN



TE DEUM CONCERT INFORMATION:

“Palestrina: Celebrating the 500th Birthday
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Saturday, February 22 at 7:30 pm
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GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

VISITATION GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

Valentine's Day Luncheon

Friday, February 14 12:00 Noon Tighe Hall
RSVP to 816-753-7422



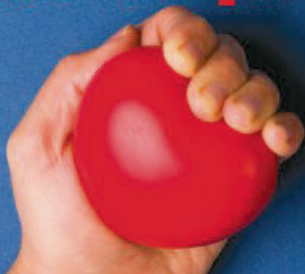
BLOOD DRIVE

Blood Drive

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

Sign-up online at
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Use Group Code: VH

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FAITH FORMATION

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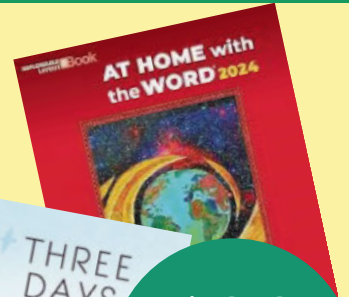
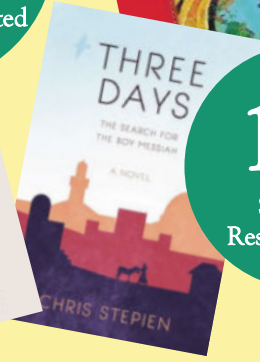
Visitation's Faith Formation Ministry Team would like to thank each of you in our parish and greater faith community for lending your voices, perspectives, and presence to the many activities we hosted throughout 2024. We look forward to continuing to gather and grow with you in 2025!



The Church year begins with our annual Advent Wreath Making Event for all ages.

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A "Between Two Masses" Small Faith Sharing Group during Lent and Advent.

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vislent.blogspot.com



Over 100 attendees at our Passover Supper Series with Rabbi Michael Zedek



The Faith Formation Ministry Team hosted a presentation by Father Paul Turner on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

FAITH FORMATION

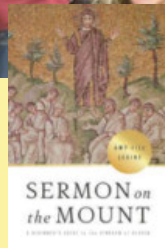


Over the Summer we offered
3 Tours of the Klein
Collection of Judaica at
B'nai Jehudah Synagogue.

45
People toured the
collection.



12
Bible Students



30 Attendees of all ages
at our 5th annual Season of
Creation Mass + Hike

All of Our Favorite
Traditions Are Coming in
2025! Up Next:

- Lent Book arriving in your mailbox for Ash Wednesday
- Look for info on Lent Small Groups forming
- Stay tuned for our Spring Supper Series event.
- An Evening Bible Study is coming this Easter Season

These "Between Two Masses" sessions focused on topics addressed in the USCCB's resource "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship."



3 Moderated Discussions
ahead of the general election.



50 parishioners attended the
Fall Supper Series: Prayer
Stations and Speaker Panel.

Have a great idea for a Supper Series, Between Two Masses topic, or any other activity? Contact our Team Chair Kristie Larson kbraylarson@gmail.com We'd love to hear from you!



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RECAP OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

This past week, Catholic Schools Week at Vis was a shining reminder of just how much good is happening within our community. Students and staff celebrated with dress-up days and even had a blast with KC Wolf in the hallways. But the heart of the week was focused on learning the true meaning of Catholic service through grade-level stewardship projects. From making cards for nursing homes and homebound patients, to creating rosary keychains, baby tie blankets, and prayer cards, K-8 students engaged in meaningful acts of service.

As we celebrated together, we hope our students gained a deeper understanding of the importance of helping others both in our community and beyond. They also learned about vocations and the call to serve, whether as a priest, teacher, or in any other role dedicated to Christ's mission.



SOUPER BOWL CHALLENGE

The SOUPER BOWL Challenge was a huge success! Students tackled hunger head-on by collecting canned and boxed goods for a local food bank. Through these stewardship projects, our students continue to learn that service to others is at the core of our faith.