# VISITATION PARISH 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 16, 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	n & 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 following 4:00 pm Mass 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.



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

Pancake Breakfast in Tighe Hall on February 23 benefitting Little Sisters of the Poor.

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

Earl Adam Pamela Atherton Bill Blanck, Sr. Jerry Calkins Marianne Carl Mary Beth Cicchetti Kay Dierks Whitlow Brewer Emanuels Bill Fuss Brooke Kuechler Harris Margaret Howard Ioe Irwin William Iewell Patricia Keens Bryan Larson Ieanne Lendabarker

Jolene Lynn Scott Martens Tim McNamara Tricia Melland Ien 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. 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.

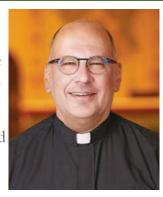
#### **FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS**

On Deck: Team # 11
On Alert: Team # 2

#### **PASTOR'S CORNER**

Dear Parishioners,

We began a Jubilee Year in Advent that will carry us through most of 2025. It calls us to be Pilgrims of Hope. I love the invitation to seek hope, to cultivate hope, to practice hope. I'm sure it has always been a challenge throughout our history, just as it is today, so it's good for us to resolve as a parish and as individuals to pursue and mediate hope in 2025. And of course this call is not just to benefit ourselves. As the document proclaiming the Jubilee Year and theme proclaims, "during the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind" (Spes non confundit, 10). We practice hope for the sake of others, for the sake of the world.



Elsewhere, we are told that "The faithful, following the example and mandate of Christ, are encouraged to carry out works of charity or mercy more frequently, especially in the service of those brothers and sisters who are burdened by various needs. More especially, they should rediscover these 'corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead' (Misericordiae vultus, 15) and rediscover also 'the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offenses, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead'" (ibid.).

In some ways, this Jubilee Year is simply a call for us to be the Church, to be good news, to let light shine where darkness reigns and to let God use us to bring hope to the world.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

#### **CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARSIH**



Ash Wednesday is on March 5 this year. How would you like to begin Lent more connected in our parish community, invigorated in your faith life and prepared for a more meaningful Lent? You can make all of this a reality by joining us on March 1 & 2 for the Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekend. We have a spot for you, sign up today. For questions, please email Matt Lester at <a href="mailto:mlester6@yahoo.com">mlester6@yahoo.com</a> or Katy Dodd at <a href="mailto:katy.dodd@lifewisechm.com">katy.dodd@lifewisechm.com</a> or call Karen Miller in the parish office at 816-381-6914. To sign up, visit: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/viscrhp25">https://tinyurl.com/viscrhp25</a>

#### Mass Intentions February 18-23

Tuesday, February 18
6:45 am William Motter III †
8:15 am Agnes Beckers †

Wednesday, February 19 6:45 am Maurita Hohman † 8:15 am Thomas Saracini †

Thursday, February 20 6:45 am Catherine Donnelly †

Friday, February 21 8:15 am Jerry Ritchie †

Saturday, February 22 8:15am Sister Parish 4:00 pm Joan L. McGee †

Sunday, February 23 8:00 am Kate Brown † 10:30 am People of Visitation

	MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 22-23			
RS.	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
ALTAR SERVERS	M. Mishler J. Flanagan F. Poiry	G. Malter L. Maginn E. Cessor	B. Arthur H. Arthur B. Burns sub req.	
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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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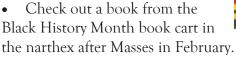
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#### **RACIAL JUSTICE**

#### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT VISITATION**



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





- 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**

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 <a href="mailto:jaaucar21@gmail.com">jaaucar21@gmail.com</a> 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!



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.

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

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 <u>teresa@church.visitation.org</u> 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.

#### **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.

#### **PASTORAL CARE**

#### REMEMBERING A BELOVED UNCLE

Grief is a complex journey, one that I began to understand after losing my uncle to substance use when I was I8. His life was marked by struggles with mental health but also by profound kindness and love that shaped who I am today. Saying goodbye wasn't something my family was prepared for, and his death left us searching for meaning in the midst of pain. I've come to understand that the stages of grief are far from linear.



SPEAKER RYAN SPEED

Faith & Grief Lunch
Visitation Church
in Tighe Hall
Wednesday,
March 12
12:00–1:00 pm

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## SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

# STILL PLENTY OF CHEER...

Though the Chiefs didn't bring home the win, Visitation School was buzzing with excitement last Friday as we geared up for the big game. We held a pep rally filled with cheer and enthusiasm, and had some friendly competition with another Visitation school in Philadelphia. Looks like we'll be enjoying Philly cheesesteaks soon! A big thank you to Mr. Dan Regan for organizing this spirited rivalry!



## SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Our 4th Graders had an exciting field trip to the School of Economics, where they delved into the world of manufacturing, loans, and profit-making. They applied their economic knowledge in a hands-on real-world simulation, gaining valuable insights into how businesses thrive!



Meanwhile, our Kindergarteners and First Graders celebrated a big milestone – the 100th day of school! They spent the day counting, crafting, and giggling as they reflected on 100 days of fun and learning.





#### **SOCIAL CONCERNS**

#### **VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE**

The Visitation Refugee Assistance Committee is communicating with Della Lamb regarding changes in policy that are impacting refugees and staying connected with the Contreras family.

Members of the committee and volunteers are working with the family on their English language skills, taking Karla to grocery shop and taking the children to the library. Miguel is studying to get his driver's license and until he has transportation, volunteers are assisting him to and from his job.

We want to thank moms at Visitation School for meeting emergency needs as they arose by providing warm clothing, bedding and other supplies.

Della Lamb is so grateful to the Vis Community for their co-sponsoring support. If anyone has further interest, please visit Della Lamb's webpage "Stand with Refugees" which details other ways to help.

We also want to thank all those who donated a bike to this mission. Della was so happy to receive these, because bikes are highly requested items to help with transportation for their clients.

If anyone has a bike they aren't using, we will continue to collect and deliver them to Della. Please email Mike and Julie Morrand at <u>igmorrand@yahoo.com</u>.

#### **CPR TRAINING**





Last Saturday, 20 parishioners came to learn how to administer and practice lifesaving CPR! What a wonderful way to be part of American Heart Month!









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Interested in learning more or assisting with launching it? Please contact Alex Carlson at alexcarlsonk@gmail.com