



# VISITATION PARISH 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 23, 2025

## Congratulations to the Confirmandi Class of 2025!

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Robert <i>John the Baptist</i> Dix	Mason <i>Adelard</i> Miller	Peter <i>Lawrence</i> Taylor
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Xavier <i>Ignatius of Loyola</i> Gaul	Bridget <i>Joan of Arc</i> Murray	
Thomas <i>Michael the Archangel</i> Greenhalgh	Sullivan <i>Andrew</i> Murray	

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Visitation School enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. If you did not receive an enrollment link in your email this week, please contact Megan Burdolski at 816-753-5155 x1305 or [megan@school.visitation.org](mailto:megan@school.visitation.org). Enrollment will close at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 25. A late fee will be assessed to those enrolling after March 25. If you have questions regarding enrollment, reach out to Megan.

### CRS RICE BOWL

Rice bowls will be available in the narthex this weekend! Did you know that your support is now more important than ever? Here is why:



- CRS receives more USAID support than any other Non-Governmental Organization (NGO).
- In 2023, USAID provided fifty percent of the CRS budget of \$1.2 billion.
- Because of current US budget cuts to foreign aid, CRS is expecting that 50% of workforce will be cut this year.
- 25% of your Rice Bowl donations will be kept in our diocese and given to local agencies while 75% will be sent to CRS for international relief that help those in need.

In addition to the information available through the kits, please go online to [crs.org](http://crs.org) to learn more about this vital NGO.

### LECTOR TRAINING

We are looking to add lectors at all Mass times. There will be a training for new lectors this 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](mailto:janet@church.visitation.org). If this training time does not work for you - please reach out so we know of your interest.

<b>T O D A Y</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION</b>	<b>T O D A Y</b>
	Confirmation meeting today, Sunday, February 23. Junior High at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm for High School.	

### WEDDINGS

Prayers and congratulations to Shannon O'Rourke and Luke Keefer who were married on Saturday, February 15.

### OUR SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sympathy to Isabelle, James and Grace Neenan on the death of their father, Danny Neenan; and to Leon Keens, on the death of his wife, Patricia Keens.

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

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

### 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

### 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](mailto:kathryntaylorkc@gmail.com) or 816-210-8923 for more information.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

I know many of us are still grieving over the Chiefs' loss in the Super Bowl. It was a tough game, but Kansas City can be so proud of our team's third trip in a row to the big game! It was a great season, and we have a lot to celebrate from the past and well into the future. Thanks, Chiefs, for a great season!

As I type this, pitchers and catchers have reported for Spring Training in Surprise, Arizona. It's exciting to look forward to baseball season. I've toyed with going out to a spring training game or two, but my calendar is already crowded with commitments and it's probably not going to happen. Someday! Here's hoping for another great baseball season!

Our journey through winter has been an eventful one this year. Snow days, the Super Bowl and lots of life in the midst of it. Lent is right around the corner. Listen for where God is calling you to venture in the season!

Peace,

Fr. Greg



## CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH



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 [mlester6@yahoo.com](mailto:mlester6@yahoo.com) or Katy Dodd at [katy.dodd@lifewisechm.com](mailto:katy.dodd@lifewisechm.com) or call Karen Miller in the parish office at

816-381-6914. To sign up, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/viscrhp25>



MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 25– MARCH 1	MINISTRY SCHEDULE MARCH 1-2		
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Tuesday, February 25 6:45 am Tim Scholl † 8:15 am Lloyd Maday †	C. Langlade C. Larson E. Larson	D. Colombo C. Bock G. Greim	B. Craig A. Wittrock K. Westervelt
Wednesday, February 26 6:45 am Michael Messina † 8:15 am Louis & Josephine Savoca †	K. Larson R. Larson A. O'Toole C. Roewe B. Roewe M. Shannon A. Sonnenberg M.J. Thompson Mark Thompson A. Thompson J. Waldrup	J. Colombo V. Coppinger J. McGee J. Miller R. Paczkowski A. Paczkowski B. Palmer H. Shinn K. Strauss M. Widmer B. Winget	T. Mayer T. McGhie L. McLiney L. Meyers G. O'Brien S. O'Neill J. Olivas M. Roach sub req. A. Smith C. Spaeth sub req. K. Van Asdale
Thursday, February 27 6:45 am Daniel Pfitzner †	M. O'Neill	T. Dakan	D. Closson
Friday, February 28 8:15 am Barbara Strayer †	K. Levi P. Levi NOT FILLED	T. Colburn M. Dakan NOT FILLED	K. Kelly M. Mayer NOT FILLED
Saturday, March 1 8:15 am Sister Parish 4:00 pm People of Visitation	C. Ruiz	J. Palmer	S. Mayer
Sunday, March 2 8:00 am Patrick Gettino † 10:30 am Protection of the Unborn			

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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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Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

## RACIAL JUSTICE



The Racial Justice Committee is in the midst of again offering the Just Faith program, Faith and Racial Healing. This eight-week series invites participants to form their own Christian rooted responses to racism. Offering articles, videos and resource books (*The Color of Compromise and Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome*) while fostering active listening, prayer and dialogue, the series lends new insights and deepens awareness of racism and privilege.

This is the ninth time RJC has offered this series—to parishioners and in recent sessions, some non-parishioners as well. This time a group of 18 has committed to this process, representing Visitation, St. Francis Xavier, St. Monica and two members of the diocesan leadership team. It is a wonderful group of open and committed folks—and we are so very grateful for the gift of their time as they join over 100 people who are Vis Just Faith alumni.

Most recently the group watched and discussed Stephen Spielberg's *Middle Passage*.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvhKeJ6m3rY>.

At the conclusion of the session, participants were invited to write two prayers—a prayer for those who were enslaved and a personal prayer. Here are a few of the prayers written that evening.

### **Personal prayer for those who were enslaved:**

May you live in eternal peace, grace, beauty, light and freedom

O Holy one, as I learn ever more deeply the true history of how the formerly enslaved suffered and listen to their voices, I celebrate these Saints in heaven now reunited with you. I pray for their everlasting heavenly joy as they rest in Your loving arms.

May you rest in glory where you know God's abundant love that eases all pain and wipes away all tears. From God's communion of saints, may you continue to intercede on behalf of broken humanity nudging those who cling to blindness, fear and ignorance, instilling courage and determination and swell the numbers for all who pursue justice.

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### **Prayer for myself:**

God, please grant that I may open my eyes to current perpetuations of oppression to people of color and that I might seek ways to make tangible change.

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I pray for forgiveness for what ancestors of my race did to these Beloved Souls, and I pray for Your guidance and help in doing what I can to heal the results of the Atlantic slave trade and the following injustices that continue to the present day.

Help me Lord to see you as you see, to see my own blindness, to speak with kindness but determination in speaking truth and opening all hearts to the stories of our history.

Heavenly Father, forgive us for the sins of racism and the residual effects of this evil in our society today. Guide our restless hearts and worried spirits to your goodness. Inspire in us the courage to be a light to others, a source of hope in shared concerns and care and an unwavering commitment to justice, healing and peace. Amen.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



VISITATION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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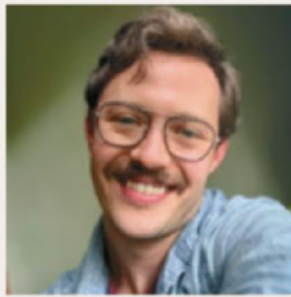
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## PASTORAL CARE

### FAITH & GRIEF LUNCH 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 18. 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

### 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

[faithandgrief.org/events](http://faithandgrief.org/events)

469-616-7995

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## SCHOOL OF RELIGION

This Sunday's evening session we welcome SOR mom Kate Brubacher as a guest speaker. While younger children are in class, she will speak with adults and older children about her Mennonite Christian tradition. All are welcome at this ecumenical opportunity.

- SOR Sunday School Night begins with Mass at 5:00 pm.
- Followed by a simple supper and classes in Tighe Hall.



At our last session, families heard the story of Jesus calling his first disciples and inviting them to become “fishers of people.” We discussed the many communities we belong to and how we can introduce them to Jesus by acting like Christ wherever we go.

## R.C.I.A.

### RITE OF SENDING, MARCH 2 DURING THE 10:30 AM MASS

Please help us ritually send off this year's Catechumens and Candidates to the Cathedral next weekend for the Rite of Election with Bishop Johnston. Please keep Sam, Marqus, Yolimar, Bella, Dan, Alexa, Katie and Sadie in your prayers as they come closer to the Easter Sacraments.

## BAPTISM

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 from 12:00 Noon–2:00 pm.** We will meet in the narthex of the church. To learn more, contact Teresa Albright in the parish office at [teresa@church.visitation.org](mailto: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.



## SOCIAL CONCERNS



### VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

Did you attend the 10:30 Mass last Sunday? If so, you may have seen some new faces! Thank you for supporting the work of the VRAC in their efforts to help the most wonderful families make a new home in Kansas City. If you have questions about how you can help, please contact Mike or Julie Morrard at [jgmorrard@yahoo.com](mailto:jgmorrard@yahoo.com).

*Contreras family, Awaya and the VRAC*

### 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 [jaucar21@gmail.com](mailto: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!



## GOLDEN SHAMROCKS



# potLuck of the Irish

Monday, March 17 12:00 Noon Tighe Hall

Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share - meat & beverages provided by the parish. After lunch, we will fill Easter eggs for the Visitation MOYC Hop into Holy Week.

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