

# VISITATION PARISH

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### AUGUST 25, 2024



#### 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



In case you missed it our Eucharist is Action Video Series may be found on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/visitationtv>

Part One - Eucharist is Action: Fr. Greg  
 Part Two - Receive: Eileen Johnson  
 Part Three - Adore: Billy Hodes  
 Part Four - Give Thanks: Ann Coppage

**SAVE THE DATE! HUNGER BANQUET ON  
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT 6:00 PM!**

**SAVE THE DATE!  
 SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 5  
 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "SEASON OF CREATION" HIKE  
 AT SHAWNEE MISSION PARK**

### **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED**

The Visitation Athletic Committee is currently seeking interested volunteers to coach girls volleyball, including non-parent coaches for the upper grades, for the upcoming season. The season runs from mid-August to mid-November. If you are interested in volleyball, and enjoy working with kids, please consider this very rewarding opportunity. Please contact Julie Munjak at 816-492-0700 or [jfmunjak@yahoo.com](mailto:jfmunjak@yahoo.com) for more information.



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

### **PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS**

- ◇ Mary Rose Purk
- ◇ Mary Jean & Justin Bloss & son, George
- ◇ Shauna McRoberts

### **BAPTISMS**

We welcomed the following children to their new life in Christ last weekend:

- Thomas Andrew Benvenuti, son of Michael & Shannon.
- Everett Richard Perry, Brooks Michael Perry & Connor Wilton Perry, sons of Kelley & Fallon.

### **REMEMBER OUR SICK**

#### **Jen O'Neill**

Earl Adam  
 Pamela Atherton  
 Bill Blank, Sr.  
 Leslie Burke  
 Marianne Carl  
 Mary Beth Cicchetti  
 Kay Dierks  
 Susan Erwin  
 Laura Fitzpatrick  
 Bill Fuss  
 Brooke Kuechler Harris  
 Margaret Howard  
 Joe Irwin  
 William Jewell  
 Erin Kallman

Peg Kallman

Bryan Larson  
 Jeanne Lendabarker  
 Scott Martens  
 Tim McNamara  
 Tricia Melland  
 Peggy Pruitt  
 Ellie Rose  
 Kathy Scaglia  
 Barbara Schulte  
 Aimee Sesler  
 Sandra Sharp  
 Special Intention  
 Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.  
 Dave Wittrock  
 Leigh Ann Zeller

### **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: Lieutenant Colonel Cade Keenan, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti; 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 # 6  
**On Alert:** Team # 7

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

I'm glad so many of you have enjoyed the band I referenced in my homily last weekend, The Besnard Lakes. I find their music to be both meditative and stirring. I've seen them live a few times and can vouch for the quality of their live performances too!



I don't usually do this, but I have a couple of out-of-town concerts I'll be attending in the near future. The first is actually this weekend. I'm in Oklahoma City for an 80's festival featuring Howard Jones, ABC and Haircut 100. When the show was announced there, it was the only U.S. point on the tour, which I thought strange, but wanting a good seat, I jumped to purchase a ticket. A couple of months ago, many more U.S. dates were added, including Kansas City the very next day! I decided just to keep my ticket to the Oklahoma City show and make a weekend of it, so my mom and I are in Oklahoma City for the weekend. I'm fine going to the concert alone, but do look forward to spending a couple of days in OKC with my mom (health permitting!). I haven't been to Oklahoma in decades!

The other show is in St. Louis in a couple of weeks. I've never seen Electric Light Orchestra, even though I've been a fan for a long time. Jeff Lynne has said this is the last tour for ELO, and while they're not coming to Kansas City, they are going to be in St. Louis on September 6. My sister and I are going to ride the train to St. Louis and spend a couple of days there, enjoying the show on Friday night! I've seen videos of ELO performing live and have always been impressed with the sound. I'm looking forward to seeing one of my perennial favorites before they retire from performing! I'm sorry to miss both this weekend and September 7-8. I promise my life will calm down after that! The school year has gotten off to a good start and it feels good to be looking forward to another year of grace and learning!

Peace - Fr. Greg

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

**REGISTER FOR PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN 4.0 WORKSHOP ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 FROM 6:30 - 9:30 PM IN TIGHE HALL**



*You need this course! There are so many opportunities to volunteer at the school or the parish. If you want to volunteer with children—this includes helping with lunches, being a room mom or dad, volunteering in the nursery, with school of religion or Vacation Bible School, etc., this workshop is required. Please read the information here completely:* The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph REQUIRES all parish and school employees and volunteers who work with children (school and childcare volunteers, coaches, chaperones, SOR teachers, youth ministers, sacristans and Confirmation leaders) to take this workshop, register for a background check, sign an Ethics and Integrity in Ministry statement, take an on-line Mandated Reporter course and sign the Mandated Reporter acknowledgement. If you plan to volunteer with children in the parish or the school, please complete these requirements. Register online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Click on registration, then select the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO. You may expect to spend 2 hours completing this process. If you have any questions, please call Janet Ridder at 816-381-6910.

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](mailto: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](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

**MASS INTENTIONS  
AUGUST 27– SEPTEMBER 1**

**Tuesday, August 27**  
6:45 am Michael Messina †  
8:15 am Drolette Wiedeman †

**Wednesday, August 28**  
6:45 am Jean Maggiorotto †  
8:15 am Carl Ring Jr. †

**Thursday, August 29**  
6:45 am Cookie Beckers †

**Friday, August 30**  
8:15 am Tracy Iwerson †

**Saturday, August 31**  
8:15am Brian O'Rourke †  
4:00 pm People of Visitation

**Sunday, September 1**  
8:00 am Joan McGee †  
10:30 am Jean Cummings †

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE AUGUST 31– SEPTEMBER 1**

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	J. Flanagan C. Tietjen K. King	L. Maginn J. Kobler G. Greim	B. Braselton C. Carney <b>NOT FILLED</b>
E MS	C. Brain J. Call Kevin Connor Keith Connor T. Cotton sub req. A. Eckels S. Garrett M. Garrett C. Ruiz D. Tietjen M. Tietjen	A. Adams B. Adams G. Bauman P. Clarke V. Coppinger T. Coppinger D. Devine P. Fanning K. Maginn K. Strauss B. Winget	A. Bergner E. Connell sub req. V. Connell sub req. A. Florez E. Florez M. Florez C. Fryer Jennifer Goeke sub req. T. Mayer J. Olivias M. Roach
LECTOR	D. Brain	E. Greim	N. Shump
USHERS	C. Easley sub req. K. Keller sub req.	T. Colburn M. Dakan	S. Ikari K. Kelly
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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 2023-24**

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Fr. Greg Haskamp	Katie Wendel
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**Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011**



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**TRIVIA NIGHT, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 AT 7:00 PM**

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The Visitation Knights of Columbus, in conjunction with, the Knights at St. Peter's and St. Elizabeth's will hold a Trivia Night Saturday September 7, at 7:00 pm benefitting Our Lady's Montessori School (OLMS). The event will be held at the St. Peter's Parish narthex located at 815 East Meyer Blvd.

TRIVIA

NIGHT

**Doors open at 6:00 pm. BYO food/drinks and a cash bar.  
Table of 8 is \$100 or \$12.50 a person. Walk-ins are welcome!**

Our Lady's Montessori School relocated, from KCK, to 58<sup>th</sup> and Michigan on the parish campus of St. Therese Little Flower, in 2023. The school is located in an academic desert and offers an authentic Catholic Montessori education to preschool and elementary aged children of all faiths and backgrounds. The school is run and staffed by the Society of our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity.

**For more information 816-474-3115 or [trivianight2000@gmail.com](mailto:trivianight2000@gmail.com).**

## CONFIRMATION

### CONFIRMATION CHANGES

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph is changing the age of reception for the sacrament of Confirmation to students in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be adjusting the program to make sure all Vis children older than 6<sup>th</sup> grade who have not been confirmed will have the opportunity to be confirmed in the next two years. This will affect the following students:



- ⇒ **Incoming 10<sup>th</sup> graders** - You can enroll in Vis Confirmation prep program this year. Please be on the lookout for more information to come this fall.
- ⇒ **Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders** - You will enroll in the Confirmation program next year as a sophomore.
- ⇒ **Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who attend Vis** - You will receive preparation to be Confirmed through Visitation school.
- ⇒ **Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders who attend Vis** - You will receive preparation to be Confirmed next year through Visitation school.
- ⇒ **Incoming 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders** who do not attend a Catholic elementary school - You can enroll in the Vis Confirmation prep program later this fall. Please be patient and know there will have to be some flexibility as we all adjust and plan for this new Diocesan initiative. Keep an eye on bulletin announcements, emails and postcards for more information. Contact Jenny Greene at 816-753-5155 x1309 with any questions. THANK YOU!

### ATTENTION:

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who do not attend a Catholic school and will be needing Confirmation prep this year or next. Please fill out the form attached to this QR Code or at this URL:

<https://forms.gle/28bHk7rGDob5AT93A>.

## RACIAL JUSTICE



Visitation School will again host four Cristo Rey interns for the 2024-2025 academic year. This joint parish-school partnership began four years ago under the leadership of the parish Racial Justice Committee's Matt Gunter and John McGurk and continues with the financial support this year of nearly 40 parish families.

In anticipation of welcoming the four CR interns to the Vis School campus, where they will assist both faculty and students, Nancy Hesse (Visitation School internship program supervisor) and Peg Ekerdt (RJC co-chair) attended a Supervisor Orientation meeting at Cristo Rey on August 8. Shaylee Ham, Cristo Rey Director of Operations - Corporate Work Study Program, presented information on the coming year's program as well as providing the Successful Supervisor Handbook.

Currently, there are 250 students at Cristo Rey with 110 work partners. Freshmen leave the school to work on Mondays, sophomores on Tuesdays, juniors on Wednesdays and seniors on Thursdays. New this year, all students will be in school on Fridays. As the students begin their years, every workplace is invited to create ways in which to make the students welcome. Students have breakfast at Cristo Rey and sack lunches are also provided. With their weekly job placements, the students' earn 50% of their tuition.

Because this is the first job for many of the students, Cristo Rey helps students in a myriad of ways - with such assistance as facilitating interviewing and email skills as well as developing interpersonal skills that will help them interact in the workplace.

As the school year begins, Ms. Hesse will provide updates on our four students and suggest ways in which we can continue to help these students feel a part of the Visitation Community. (Think Vis School swag!)

The Visitation Cristo Rey internship fund receives contributions all through the year. If you have not had a chance to support this program, please consider adding to our fund as we support the current interns and establish a foundation for the coming year.

If you would like to know more about the parish Racial Justice Committee or are interested in joining, the monthly meeting is a Zoom meeting this Wednesday, August 28. Please email [lchteach202@gmail.com](mailto:lchteach202@gmail.com), [peggyekerdt@gmail.com](mailto:peggyekerdt@gmail.com); or [karen@church.visitation.org](mailto:karen@church.visitation.org) to receive the Zoom link! All are welcome.

## RCIA



Do you have questions about becoming Catholic and living a Catholic life?  
Please join us for 2 upcoming "Inquiry Sessions."

**Tuesdays, August 27 & September 3**

6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Faith Formation Room

These sessions will address your initial questions about the WHY, WHAT & HOW's of Catholicism. With a focus on fellowship and non-judgmental conversations, these Inquiry Sessions are open to walk-ins and all parishioners. Come with your questions, or follow the QR code to submit questions anonymously...



# FAITH & GRIEF LUNCH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024  
12:00-1:00 PM



SPEAKER: Michelle Buzzard

## Feeling My Feelings

Michelle lost her brother,  
her dad and her husband,  
all under the age of 40.

## 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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- [info@faithandgrief.org](mailto:info@faithandgrief.org)
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**Ladies of Charity**  
*Summer Social  
Potluck*

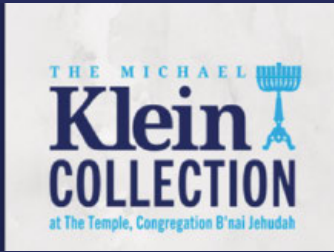
a dinner hosted by members, join and learn what we do and  
who we serve!

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**Wednesday, August 28th**  
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please **RSVP by Monday,**  
**August 26th**  
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## FAITH FORMATION

### THE VISITATION



Friday Tour, September 6 at 10:00 am.  
Sunday Tour, September 15 at 1:00 pm.  
Temple B'nai Jehudah 12320 Nall Ave.

The collection includes historical objects spanning centuries and continents and is among the largest and most diverse collections of its kind in the United States.

Here is what Fr. Greg had to say about the tour...

"I was inspired by the extent and the beauty of the collection, and the significant role of artistic expression in Jewish spirituality. I also appreciate more deeply how our own Catholic spirituality has roots in the Jewish tradition, using concrete signs, symbols and other visuals to embody and communicate the invisible mystery of faith. The diversity of this collection underlines how Jewish faith is integrated into every aspect of life,



Space is limited. Call the parish office to sign-up for either date.  
Or email Teresa Albright at [Teresa@church.visitation.org](mailto:Teresa@church.visitation.org).

- ◇ Do you have a group of 10-15 family, friends, Scouts or Lent Small Group members interested in the tour? Choose a date and time and let the Faith Formation Team facilitate this opportunity for you!

There are still a few more copies left of this year's parish book,  
"Taking Miracles Seriously: A Journey to Everyday Spirituality"  
by Rabbi Michael Zedek

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