

VISITATION PARISH
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 13, 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

**SAVE THE DATE! ALL SOULS DAY SERVICE,
NOVEMBER 2, 6:00 –7:00 PM**



VISITATION INSIGHT NIGHT (FORMERLY KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP)

Join us for Visitation Insight Night on Thursday, November 14, at 6:30 pm at Visitation School.

Discover why Visitation is more than just a school - it's a vibrant community where students thrive! Insight Night is the perfect opportunity to explore our kindergarten program, our educational framework for grades 1-8, meet some of our dedicated teachers, and discover the values that make Visitation an exceptional place where children flourish throughout their K - 8 journey. All prospective families are welcome, with a focus on those preparing for kindergarten next fall.

Please Note: Insight Night replaces the previous Kindergarten Roundup event.

CONFIRMATION

If your child was not able to attend our last meeting, please contact Jenny Greene to register and schedule an interview. The deadline to register your 6th, 7th or 8th grader (who does not attend a Catholic grade school) is November 1.



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

OUR SYMPATHY

As a parish, we offer sympathy to Cathy Zitnik on the death of her father, William Benson.

ROSARY FOR THE SICK
WEDNESDAY IN ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL
AT 5:30 PM. PLEASE JOIN US IN THE
CHAPEL OR ON FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam	Peg Kallman
Pamela Atherton	Bryan Larson
Bill Blank, Sr.	Jeanne Lendabarker
Leslie Burke	Scott Martens
Marianne Carl	Tim McNamara
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Tricia Melland
Kay Dierks	Jen O'Neill
Michele Desnoes	Peggy Pruitt
Laura Fitzpatrick	Ellie Rose
Bill Fuss	Kathy Scaglia
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Barbara Schulte
Margaret Howard	Aimee Sesler
Joe Irwin	Sandra Sharp
William Jewell	Special Intention
Erin Kallman	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: 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 # 2 (Lolli/Erwin)
On Alert: Team # 1 (Bergner/Palmer)

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

Several weeks ago I gave an update on the project to renovate Visitation School. I've learned over the years that announcing something one weekend at Masses is not nearly enough, so I will share some of the information again.



Phase I of the project includes an extensive and modernized renovation of the school, including some exciting new features we'll be sharing in forthcoming renderings. Phase 2 will involve the construction of new addition on the north side of the school, which will provide space for preschool and other long-term needs. In the spring, after a presentation to the Diocesan Building Commission, we received approval from Bishop Johnston to proceed with Phase I of the project. On the heels of that, our building committee worked with the Hollis + Miller Architects and the Diocesan Construction Manager to prepare an RFP and to conduct the process of selecting a general contractor. The firm of Newkirk Novak Construction Partners was selected. They are a highly experienced team with many exceptional and high-profile projects in K thru 12 and higher education facilities. We are delighted to be working with them!

Our architects have since begun to work on more detailed plans that will allow our contractor to begin pricing the scope of work planned in Phase I. We believe it will ultimately lead to a project that will cost ten to twelve million dollars. To this end, our Campaign Steering Committee is working collaboratively with the various councils at the parish and school to lay the groundwork for the campaign. We are grateful that Terry & Lindsey Anderson will serve as Campaign Chairs. In the coming weeks, our planning teams will be mapping the timelines for the various phases of construction, working with the city and our neighbors on the necessary permits, and organizing and planning for a successful capital campaign, an endeavor that we pray will be embraced by everyone in our parish community. When you are invited to participate, to pray, to support, I hope you will say yes!

Peace,
Fr. Greg

ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING DINNER



Join us in Tighe Hall on Sunday, November 10 from 4:00-6:00 pm as we come together "United in Thanksgiving" to offer our gratitude while listening to Faith Leaders Interfaith Prayers.

We will enjoy a Traditional Thanksgiving and vegetarian entrees prepared by our co-sponsors.

We are pleased to have you join us in honoring Teresa Albright with the 2024 Vern Barnet Interfaith Service Award!!!

Tickets at Eventbrite (<http://tiny.cc/Teresa>) and at the door from 3:30 - 4:00 pm. Dinner and program \$25. For more information, text Kara Hawkins at 816-509-7984.

Sponsored by the Alliance of Divine Love, the Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council and the Kansas City Pipe Circle.

**MASS INTENTIONS
OCTOBER 15-20**

Tuesday, October 15
6:45 am Fr. John O'Leary †
8:15 am Dick Miller †

Wednesday, October 16
6:45 am Maria Chalk †
8:15 am Thomas Saracini †

Thursday, October 17
6:45 am Jacquie Kallman †

Friday, October 18
8:15 am Jeanne Thompson †

Saturday, October 19
8:15am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres
4:00 pm Ed Welch †

Sunday, October 20
8:00am Martha Beckers †
10:30 am People of Visitation

MINISTRY SCHEDULE OCTOBER 19-20

4:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM

ALTAR SERVERS	C. Langlade L. McPherson O. Orscheln	E. Cessor E. Taylor New Server	C. Welsh J. Lynch B. Burns sub req.
	P. Fanning sub req. A. Holewinski S. Kearns sub req. M. Kirwan F. Lester R. Moran A. Peratt G. Smith M. Tietjen D. Tietjen L. Waters	P. Clarke J. Colombo D. Devine J. Dickmeyer J. Grego K. Larson R. Larson A. Leimora J. Miller S. O'Neill C. Schorgl	J. Johnson T. Mayer A. McDonald A. McKenny L. McLiney L. Meyers G. O'Brien J. Olivas K. Osbern B. Roewe A. Smith
	L. Keens	B. Winget	N. Shump
	C. Maggiorotto J. Waldrup NOT FILLED	J. Erlacker F. Erlacker NOT FILLED	G. Canino Jim Canino NOT FILLED
	D. Pucci	E. Johnson	S. Mayer
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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	

School Office

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Principal, Dr. Melissa Wagner x3140
Secretary, Bridget Winget x3136

St. Vincent De Paul Help Line
816-753-9061

Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph
Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 816-812-2500
Victim Assistance Coordinator,
Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

FIRE WEEK AT VISITATION: A SUCCESS!

This year, Visitation proudly participated in FIRE Week, which shines a light on, and raises funds for, the FIRE Foundation. The FIRE Foundation plays a vital role in supporting inclusive Catholic education at Visitation, funding learning support and intervention programs to help every child thrive.

During FIRE Week, our community enjoyed a variety of exciting activities, including a Bake Sale featuring delicious treats for a great cause. Students had a blast “pieing” their favorite teachers/staff in the popular Pie in the Face event—thank you to our brave teachers for participating! Many students also took part in Out-of-Uniform Day by donating \$1 to dress down. Our school participated in the FIREBall Cup Raffle, joining a friendly competition with other diocesan schools to support the FIRE Foundation. Additionally, grades competed in School-Wide Penny Wars, for a chance to win a pizza or donut party!

We’re proud to be one of 15 FIRE partner schools! Thank you to everyone who made FIRE week a success!



RACIAL JUSTICE



THE PARISH RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MET ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2024.

Here are some of the highlights:

- **School Update** - Dianne VanBallas, Peg Ekerdt & Linda Hughes met with the Visitation school principal, Dr. Melissa Wagner, on September 9 to talk about the parish RJC, a committee that began as a collaborative school parish initiative. Dr Wagner, whose doctoral dissertation focused on DEI in Catholic Schools, expressed interest in continued collaboration in this parish and school effort. Dr. Wagner noted the Yoli Tortilleri presentation for K - 3 was well-received by teachers and students, as part of Hispanic Heritage Month celebration coordinated by Amanda Adams. Mary Gigiliotti will follow-up with Dianne and Nancy about field trip planning. Amanda Adams will continue to work with SMT and PTO.
- **Just Faith** - Linda reported that the efforts of the parish RJC Just Faith offerings were communicated as part of a separate meeting with Bishop Johnston, Deb Sheppard and Fr. Charles Rowe. They were invited to participate in the 2025 session starting at the end of January.

Dianne VanBallas talked about her Just Faith experience with Vis faculty in late September to recruit participants for the next session.

In 2025 we plan to offer two Just Faith sessions at 4:00 pm and at 7:00 pm:

Opening Retreat: starts on January 25 from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, followed by two hour classes on: January 29, February 12 & 26, March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23 and May 7.

- **New in 2024 - 25** - the parish RJC is hosting book discussions or viewing a movie on the topic of racial justice. These are the books/movies—please mark your calendars and start reading!

The film, *Just Mercy*, opened the series this past Tuesday, October 8.

November 13 - *First Ladies* by Heather Terrell & Victoria Christopher Murray, facilitated by Mary Ellen DeCoursey & Karen Miller.

February 11 - *Beloved* by Toni Morrison, facilitated by Lorraine Gordon.

April 8 - *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult, facilitated by Amanda Adams & Peg Ekerdt.

June 10 - *Facing Georgetown's History: A Reader on Slavery, Memory & Reconciliation*, facilitated by David Bruegging & Linda Hughes.

July 16 - View *Origin*, based on Isabel Wilkerson's book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*

League of Women Voters - Katie Levi arranged for RJC to hand out voter registration through the League of Women Voters on Tuesday, September 24 outside the Uptown Theater. Kristin Kratofil, Deb Sicoli and Dave Ekerdt participated. Kristin noted how those waiting in line for the concert were young, mostly registered and enthusiastic about voting.

Prison Ministry - Discussion of whether the panel should focus on ministry or the effects of mass incarceration, potential look at criminal justice reform work in Kansas City. Kristin offered to follow-up with Matt Gunter for the next meeting on October 16 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER



Thank you to our Christmas in October crew for their work on a needy Kansas Citian's house last Saturday! Special thanks to Ken Conroy and Patrick Casey for leading this effort!

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Visitation MOYC is partnering with Children's Mercy to help educate our community about pediatric mental health issues. According to Children's Mercy Hospital, 15 million children under the age of 18 need mental health services across the U.S. and 30%-50% are not receiving it. In Kansas City that number is even higher at 40%-50%. **Please join us on October 15 from 6:00 -**

FUNDRAISER

Gather, Learn & Give

Tuesday, October 15th 6:00-7:30 PM

Tighe Hall

Hosted by Vis MOYC

\$30 per couple

7:30 pm in Tighe Hall, where Dr. Alexandra Gibson, a Clinical Psychologist in Developmental and Behavioral Health at Children's Mercy, will speak about how parents and family members can best support our children. Tickets are \$30 per couple or individual and will be for sale at the door. Proceeds will go to the Children's Mercy's Illuminate Campaign, which supports early mental health intervention, social services, increased inpatient care and new research. Link for payment here:

<https://tinyurl.com/moycymh>



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7:00PM - 8:00PM

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
5-8PM

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FAITH FORMATION

FALL BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

Begins November 6, 2024

Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11, 18

Wednesdays

10:00 a.m.—12noon

Tighe Hall, Faith Formation Room

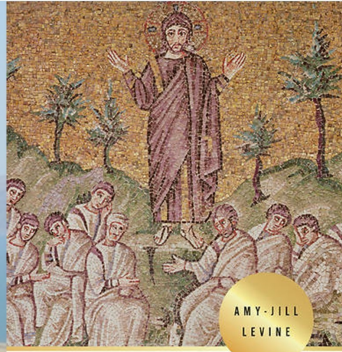
An evening class will be offered in the Spring.



BOOK & VIDEO LESSONS
FACILITATED BY

TERESA ALBRIGHT,
PASTORAL MINISTER

Email or Call to register:
teresa@church.visitation.org
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SERMON *on*
the MOUNT

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

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"For Jesus, LIFE meant being part of a community. His comment, 'the Kingdom of God is among you' demonstrates that communal presence. When people take seriously the Sermon on the Mount... the Kingdom is present."

- Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Author

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book and materials.

The Sermon on the Mount contains some of Jesus most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples, and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?

"Lord, teach us to Pray."

November 19, 2024

Supper Series

6:15 pm	Doors Open
6:30 pm	Supper Served
6:45 pm	Parishioner Panel
7:00 pm	Prayer Stations

PRESENTED BY THE VISITATION FAITH FORMATION TEAM

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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.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

October 20 & October 27 from 9:15 - 10:15 am.

In Tighe Hall, Media Classroom

**FORMING
CONSCIENCES**



FOR

**FAITHFUL
CITIZENSHIP**

Preview Videos at: montanacc.org/stay_informed/#faithful-citizenship

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WHAT: Three Sunday sessions between Masses for parishioners to engage with fellow people of faith about current events. These will be moderated discussions around the content of informative videos produced by the Montana Catholic Conference on the USCCB's document "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship."

WHY: Part of the parish staff's seasonal efforts to raise awareness on issues pertaining to our faith. In October, we will focus on our "Right & Responsibility" to engage in the political process.

SCENE FROM THE SEASON OF CREATION HIKE



This past Saturday, members of our parish gathered at Shawnee Mission Park to celebrate the Season of Creation with an outdoor Mass followed by a glorious fall morning spent in nature reflecting on the beauty of God's creation and the abundance of life all around us.