

VISITATION PARISH
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 24, 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



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Visitation Parish 2025 Annual Appeal is underway. You should have received your parish pledge request in the mail last week. The parish's 2023-2024 annual report has also been mailed to all parishioners. Please take a few minutes to review our annual report and prayerfully consider your support for our parish in calendar year 2025. Then make your pledge online or complete the enclosed form and return it to us. Thank you for your continued support of Visitation!

CONFIRMATION



10th Grade Interviews are underway! Please reach out to Jenny Greene at 816-753-5155 x 1309 if your 10th grader has not signed up! **Next meeting is December 1 at 7:00 pm** for CANDIDATES/ SPONSORS.

This was on a much earlier schedule as a parent meeting; please note it is for CANDIDATES / SPONSORS. **No meeting on December 8 for 10th graders.** Jr. High Retreat on December 1 in Tighe Hall from 12:00 to 6:00 pm with a 5:00 pm Mass! More information will be sent to parents in an email this week.

ROSARY FOR THE SICK

Every Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the St. Joseph Chapel, all are welcome to come and pray together!

FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish community we thank the following Women of Vis Funeral Meal Teams: **Captains Martha Franke, Audrey Burns, Laura Fowler and Amy Thompson** and their team of Katie Anderson, Anne Connor, Bev Gegen, Judy Hartner, Amy Holewinski, Colette Hunt, Georgeanne Kelly, Jane Kieffer, Julie Kivisto, Jeanie Latz, Michaela Logan, Wendy Maggiorotto, Sandie McCray, Jean McDonnell, Julie Olivas, Mary Etta O'Neill, Ricki Ritter, Kitty Steed, Judy Ragan, Bev Winans and Trish Vazzana.

WEDDINGS

Our parish extends prayers and congratulations to Becca Pfeifauf and Tim Gloriod who were married on November 16.

OUR SYMPATHY

The parish extends our sympathy to Alejandro Manso, on the death of his father, Carlos Manso and to Arthur Valdivia on the death of his mother, Esther Valdivia. We also mourn the loss of George McLiney, husband to Laurie McLiney and father of Joey McLiney, Amy Perry and Kevin McLiney.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam	Bryan Larson
Pamela Atherton	Jeanne Lendabarker
Margaret Austin	Jolene Lynn
Bill Blanck, Sr.	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	Gary Schafer
Margaret Howard	Barbara Schulte
Joe Irwin	Aimee Sesler
William Jewell	Sandra Sharp
Erin Kallman	Special Intention
Peg 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 # 3 (Franke/Burns/Thompson)

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

As Catholics, we are good at thanksgiving. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, it is our foremost intention, as the word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving." Such a spirit of gratitude opens our eyes to God's abundant blessings and moves us to the same spirit of generosity. I hope your celebrations of the Thanksgiving holiday are marked by such a spirit, that gathering with friends or family will lead you deeper into a spirit of gratitude that will show itself in grateful sharing.

The weeks ahead are some of the busiest and most joyful of the year. As we cultivate the holiday spirit, Advent will also call us to make room for God's arrival. I've learned that God only needs a few words and a few moments to speak to us, that God's voice carries an incredible power, but we need some space, some quiet, some stillness in order to be attentive. I hope the weeks ahead will find you persistently grateful and eager and willing for the good word God is eager to speak to you.

Peace,

Fr. Greg



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & VISITATION SCHOOL



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRONT PORCH COAT DRIVE

For 15 years, our Visitation Knights of Columbus Front Porch Coat Drive has collected gently used (& new) coats, hats, gloves, blankets and other winter items for the needy in our community. Now partnering with Visitation School, there are 6 front porch drop-off locations where you may bring your donations over the next several weeks.



Vasquez home - 5415 Baltimore
Steinert home - 5818 Central
Fedinets home - 433 W. 69th St.

Coppage home - 808 Huntington Rd. (screened in porch)
Dickmeyer home - 439 E. 55th St.
Schloegel home - 6001 Morningside Dr.

FINANCIAL

Contribution Income:

In October, Contribution Income exceeded budget expectations by \$10,266 (3.5%), driven by timing differences in the giving patterns of our parishioners.

Other Income:

Other Income, which encompasses ministries, program fees, one-time donations, school tuition, registration fees, and before/after care fees, also surpassed the budget by \$15,215. This increase was primarily due to a timing difference in tuition payments, particularly the MoScholars payment received this month.

Parish Expenses:

Parish expenses for October exceeded the budget by \$59,828. The overage was largely due to a three-pay-period month, higher-than-expected benefit costs and additional computer software expenses, exceeding budget by \$14,687.

As a result, the Parish Net for October reported a budget shortfall of \$34,347.

Year-to-Date (YTD) Financial Summary

Contribution and Other Income:

Contribution Income is ahead of budget by \$42,483 (4.2%). Other Income has exceeded budget expectations by \$83,509 (8.7%). Together, these resulted in a budget surplus of \$125,993 for the year-to-date.

Operating Expenses:

Operating expenses are under budget by \$13,426 (0.7%), leading to a Parish Net Operating Budget surplus of \$139,419.

Comparison to Prior Fiscal Year:

Parish Contribution Income for FY 2024/2025 is \$53,763 higher than the same period last year. Other Income surpassed last year's results by \$266,968. Net Budget Surplus: The overall net budget surplus stands at \$159,162.

Month of October 2024

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 300,946	\$ 290,680	\$ 10,266
Other Income	\$ 41,451	\$ 26,236	\$ 15,215
Total Operating Income	\$ 342,397	\$ 316,916	\$ 25,481
Operating Expense	\$ 532,774	\$ 472,946	\$ (59,828)
Net	\$ (190,378)	\$ (156,030)	\$ (34,347)

Fiscal YTD (July-October)

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 1,047,372	\$ 1,004,889	\$ 42,483
Other Income	\$ 1,043,155	\$ 959,645	\$ 83,509
Total Operating Income	\$ 2,090,527	\$ 1,964,534	\$ 125,993
Operating Expense	\$ 2,000,970	\$ 2,014,396	\$ 13,426
Net	\$ 89,557	\$ (49,862)	\$ 139,419

Fiscal YTD This Year Fiscal YTD Last Year

	This Year	Last Year	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 1,047,372	\$ 993,610	\$ 53,763
Other Income	\$ 1,043,155	\$ 776,187	\$ 266,968
Total Operating Income	\$ 2,090,527	\$ 1,769,796	\$ 320,731
Operating Expense	\$ 2,000,970	\$ 1,839,401	\$ (161,569)
Net	\$ 89,557	\$ (69,605)	\$ 159,162

Thank you for your continued support.

MASS CANCELLATIONS

SCHOOL/MASS CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

When Visitation School is closed due to snow/ice, morning liturgies for that day are cancelled. For closing information, phone the school at 816-531-6200, go to www.visitation.org and look for closing information in the "Special Announcement" box on our homepage or watch for "Southwest POD Catholic Schools" on the media. Cancellation of Mass is for the safety of those attending as parking lots and walks may have not been cleared.



**MASS INTENTIONS
NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 1**

Tuesday, November 26
6:45 am Michael Messina †
8:15 am Robert Hughes †

Wednesday, November 27
6:45 am Mary Lee Lundeen †
8:15 am Sue Cooke Turnbull †

Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving
9:00 am William Motter III †

Friday, November 29
8:15 am Dominic Passantino †

Saturday, November 30
8:15am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres
4:00 pm People of Visitation

Sunday, December 1
8:00 am Robert Lester †
10:30 am Stephen Moran

MINISTRY SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	Charlie Tietjen Lauren McPherson CJ Dimond	Geo Malter New Server New Server	Baron Burns Fiona Poiry Sylvia Munjak-Khoury
E MS	Terri Cotton sub req. Fran Lester sub req. Jean McPherson Mary Ann Shannon Amy Thompson Mark Thompson Marta Tietjen Doug Tietjen Lisa Waters NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Jennifer Colombo Daniel Devine Joseph Grego Katie Levi Emily McCann Michael McCann Amy McKenny Heather Shinn Karen Strauss Katherine Taylor Bridget Winget	Amanda Adams Brett Adams Vanessa Connell Dan Dubrava Angela Florez Elizabeth Florez Mike Florez Carol Fryer Joe Goeke Keri Maginn NOT FILLED
LECTOR	MA Heckman-Crowe	Julie McCann	Jenny Anderson
USHERS	Satoko Ikari David Pucci MJ Thompson	Jim Hughes Parker Levi NOT FILLED	Kyle Kelly Theresia Ritchie NOT FILLED
SACR.	Cris Ruiz	Janie Palmer	John Reboulet

PARISH BOUNDARIES

State Line on the West to Oak St. on the East;
47th Street on the North to Meyer Blvd on the South

PARISH OFFICE, Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
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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

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS



PEACE TREE TAGS

Every year parishioners are invited to help provide gifts, gift cards or financial support for organizations helping those in need for Christmas. Please take a tag and share the joy of the season! All donations should be returned by December 8! For questions, email Marny Sherman at msherman@mlpholdings.com, or call Karen in the parish office at 816-753-5155 x1308.

FOOD DONATIONS

Don't forget! Donations to the food basket in the narthex go directly to pantries serving those in need! So, during this season of giving bring a donation of canned goods to Mass each week! Your kindness will help spread joy to all who receive them! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Glory Ministries - Volunteers needed to prepare and serve breakfast on the first Thursday of each month! Volunteers arrive by 6:30 am and will be finished with clean up by 8:15 am! Our next opportunity is on Thursday, December 5. If you are interested, please email karen@church.visitation.org to reserve you spot or feel free to call the parish office.

One City Café next on Thursday, December 12 from 4:30 -6:30 pm. Please reach out to Bill Staggs for details at Bill Staggs at 816- 304-3264 or willstaggs48@gmail.com.

MADRE

Did you know the school year for our friends in El Salvador is from January through November? As the students we sponsor prepare to take break from school, we begin the season of giving and gathering! Don't forget that if you sponsor a child, your support is due this month! Should you have any questions, call Karen in the the parish office at 816-753-5155 x1304.



SCHOOL

SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT



VISITATION SCHOOL INSIGHT NIGHT
A WARM WELCOME TO NEW & PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

We were thrilled to host a successful INSIGHT Night for new and prospective families, with over 52 parents and guardians in attendance. This special event featured presentations from Fr. Greg, Dr. Melissa Wagner, and other members of the Visitation faculty and staff. Our goal was to provide a welcoming introduction to the heart of Visitation School—our vibrant community rooted in faith, service, family engagement, strong academics, and a variety of enrichment programs that meet the unique needs of each student.

Choosing the right school for your child is a significant decision, and we are grateful to those who are considering Visitation. What sets us apart is our supportive community that serves as the foundation for every student's growth, both inside and outside the classroom. Together, we share a vision of a future filled with faith, knowledge, and service to one another.

Comprehensive FAQ



visitationschoolkc.org/faq

At Visitation, we are committed to helping your child reach their highest potential, and we welcome you to be a part of our family. We thank all those who attended Insight Night and for their consideration of our school. If you are interested in learning more about Vis or know someone who is, please contact: info@viskc.org

SAVE THE DATE(S)

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NEW FAMILIES

SAT, JAN 25

WINTER OPEN HOUSE

FRI, APRIL 11

NEW STUDENT ROUNDUP

Roundup will give children a chance to explore their classrooms and meet peers, while parents learn about uniforms, extracurricular activities, and more. It will also ensure that the school meets incoming students at their individual readiness levels.

SPRING/SUMMER '25

NEW PARENT INFO NIGHT
BUDDY FAMILY PROGRAM ROLL OUT
YARD SIGNAGE ORDER + DELIVERY
KINDERGARTEN CAMP
KINDERGARTEN POPSICLE PARTY
NEW PARENT PARTY



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VOLLEYBALL TEAMS!

We are proud to announce that our 7A Girls Volleyball team has earned the prestigious Bob Hannan Christian Spirit Award. This award, a long-standing tradition in the Parochial League Volleyball, celebrates the values of sportsmanship, faith, and community—principles that not only define the league but also shape life beyond volleyball. A special congratulations also goes to our Girls 7B team and our 8A Girls Volleyball teams for being nominated for this honor.

Additionally, we celebrate our City Champions: the 7A and 8B Volleyball teams. Well done to all our athletes for their hard work and dedication!

RACIAL JUSTICE

KANSAS CITY GIFT PRESENTS

ALL WELCOME

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

11 A.M. - 4 P.M.

BEAUTY CARE // FOOD TRUCKS // JEWELRY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

5008 PROSPECT AVE KCMO, 64130

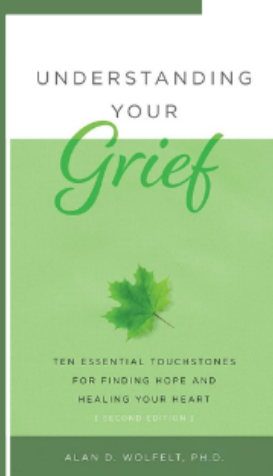
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As you begin planning for the holidays, consider frequenting Black-Owned businesses in Kansas City or online. Follow [@kcblackowned](#) on Instagram for updated information about local businesses and plan to shop at G.I.F.T's Small Business Saturday the last Saturday of each month between 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. The next in-person shopping opportunity is **Saturday, November 30**.

Shopping at Black-owned businesses supports racial justice by directly contributing to economic empowerment within the Black community, helping to close the racial wealth gap by creating jobs, generating wealth within Black neighborhoods, and fostering a more inclusive market where Black entrepreneurs can thrive and build generational wealth.

PASTORAL CARE



Visitation Pastoral Care

Understanding Your Grief

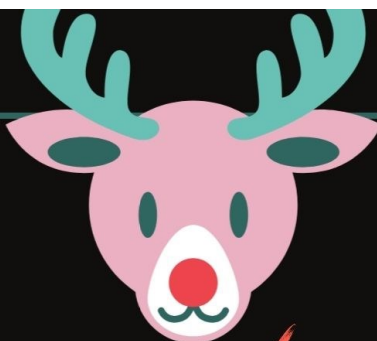
Monday evenings, 6:30-8:00 pm

5 sessions: November 18, 25; December 2, 9, 16

Faith Formation Room in Tighe Hall

This group explores what grief looks like, shares stories and finds hope for moving forward. Group will use the book, ***Understanding Your Grief*** by Alan D. Wolfelt. Book & accompanying journal may be purchased on Amazon.

For more information, contact Jenny Greene at 816-753-5155 x1309



Women of Visitation Reindeer Games



Wednesday, December 4
7:00 pm Tighe Hall

All ladies of the parish are invited to this annual evening of holiday fun. Don your antlers, holiday sweater & join us for an evening of refreshments (holiday spirits!), festive food, & merry game play: Bunco, Mahjong, or bring your own!



*Free will donations accepted for
Women of Visitation ministries.*

All ladies welcome!



Cost: \$25.00 per Santa

WOMEN OF VIS SANTA PAINTING

DECEMBER 6, 8:30 AM-2:00 PM

DECEMBER 8, 11:30 AM-3:30 PM

Reserve & pay for your Santa at <https://tinyurl.com/wovsanta24>

FAITH FORMATION

ADVENT

FAITH FORMATION AT VISITATION

Every Sunday in Advent
BETWEEN TWO MASSES
9:15–10:15 am in the Retreat Room

- **ADVENT SMALL GROUP** led by Faith Formation Team members. No sign-up required.
- **"AT HOME WITH THE WORD"** booklet sales.
- **BOOK SALE** of surplus parish books. A perfect Christmas gift for only \$5 while supplies last.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Join us for this beloved, family-friendly Visitation tradition on the First Sunday of Advent,

Sunday, December 1
between Masses

For \$25 you get:

- 4 Premium Advent Candles from the Corner Candleshop
- 8" Brass wreath ring
- Fresh evergreen fir tips
- Festive ribbon and floral wire
- 1 Copy of the "At Home with the Word" Scripture resource.

\$10 discount available if you bring your own wreath ring or choose economy candles.

WWW.VISONMAINKC.COM

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

Visitation Golden Shamrocks

ST. NICHOLAS LUNCHEON

Friday, December 6 12:00 Noon Tighe Hall

Join us for a tasty soup & salad luncheon, including bread & dessert. After lunch, White Elephant Bingo is back!! Bring a wrapped "white elephant" item for our gift table, if you'd like, **but** all may play!

RSVP to 816-753-7422



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.