

# VISITATION PARISH

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### JANUARY 12, 2025



*Bartolome Murillo. Baptism of the Lord, 1655*

#### 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.

#### 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

### OUR SYMPATHY

Our parish mourns the loss of our parishioner, Tim Scholl; and we extend our sympathy to Lisa Schoofs on the death of her father, Bob Beckers.

**EACH WEDNESDAY 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

#### Don Lolli

Earl Adam  
Pamela Atherton  
Bill Blanck, Sr.  
Marianne Carl  
Mary Beth Cicchetti  
Kay Dierks  
Michele Desnoes  
Whitlow Brewer Emanuels  
Bill Fuss  
Brooke Kuechler Harris  
Margaret Howard  
Joe Irwin  
William Jewell  
Bryan Larson

Jeanne Lendabarker  
Jolene Lynn  
Scott Martens  
Tim McNamara  
Tricia Melland  
Jen O'Neill  
Peggy Pruitt  
Ellie Rose  
Kathy Scaglia  
Gary Schafer  
Barbara Schulte  
Aimee Sesler  
Sandra Sharp  
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; Master Sergeant Louis A. Perez, Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL.

### FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 7

On Alert: Team # 9

**TODAY!**

VISITATION MUSIC MINISTRY  
**EPIPHANY CONCERT**  
Sunday, January 12 4:00 pm

### 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 [jaaucar21@gmail.com](mailto:jaaucar21@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!



### ATTENTION 2025 LENT BOOK WRITERS!

Thank you for agreeing to write a reflection for the 2025 Lent Book. This beloved Visitation tradition is a project created *by* parishioners *for* parishioners each year. If you were asked to write a reflection but have not received a letter with your assigned Scripture reading in the mail yet, please contact Teresa Albright in the parish office at [teresa@church.visitation.org](mailto:teresa@church.visitation.org) or 816-753-7422 x1306 as soon as possible.

### CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH-SAVE THE DATE!

If you have been considering attending a Christ Renews His Parish retreat, you are in luck! The next weekend for both men and women will be on **March 1-2**. It will be a wonderful way to prepare your spiritual walk through Lent this year! If you have questions or want to register now, please contact Karen Miller at [karen@church.visitation.org](mailto:karen@church.visitation.org).

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

I'd like to give a shout out to all our liturgical ministers! Every Sunday Mass requires the generosity of so many people. Parishioners who serve as greeters, extraordinary ministers of Communion (EMs), altar servers, lectors and sacristans give of their time, energy and talents to help us celebrate the Liturgy in the most beautiful, prayerful and dignified way. It is a real commitment, especially for those who serve frequently, sometimes Sunday after Sunday, in these roles. Keeping track of scheduled times, preparing in necessary ways, showing up early, often celebrating at least some of the liturgy apart from their family and dressing appropriately all require extra effort and energy. We are truly blessed and grateful for such service.



I'm also grateful to members of our parish staff who are present in the Narthex for every Mass and event in the church. They work hard to make sure all ministries are covered, and if a lector or several EMs or an altar server don't show up as scheduled, they find generous people who will substitute, even if they don't feel dressed for the role. Sometimes people have had to step into the lector or EM role at the last minute recently, and have worried about what they were wearing. But they graciously filled the role because they were asked. We can only be grateful for such dedication!

Many thanks to all who serve in liturgical roles, including everyone who attends every Sunday as part of the Assembly. Fidelity to the work of Liturgy lends to its beauty and enables us to be a community at prayer.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

## PASTORAL CARE

### FROM THE GRIEF OF LOSING A SPOUSE TO GRATITUDE

Terry will share her experience of losing her husband, finding a way to navigate intense grief, fear, emptiness and numbness. On the other side of these hard things, she moved to a place of deep gratitude and even found love again.



**SPEAKER  
TERRY  
SWEETEN**

Faith & Grief Lunch  
**Visitation Church  
in Tighe Hall**  
Wednesday,  
February 5  
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

[facebook.com/FaithandGriefKC](https://facebook.com/FaithandGriefKC)



**MASS INTENTIONS  
JANUARY 14-19**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE JANUARY 18-19**

**Tuesday, January 14**  
6:45 am Virginia Cleary †  
8:15 am Bruce Kirk †

**Wednesday, January 15**  
6:45 am Maria Chalk †  
8:15 am Frank Carollo †

**Thursday, January 16**  
6:45 am Becca Lueke †

**Friday, January 17**  
8:15 am Marialice Searcy †

**Saturday, January 18**  
8:15am Cathy McGee Schuerer †  
4:00 pm People of Visitation

**Sunday, January 19**  
8:00 am Darlene Henninger †  
10:30 am Bill Benson †

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S. Barone sub req. P. Dunlay NOT FILLED	J. Hughes M. Vrabac NOT FILLED	G. Canino Jim Canino NOT FILLED
J. Rebman	B. Truta	J. 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	

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816-753-9061

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



## THANK YOU TO VISITATION PARISH

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for sponsoring the Center for Conflict Resolution's Rise for Peace fundraising event! You helped make it an amazing, inspiring and successful morning!

Your generous \$1,000 gift means so much to the students and educators, neighbors across the metro and justice-involved individuals we impact.

Thanks to community-minded people like you, more than \$87,000 was raised to help people manage conflict while honoring each person's dignity.

I'm so grateful to have you walk beside us in the challenging but life-affirming work. You've made it possible for our community to choose peace instead of violence - thank you!

Warmest regards,  
Raquel McCommon  
Executive Director

Dear Visitation Social Concerns,

Thank you for the community grant from Visitation in the amount of \$1,000.



The generosity of friends like you makes it possible for FIRE to support inclusive Catholic education at 14 partner schools in the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Funds raised by FIRE support salaries of special educators and para-educators as well as investments in technology and training. These resources are essential to create environments that promote students' success.

Thanks to the engagement of many dedicated donors, volunteers and educators, the Foundation's model of funding and advocacy has become a national model for inclusive Catholic education. For more than two decades, FIRE has partnered with school and parish communities to ensure that students of all abilities have abundant opportunities to grow together in knowledge, faith and friendship.

On behalf of all the students who benefit from your support, we thank you for your gift.

Sincerely yours,

M. Lynn Hire  
Executive Director



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.

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

**JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH!**

## DID YOU KNOW:

Human Trafficking has become the most lucrative crime business after drugs since the “merchandise” can be sold over and over again?

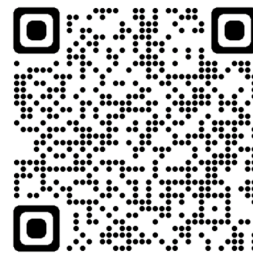
## ROOT CAUSES:

Worldwide, root causes for human trafficking stem from social exclusion, gender discrimination, economic hardships, environmental disasters and conflict that results from political or legal issues.

Source: Alliance to end Human Trafficking



To learn more about this issue, go to [www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign](http://www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign) or the US Catholic Sisters website: [www.alliancetoendhumantrafficking.org](http://www.alliancetoendhumantrafficking.org). Also, you can download the [ILAB Sweat and Toil](#) application which was created by the US Department of Labor. With the click of a button you can learn about the products you purchase which may be made using child labor, forced labor and human trafficking around the world.



## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO LABEL SOAP FOR THE SOAP PROJECT!

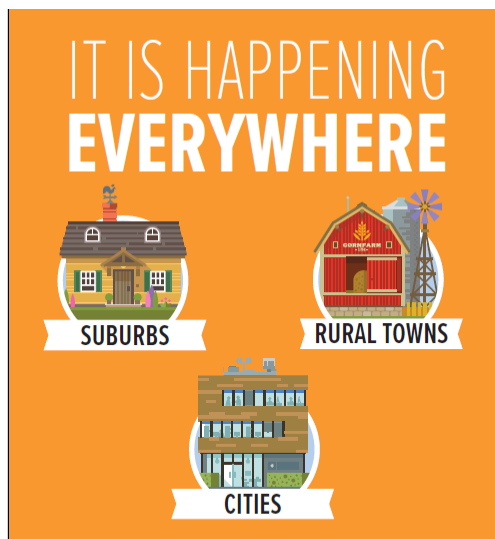
All ages and abilities are welcome. Please join us in Tighe Hall after each Mass on Sunday, January 26 to label soap and learn about the good work being done to combat Human Trafficking by the Soap Project. The SOAP Project Outreach is a unique, hands-on opportunity that allows groups of any size to fight human trafficking locally and potentially recover victims. Human trafficking has been reported in both poverty-stricken urban area motels as well as in suburban upscale hotels. With



that in mind, we aim to educate those working in these locations on the signs of trafficking, arm them with the resources to fight



it and give victims a way out. But to do this, we need your help.





## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

“Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,

- ◆ To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister;
- ◆ To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;
- ◆ To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- ◆ To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;
- ◆ To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.”

On behalf of the VRAC, thank you for helping make Kansas City home to the Kachumba and Contreras families!

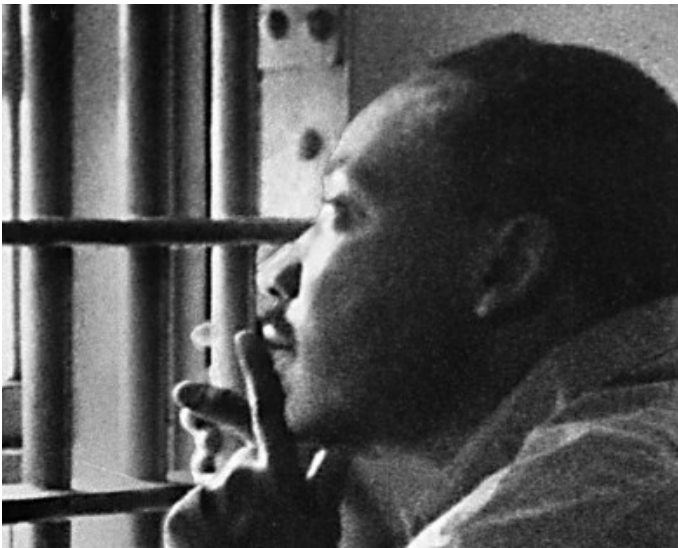


## RACIAL JUSTICE

The Visitation Racial Justice Committee strives to provide educational resources to its members and the parish as a whole. Coming this month:

- Just Faith: Faith and Racial Healing 8-week transformative study session, starting Wednesday, January 29, at 6:30 pm, facilitated by Peg Ekerdt, Karen Miller and Linda Hughes.

Please contact Peg Ekerdt, [peggyekerdt@gmail.com](mailto:peggyekerdt@gmail.com), Karen Miller, [karen@church.visitation.org](mailto:karen@church.visitation.org), or Linda Hughes, [lchteach20@gmail.com](mailto:lchteach20@gmail.com), for more information about either event.



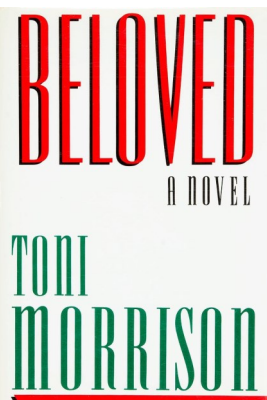
## Martin Luther King Jr. Day Prayer Service

*Inspired by King's Letter from  
Birmingham Jail*

January 20, 6:30-7:30 pm

Hosted by the Visitation Racial Justice Committee

### **TONI MORRISON'S *BELOVED*: an invitation to witness slavery's lingering legacy yet celebrate the response of enduring resilience.**



The true story of Margaret Garner, an enslaved mother, and her fateful actions becomes the central and riveting narrative of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *Beloved*. Come join us as we explore not only Toni Morrison's mastery in conveying the historical reality of slavery- from her unvarnished depiction of Southern plantation life to her vivid portrayal of the mid-Atlantic slave trade passage - but also her skill in conveying the emotional pain experienced by both victims and survivors. *Beloved* is the recounting of trauma and recovery, the dismantling of families and their reconstruction, the intermingling of the past with the present. Even if you haven't read or completed the



novel, you are welcome to join Lorraine Gordon, RJC member and former Vis podcast host, as we navigate the challenging complexity and experience the rewarding richness of Morrison's exceptionally executed craft.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7:00- 8:00 PM  
IN TIGHE HALL'S KINDERGARTEN ROOM I.**



## ABOUT TOWN

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
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TO SERVE & TO LIFT

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Deanna Ricke  
(816) 398-6894  
DRicke@ccharities.com



donate by scanning here or go to  
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## ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SUPPORT A TEENAGER IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Many teens want a caring adult to listen and encourage them. Please consider volunteering with Friends in Faith KC! We offer social and spiritual support to high school students and we're launching a new program at Cristo Rey starting January 29.

As a volunteer, you'll meet with your student two Wednesdays a month, 11:45am-12:35pm, discussing a different topic each time. To make a meaningful impact on a teen's life, visit [www.FriendsInFaithKC.org](http://www.FriendsInFaithKC.org) or contact Brad Grabs, Director, at [BGrabs@FriendsInFaithKC.org](mailto:BGrabs@FriendsInFaithKC.org) or call/text 913-244-5838.



## Become a Reading Mentor

Help a student learn to read during your lunch hour!



Lead to Read KC is recruiting volunteers to read **once a week** for **30 minutes over your lunch hour** with students in high-need elementary schools.

We are starting new classes at **Foreign Language Academy** in the Kansas City, MO school district and **Truman Elementary** in the Hickman Mills school district.

**We need volunteers at other schools too.** It's the easiest, most meaningful volunteer opportunity in the city.

Go to [leadtoreadkc.org](http://leadtoreadkc.org)

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# MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WEEKEND



VISITATION &  
ST. MONICA

## MLK Jr. Weekend Priest & Choir Swap



JANUARY 18-19, 2025

FR. LEONARD GICHARU, WILL  
PRESIDE AT THE 4:00 PM &  
8:30 AM MASSES AT VISITATION.

THE COMBINED CHOIRS OF ST.  
MONICA'S & VISITATION WILL  
SING AT VISITATION @ 4:00 PM  
& AT ST. MONICA'S @ 9:00 AM.

FR. GREG HASKAMP WILL  
PRESIDE AT THE 9:00 AM MASS  
AT ST. MONICA'S.

A RECEPTION IN THE NARTHEX  
WILL FOLLOW THE 4:00 PM  
MASS AT VISITATION.

