

VISITATION PARISH  
 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 JULY 17, 2022



**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.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**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

# PROMISE TO PROTECT



### PLAN AHEAD - REGISTER FOR PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN 4.0 WORKSHOP - THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 IN TIGHE HALL FROM 6:30 - 9:30 PM

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 and sign an Ethics and Integrity in Ministry statement. 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 30-40 minutes completing this process. If you have any questions, please call Janet Ridder at 753-5155 x1304.

### BEFRIENDERS

BeFriends training has been moved to the end of the summer to accommodate those who are on vacation or traveling. Please check future bulletins for details. Thank you to those who have signed up.

BeFriends are lay volunteers who provide pastoral care. They are trained to offer a caring, nonjudgmental presence and actively listen to the emotional and spiritual needs of people.

If you are interested in learning more about BeFriender Ministry training, contact Chris Sanders at 753-5155 x1309 or [chris@church.visitation.org](mailto:chris@church.visitation.org). Watch the bulletin for a late summer training!



*A Listening Presence*



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

### WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Mary Crowe and Hank Simpson on their wedding at Visitation on July 9.

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

**Darlene Henninger**  
**Marialice Searcy**  
**Scott Martens**  
Suzanne Adams  
Pamela Atherton  
Maggie Quirarte Bates  
Marilyn Frechin Blank  
Dorothy Bock  
Leonardo Borders  
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Mike Caraway  
Shari Caraway  
Marianne Carl  
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Jimmy Connell  
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Allie May Dudenhoeffer  
Shana Gadt  
Susie Haake  
Brooke Kuechler Harris  
Mike Henninger  
Joe Irwin  
William Jewell  
Lee Jones  
Jaquie Kallman  
Peg Kallman  
Shirley Kempker  
Marriane Kersten  
John Langle  
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Betsy Lazere  
Jeanne Lendabarker

Anthony Lipari, Sr.  
Jorge Maldonado  
Priscilla McInnes  
Tim McNamara  
Thomas McNamara  
Tricia Melland  
Birdie Mendence  
Andy Metzler  
Lionel Morgan  
Maggie O'Neill  
Jennifer Olson  
Charles Oppenlander  
Nicholas Parscale  
Connie Perucca  
Nicola Pistone  
Kat Potter  
Peggy Pruitt  
Ruth Quirarte  
Quinn Regan  
Carol Riesmeyer  
Ellie Rose  
The Ryan Family  
The Saalberg Family  
Gary Schafer  
Fran Schuetz  
Barbara Schulte  
Aimee Sesler  
Sandra Sharp  
Special Intention  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.  
Annabelle Whalen  
Dave Wittrock  
Leigh Ann Zeller

### Reminder:

Thank you for sharing your name with us. We are always ready to pray for you and your loved one. Please contact us and let us know when you or your loved one is doing better and ready to be taken off the prayer list. God Bless.

*The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Major Philip Martin, Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Maj. Chris Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Maj. Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Staff Sgt. Louis Perez, San Diego, CA.*

### FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

**On Deck:** Team 8

**On Alert:** Team 10

## A LITTLE VISITATION

Dear Folks,

Who can explain these things? Somehow, my three siblings, along with an uncle and aunt, have emigrated to Tennessee and Atlanta mostly by way of Missouri and California. That this happened is as puzzling as it was unintentional, but it came to pass nonetheless. By long-standing arrangement, I was gone to visit my family in the Volunteer State during the week after the Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe vs. Wade*. Obviously there were priests here that weekend to preside at the Masses. From what I have been told, none of those priests made a particularly developed statement about the Supreme Court decision. If that is true, I certainly bear some sympathy for our priests' decisions not to, uh, *wade* very deeply into the issue. It is a complicated issue, this is a complicated place, and it takes some time to sort out one's thoughts and feelings so that the issue, and this place, are somewhat fairly addressed. I am not at all sure enough time has transpired to do it justice even yet, but the Holy Spirit leads me to venture some remarks. I do not represent the proceeding as a final word about anything. These are just some thoughts I have had in the wake of the Supreme Court's recent decision.



Despite its notorious infamies, the Catholic Church, by virtue of its faith in Christ Jesus, the Holy Scriptures, its historic doctrines, the lives of its saints, and the blood of its martyrs, stands squarely for the inherent dignity of every human life from the moment of conception. Accordingly, the Catholic Church views the intentional killing of any human being as a grave offense against the moral order. Plainly, not every killing is equivalent. The shooting of a threatening intruder is not morally equivalent to the wanton killing of an innocent person walking home from work. Antietam is not equivalent to Auschwitz, although in the mind of the Church both are gravely sinful. The moral culpability attending to every abortion is not equivalent either. An abortion to save the life of a mother is decidedly more worthy of empathy than one performed for, say, the sake of gender selection. But whatever the reason, abortion is an objectively grave matter.

My own pastoral experience convinces me that the objective tragedy of abortion should be a strong concern to society and families. But formidable as the objective tragedy is, the subjective consequences are often even more immediately painful. Abortion not only takes the life of a child, it also often sunders the spirit of a woman who chooses it. My work has caused me to witness much sadness in the last 37 years. It comes in more flavors than Ben and Jerry have names for, but among the most acute and enduring pains people suffer are those rooted in taking human life. I have seen the most sudden agony evinced in the heaving shoulders and tears of dying old men as they confess horrible deeds their natural fear led them to do on battlefields far away. In the same way, I have many times encountered a hopelessness borne of self-loathing that clings to many a wonderful yet wounded woman who had chosen to have an abortion. Oh God, how often I have wanted to reach across a table, and hold them, and try to heal their hearts! It is a breath-taking honor to be a minister of the Gospel and try to bring divine mercy to these sorrowful scenes of deep brokenness.

Abortion is not going away, any more than war will be wiped from the face of the earth, no matter what any judicial or legislative body does or does not do about it. But that does not excuse any of us from working toward a culture of life and love. It has to happen in the pulpit at church and I think I could do a better job of it. Yet even more fundamentally, it has to happen in the home. Abortion, and so many other kinds of physical and emotional disunion, are the ineluctable bad fruits of a value system that believes in human intimacy without consequences. From pornography, to incest, and adultery by the way, when we diminish the respect we owe each other we invite, and even beg, the moral wrecking ball to smash apart what should be most sacred. I pray there can be even more concern for the culture of our homes than for the law of our land. Then something like an epiphany might dawn for everyone.

In our Holy Communion - Msgr. Bradley S. Offutt

## SISTER PARISH

### JULY IS MADRE MONTH!



#### **A Minute with Madre**

**What is your name and what is your role in the parish/clinic/school?**

*My name is Beatriz Margarita Borges Gamboa. I am in the religious order of Congregación Apostólicas del*

*Corazón de Jesús (the Apostolic Congregation of the Heart of Jesus). I am the Coordinator of the sponsorship program, one of the projects that belong to the Social Pastoral of María Madre Parish. Currently, the program has 215 children, teenagers, and young people, we accompany 160 families in total. In the pastoral área of the parish, I accompany the liturgical ministry with faith formation in greater depth in order to be aware of what implies the joyful experience of the encounter with Our Lord Jesus Christ, as well as the joy that we experience when sharing the Body and the Word of God.*

**How long have you worked at the parish/clinic/school?**

*I have been working in the parish for two and a half years.*

**In the time you have been employed by parish/clinic/school what is the biggest change you have seen?**

*I have seen the human, Christian and social growth in*

*the people that I accompany in different groups that I participate in. As well, I have seen changes in the formation that the social projects and pastoral have done and the commitment that people show for their community.*

**What is your favorite prayer or quote?**

*As an apostolic we pray two: "As Apostles of the Heart of Jesus" and one of Saint Ignatius of Loyola "Take, Lord, receive all my liberty."*

**Who is your hero?**

*Gandhi, Saint Oscar Romero and Luz Casanova the founder of our congregation.*

**What is your favorite holiday?**

*The Feast of the Sacred Heart and Easter.*

**What are your favorite hobbies?**

*Listening to music, meditation at night, and watching movies.*

**What is the one thing I have learned about myself because of COVID?**

*I have lived the patience, the accompaniment to the people who have suffered and to use online training. Furthermore, I have learned to build a dignified life from the recognition of the human person.*

**My hope for myself and for my country would be?**

*My hope for myself and for my country would be that people become aware of their situation of poverty and inequality and do not get carried away by the assistance that the government gives them for their vote. I pray that they wake up to defend their rights as citizens.*

### **PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO SUPPORT OUR SISTER PARISH.**

In 1988, our parish held a vote and agreed to enter into a sister parish relationship with Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres. Over thirty years later, that friendship has continued to grow! Whether you have been able to travel on a delegation, participate in the sponsorship program or have contributed in some other way, your generosity has made a difference to this wonderful community. Please consider making a special gift this month. Here are some of the ways your money makes a difference: CAPI- the early childhood education center, the sponsorship program, medical and solidarity delegations, the medical and dental clinic and annual financial support, including providing water filters and regular contributions for needed supplies and capital improvements.

Send your donations to the church office (Madre Month in the memo) by July 31 or go to our parish website at [www.visitation.org](http://www.visitation.org), click the online giving button and enter your contribution in the Madre Month box under the Sister Parish heading.

## SISTER PARISH

### TACOS FOR MADRE IS BACK!

*Mark your calendars for the return of Tacos For Madre (after a 2-year Covid hiatus).*

*Enjoy tacos, tamales (from the Tamale Kitchen), rice, beans, chips & beverages for all ages!  
Cost is \$10.00 per person; \$35.00 per family.*

*Proceeds benefit our Sister Parish.*



## DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY - ST. JOSEPH

### “In His Real Presence” Eucharistic Congress ‘22



#### Highlights

Inspiring Speakers  
Relic Room  
Exposition, Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction  
w/ Bishop Johnston  
Eucharistic Adoration inside Chapel  
Confession  
Exhibitors

#### Saturday Evening: Youth Night

*(open to all)*

Youth Speakers: Witness Stories  
Adoration, Praise & Worship Music  
Eucharistic Procession *(outdoor by candlelight)*

SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

#### St. James Parish

309 S Stewart Rd,  
Liberty, MO 64068

#### Saturday Daytime

8:00am-2:15pm

7:00am Mass  
8:00am check-in

Cost: \$10 before Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>  
\$15 after, lunch included

#### Saturday Evening Youth Night

Adoration, Praise & Worship  
Music

6:00pm-10:00pm

5:00pm Mass *(optional)*  
6:00pm check-in

Cost: Freewill offering

#### Registration

[https://kcsjatholic.org/  
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR JULY 19-24		LITURGICAL MINISTERS JULY 23-24		
		4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Tuesday, July 19</b> 6:45 am Jeanne Thompson † 8:15 am Martha Beckers †		N. Bond <i>sub req</i> J. Harris <i>sub req</i> W. Waldrup	J. Bock J. Deekan J. McPherson	K. Campbell C. Panzino L. Connell
<b>Wednesday, July 20</b> 6:45 am Danny Foley † 8:15 am Anthony Colorado Quirarte Sr. †		K. Hughes J. Waldrup A. Peratt T. McGhie F. Lester	P. Banes V. Coppinger T. Coppinger P. Clarke C. Schorgl	T. Mayer E. Connell V. Connell M. Innes G. O'Brien
<b>Thursday, July 21</b> 6:45 am Margaret Giblin †		E. Haines	B. Nelson	D. Closson
<b>Friday, July 22</b> 8:15 am Polly Donnelly †				
<b>Saturday, July 23</b> 8:15am Jim Tighe † 4:00 pm Valerie Caffrey †		A. Barber L. Dunbar C. Ruiz	K. Banes J. Grego	S. Ikari R. Lang
<b>Sunday, July 24</b> 8:00 am Jim Remsberg † 10:30 am People of Visitation				
		D. Pucci	B. Truta	J. Roach

## MINISTRIES

### GREETERS NEEDED

We are in need of people to serve as greeters (ministers of hospitality) at all liturgies with the most need at the 10:30 am Mass. Greeters serve as the face of our community! Greeters welcome all who enter our doors at Mass. They distribute order of service cards, take up the offertory collection and tidy up after the liturgy. If you are available and interested in serving, please contact Liturgy and Music director, Alejandro Manso, at 753-5155 x1307 or [alejandro@church.visitation.org](mailto:alejandro@church.visitation.org).

## SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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*School of Religion is a catechetical program that serves the children of Visitation (K - 9 grade), their families and neighbors.*

REGISTRATION is now open at [www.visitation.org](http://www.visitation.org). Click on the SOR banner to register. CLASSES BEGIN September 12.

- We meet **Monday evenings** in the church from 5:15 - 6:15 pm.
  - Preparation for the **Sacraments** of Penance and First Communion is available for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and up.
  - All other grades use a **lectionary-based curriculum** that includes age-appropriate lessons from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
  - Your Christian neighbors are also welcome to register for S.O.R. While explicitly **Catholic in doctrine and identity**, each lesson is **rooted in Scripture** and therefore is ecumenically friendly.
  - Each year we offer several family friendly events for the entire family; as well as regular adult offerings.
- We look forward to growing closer to Christ with you!

- The S.O.R. Ministry Team



## RCIA

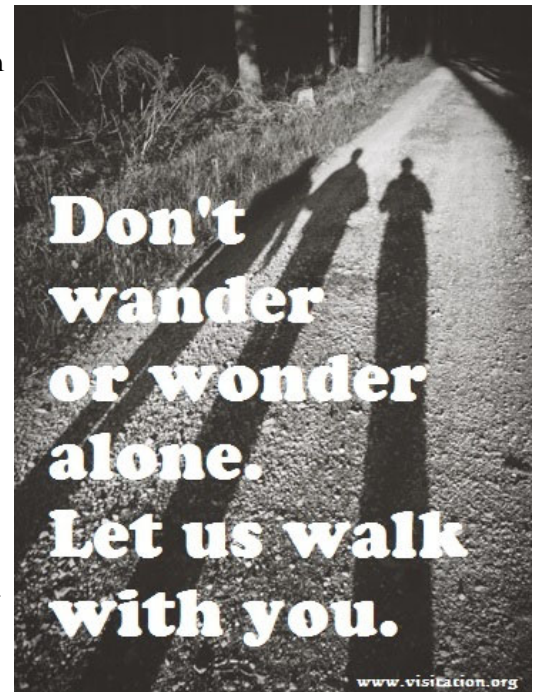
### RCIA

Inquiry sessions for the “Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults” begin Tuesday evening, August 30.

These are informal sessions open to anyone interested in what it means to *be* Catholic. These first several sessions are meant to answer your questions about Catholicism and help you discern whether God is calling you into full communion with the Catholic church through the Sacraments of Initiation.

No matter what the Spirit of God places on your heart during this initial period of questioning, Inquirers can be confident that they do not walk the journey alone.

To learn more and schedule an initial meeting, please contact Teresa Albright at 753-5155 x1306 or [teresa@church.visitation.org](mailto:teresa@church.visitation.org).



### 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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Priest in Residence, Fr. Charles Rowe  
**BULLETIN DEADLINE Noon Monday**

### SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick by appointment  
Msgr. Offutt, and Chris Sanders

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital, Chris Sanders

Sacrament of Matrimony, Contact Chris Sanders to begin marriage preparation.

Sacrament of Confirmation, Youth Chris Sanders

Sacrament of Infant Baptism, Adult Confirmation and Sacraments of Initiation, *For those who wish to become Catholic.* Teresa Albright

### PARISH COUNCIL 2021-2022

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# CRISTO REY INTERNS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Nearly every weekday morning our Cristo Rey interns are ready and willing to jump in and provide that one-on-one assist. Having helpful extra hands and feet in the class allows the primary grade teachers to focus on individual reading groups, while the whole group is able to receive assistance from our interns. In other words, interns help all of us "keep the ball rolling".

### WHAT OUR TEACHERS SAY

- "The Cristo Rey students work with my third-grade class on reading comprehension and fluency. This is such a huge help as time does not allow me to work on this as much as I would like during the week."
- "The Cristo Rey students lead small group math reviews of addition, subtraction and counting money. They also are one-on-one reading partners, and help me with cutting and filing."
- "The Cristo Rey interns help me with small group instruction, supporting students during whole group time, grading, classroom organization, and preparing materials. I'm so happy that they are returning!"



We need **\$29,500** to fund our four Cristo Rey interns for the 2022-23 academic year.

### TO DONATE

#### BY CREDIT CARD

Please visit [www.tinyurl.com/visdonation](http://www.tinyurl.com/visdonation) or scan the QR code.



#### BY CHECK

Please make payable to "Visitation Parish" and mail to 5141 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64112. Please note "Cristo Rey Intern Fund" in the memo line.





# VBS WISH LIST

*Vacation Bible School is the week of July 25-28. The following items are needed for this year's VBS. If you'd like to help us out by donating any of these items, please place them in the designated box in the narthex.*

## • SNACK ITEMS •

Graham crackers  
Chocolate pudding cups  
Pretzel sticks/rods  
Small pretzel twists  
Gummy worms  
Sandwich bags  
Quart-sized freezer bags  
Raisins  
Rice Chex cereal  
Wheat Chex cereal  
Chocolate chips  
Starburst candy

## • MISCELLANEOUS •

Colorful craft pompoms  
Clothespins  
Painter's tape  
Colorful duct tape  
Heart stamps/ink pads  
Foam shapes  
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