

VISITATION PARISH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 27, 2025



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.

MASSES

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

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ Mackenzie Dreher & Joe Ptasinski
- ♦ Rob Foree & Katie Binfet
- ♦ Fritz & Becky Krause
- ♦ Kathy Tulipana
- ♦ Brian Landers

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 Jodi Dickmeyer at jodi.schreurs@gmail.com or 402-990-6035 for more information.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Date for High School and SOR 6, 7 and 8th graders:

Saturday, January 24 at 10:30 am at the Cathedral.

This means we will have all the formation in the fall. Programming will begin mid-August; please look for the mailed invite sent to your student.

Registration is open on our website for both SOR students and high school students.

Students attending Visitation School will receive information directly from the school. Please keep checking here and the website for updates.

NEEDED-Volunteers to help with the Confirmation Ministry Team.

These volunteers will be a presence at Confirmation meetings, help with planning meetings and assist with day-long retreat. All volunteers will need to be Virtus trained. Please contact Jenny Greene at jennifer@visitation.org or 816-753-5155 x1309 if interested.

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Mary Rose Purk and Nick Van Dillen, who were married on July 19.

OUR SYMPATHY

The parish extends our sympathy to John Ammatelli, on the death of his mother, Louise Ammatelli, and to the entire Ammatelli family.

ROSARY FOR THE SICK - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Individuals or couples are needed to lead the Rosary each Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm in the St. Joseph Chapel. Contact Jeff Mohajir at 913-219-8076 or email him at jmohajir@mohajir.com with questions. Click on the link below to sign up!

<https://tinyurl.com/visrosary>

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Rick Kochuyt

Earl Adam
Pamela Atherton
Bill Blanck, Sr.
Marianne Carl
Kay Dierks
Whit Emanuels
Bill Fuss
Brooke Kuechler Harris
Kristin Heyer
Megan Hoefer
Margaret Howard
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
Bryan Larson
Jeanne Lendabarker
Jake Lynch
Jolene Lynn

Bob Lystad
Scott Martens
Joe McLiney
Thom McNamara
Tricia Melland
Virginia Moffett
Jen O'Neill
Mary Etta O'Neill
Peggy Pruitt
Ellie Rose
Kathy Scaglia
Gary Schafer
Barbara Schulte
Aimee Sesler
Sandra Sharp
Kathy Sims
Special Intention
Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Dave Wittrock

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.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 6

On Alert: Team # 7

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

The homily series on the Mass begins this weekend. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, which guides the celebration of the Mass, allows the Homilist to reflect either on the prescribed Sunday readings or on the Mass itself. As I mentioned last weekend in my Pastor's Corner, I don't choose the second option frequently enough, so for the next five weeks, I will be talking about the Mass itself in the hope of deepening understanding and celebration of it for us all (myself included). This weekend I begin with a general overview and some observations of my own.



The Second Vatican Council highlights the centrality of the Eucharist in our life as a Church:

*"Nevertheless the liturgy is the **summit** toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the **font** from which all her power flows."* Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #10

That is a classic statement from the Council with profound implications. The liturgy is a font of power, overflowing with strength, wisdom, mercy and beauty. And it is a peak celebration that focuses and directs us as the Body of Christ. Those two nouns, "font" and "summit", are often combined and restated as "Source and Summit." I love thinking of the Mass as a font, a lake, an ocean from which we drink living water. A taste of divine presence brings us a richness that will always engage us, transform us and inspire us. The liturgy is the source and summit of our life as a parish. All our activity is directed toward it. And our power and effectiveness flows from it.

The Council also emphasizes the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist:

"To accomplish so great a work, Christ is always present in his Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations. Christ is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, not only in the person of his minister, 'the same now offering, through the ministry of priests, who formerly offered himself on the cross' but especially under the eucharistic species. By his power he is present in the sacraments, so that when a person baptizes it is really Christ himself who baptizes. He is present in his word, since it is he himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church. He is present, lastly, when the Church prays and sings, for he promised, 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.'" Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #7

The celebration of the liturgy overflows with Christ's presence, within and among the priest and people assembled, alive in the Word proclaimed and incarnate in consecrated bread and wine. We are met with real, eternal, loving presence.

One of my favorite quotes from Vatican II is wonderfully challenging for us all:

"Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people' (1 Peter 2) is their right and duty by reason of their baptism." Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #14

Because we are baptized, we have the right and duty to participate in the liturgy. None of us are spectators when we gather for Mass. There is no audience, only an Assembly. As members of the Body of Christ, we have the privilege and responsibility to participate fully, consciously and actively. That is an incredibly high standard, and one that elevates our celebration and life of faith. It means that we bring our best selves, our hopes, sufferings, longings, questions and gratitude to our listening, singing, gathering, responding, receiving and going forth.

Peace,
Fr. Greg

MASS INTENTIONS JULY 29 - AUGUST 3

Tuesday, July 29

6:45 am Beverly Cascone †
8:15 am Marcella Sizemore †

Wednesday, July 30

6:45 am James Lynch †
8:15 am Donna Seigfreid †

Thursday, July 31

6:45 am Mary Agnes Alderman †

Friday, August 1

8:15 am Michelle Murphy †

Saturday, August 2

8:15am Rebecca & Elizabeth Circo †
4:00 pm Protection of the Unborn

Sunday, August 3

8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Byron Thompson †

ALTAR SERVERS

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LECTORS

SACR. USHERS

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – AUGUST 2-3

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

S. Anderson K. King O. Orscheln sub req.	G. Malter C. Bock S. Murray	K. Lynch E. Cessor C. Carney
J. Call Keith Connor P. Fanning sub req. M. Hodes K. Hughes M. Innes K. Levi J. McPherson M. O'Neill M. Rice G. Smith	B. Adams P. Clarke A. Coppage T. Coppinger C. Jackson F. Lester J. McGee R. Paczkowski H. Shinn K. Strauss K. Van Asdale	K. Esslinger A. Bergner C. Fryer J. Goeke J. Goeke T. McCray L. McLiney G. O'Brien J. Olivas A. Smith C. Spaeth sub req.
L. Keens sub req. B. Nelson	B. Winget T. Hellhake	J. Anderson
D. Burke L. Burke P. Levi	T. Colburn C. Schorgl NOT FILLED	A. Barber R. Lang S. Otto sub req.
R. Steinert	P. Ekerdt	J. Palmer

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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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

RACIAL JUSTICE



The Racial Justice Committee invites you to join our Fall 2025 Faith and Racial Justice class. The primary text for this course is Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. Sessions will take place every other Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, from Tuesday, August 26 - Tuesday, December 2, beginning with an opening retreat on Saturday, August 23. Attendance at every session is not required.

Discussion topics include reparations, criminal justice reform, the racial wealth gap and redlining. The course is designed to invite dialogue on how best to repair the historic harms wrought by racism.

Previous Just Faith: Faith and Racial Healing participants and those new to the Just Faith series are welcome to join this exploration of racial justice issues in the faith-based context. Classes will be facilitated by Kara Farren, Ann Roeder and Linda Hughes.

To register, contact Karen Miller at karen@visitation.org.

Coming up...

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

RJC Meeting in person at 7:00 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Thursday, October 16: Continuing the Conversation on Racism and Our Faith, 6:30 pm, St. Monica

Hear from Ebony Reed, author of *Fifteen Cents on the Dollar: How Americans Made the Black White Wealth Gap*, about redlining and its effects in Kansas City, and join the conversation on what we as Catholics are called to do.

NOVEMBER

Stay tuned for more details about the November RJC book discussion, *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row*, led by Jan Fakoury and Mary Gigliotti.

FAITH FORMATION

SAVE THE DATES!

September 2 – O.C.I.A. begins. Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

September 17 – Kickoff Supper Series event on Catholic Social Teaching with Fr. Greg Haskamp and Steve Engler.

September 22 – School of Religion begins. Mondays, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

October 4 – 6th Annual Season of Creation Hike + Mass



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 2.

OCIA or the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the way that those interested in the Catholic Church learn about the faith and join our community. The process traces its roots back to the earliest days of Christian communities.

The process is for . . .

- Those never baptized who want to learn more about Catholicism.
- Those baptized in another Christian Church who want to learn more about becoming Catholic, or
- Those already baptized as a Catholic but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.

Currently scheduling “Inquirer Interviews” through August. Contact Teresa Albright in the parish office at teresa@visitation.org.



SCHOOL OF
RELIGION
2025-2026

Scan to
Register!



SOCIAL CONCERNS

SISTER PARISH

The 11th annual Ride For Madre will be on **Friday, August 22**. We'd love to have you join us as a rider or supporter. The ride will take place in the **late afternoon**. Here's the tentative schedule:

- **20-mile ride** – starting around 3:00 pm
- **10-mile ride** – starting around 4:00 pm

Both rides will end with a celebration at **Crane Brewery in Raytown** at approximately **5:00 pm**.

Your support in the past has generated over \$80,000 for our sister parish and has meant so much. We would truly appreciate your support again this year. You can donate on the online giving tab of the parish website or with a check payable to Visitation (put Ride For Madre in the comments).



To help celebrate July as our sister parish, Maria, Madre de los Pobres, month, there is a book cart in the narthex containing books related to El Salvador and Central American countries in general. Please check out a book or two and learn about this very special part of our world.

TEAM LEADER NEEDED

Visitation has been invited to adopt a street in Kansas City and we need a team leader! The responsibility includes: attending training, leading a team three times per year to clean up a chosen area near our neighborhood and submit a report to the KC Metropolitan Crime Commission. If you are interested in taking on this important role, please contact Karen Miller at 816-381-6914.

ABOUT TOWN



Increase

Catholic (In)Fertility Support Group
For married men & women
Come individually or with your spouse!

Saturday, August 23, 2025

9:30am Confession
10:00am Mass
10:45am Witness
11:00am Men's/Women's small groups
11:30am Going out to lunch together

St. Pius X Catholic Church
5500 Woodson Rd
Mission, KS, 66202

RSVP and more info:
increasekc@gmail.com

Future meetings:
October 11
December 20

PASTORAL CARE



FAITH & GRIEF GATHERINGS in Tighe Hall

Wednesday, August 6, at 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Dan Devine - Lessons Learned from Michele and FTD

Dan will share the insights he learned about grief and unconditional love during his journey alongside Michele as she navigated Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD).

NEW Faith & Grief Online Caregiver Support Gathering
Fourth Monday of each month from 1:00-2:00 pm CDT

Register on the Faith & Grief website

Join this monthly offering online for sharing experiences, encouragement and support. Caring for a loved one can be meaningful and challenging; finding support from others who understand can make a difference

www.faithandgrief.org

GREETER TRAINING



We need volunteers to greet at Masses. All ages are welcome - individuals, couples & families. Interested? Join us for our next:

GREETER TRAINING

Sundays - August 10 and October 26

9:15-10:00 am - meet in the narthex

RSVP to janet@visitation.org.

2025 Pictorial Directory

Join these folks who have already submitted a photo & get to know your fellow parishioners by face & name!



- No appointments
- No salespeople
- **Upload your own photo** - vacation, holiday, family celebration, professional portrait (w/ release) - whatever pic you choose

**Upload your photo today at
<https://tinyurl.com/visphoto25>**

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 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, 816-213- 6024 or ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816-714-2357 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

5-Week Homily Series

On the Parts of the Mass

During weekend Masses

Saturdays at 4:00 pm,

Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am



Come worship with us and hear Fr. Greg Haskamp's homily series, connecting the Sunday readings with the Source and Summit of our faith—the Eucharist.

July 26 & 27

August 2 & 3

August 9 & 10

August 16 & 17

August 23 & 24

