

VISITATION PARISH
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 31, 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

Saturday3:00 pm

Weekday Masses (St. Joseph Chapel)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.....6:45 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday..... 8:15 am
Saturday..... 8:15 am

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DON'T
MISS
IT!**



SATURDAY, JULY 30 AT 7:00 PM
SUNDAY, JULY 31 AT 1:00 PM IN THE SCHOOL GYM! PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE DOOR!

SAVE THE DATE

3rd Annual "Season of Creation Hike"
Saturday, October 1, 2022

**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. 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 381-6910.

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 Julie Munjak at jfmunjak@yahoo.com or 492-0700 for more information.



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Maggie Nathnagel and Kip Hart on their marriage at Visitation on July 23.

OUR SYMPATHY

to Georgia Lynch and Jake Lynch, on the death of their husband and father, James R. Lynch.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Suzanne Adams	Scott Martens
Pamela Atherton	Priscilla McInnes
Maggie Quirarte Bates	Tim McNamara
Marilyn Frechin Blank	Thomas McNamara
Leonardo Borders	Tricia Melland
Mary Ann Brown	Birdie Mendence
Bernice Campbell	Andy Metzler
Mike Caraway	Lionel Morgan
Shari Caraway	Maggie O'Neill
Marianne Carl	Jennifer Olson
Beverly Cascone	Charles Oppenlander
Joanne Comisky	Nicholas Parscale
Olivia Connealy	Connie Perucca
Jimmy Connell	Nicola Pistone
Jean Cummings	Kat Potter
Allie May Dudenhoefter	Peggy Pruitt
Shana Gadt	Ruth Quirarte
Susie Haake	Quinn Regan
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Carol Riesmeyer
Darlene Henninger	Ellie Rose
Mike Henninger	The Ryan Family
Joe Irwin	The Saalberg Family
William Jewell	Gary Schafer
Lee Jones	Fran Schuetz
Jaquie Kallman	Barbara Schulte
Peg Kallman	Marialice Searcy
Shirley Kempker	Aimee Sesler
Marriane Kersten	Sandra Sharp
John Langle	Special Intention
Bryan Larson	Jeannie Sullivan
Betsy Lazere	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Jeanne Lendabarker	Annabelle Whalen
Anthony Lipari, Sr.	Dave Wittrock
Jorge Maldonado	Leigh Ann Zeller

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

PASTORAL CARE



Everyone is, at times, on a difficult journey and needs a caring companion who will listen, empathize and be a reminder of a caring, faith community.

BeFriender program leaders train and support in offering care, a nonjudgmental presence and active listening.

A Listening Presence

BeFrienders receive training on topics such as:

- Grief and loss
- Spirituality
- Listening
- Confidentiality
- Communication

Some questions you may have about BeFriender Ministry:

If my family member has a BeFriender, does that mean I am not meeting his or her needs?

Not at all. A BeFriender cannot take the place of family or friends in someone's life. For many, though, a BeFriender is a supportive visitor beyond the family.

How often will a BeFriender visit?

The frequency is determined by the person visited and the BeFriender. A visit typically takes place every week or two and lasts thirty minutes to an hour.

What if I cannot think of anything to say?

The BeFriender does not come to you to gain information. Rather, he or she will listen and respond, trying to support you at this time in your life, without giving advice or making judgments. And BeFrienders are comfortable with silence.

BeFriender Ministry is not a ministry of "doing," but of "being," - being present and listening quietly.

Please indicate your area of interest:

- ◇ I would like to have a BeFriender visit me.
- ◇ I would like to suggest a BeFriender call on:
- ◇ I would like information about BeFriender Ministry training.

"The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is the friend who cares."

Henri Nouwen,
from *Out of Solitude*

If you are interested in learning more about BeFriender Ministry training, would like to become a Befriender or would like to recommend a person for BeFriender Ministry training contact Chris Sanders at chris@church.visitation.org or 753-5155 x1309.

**Befrienders Training is August 8 -11. We have a few spots left!
Please email Chris to register at chris@church.visitation.org.**

RETROUVAILLE

EVERY MARRIAGE HITS A ROCKY ROAD at times. If this is such a time for you because of stress, loss of work, anxiety, communication problems or loss of purpose—then think about making a RETROUVAILLE weekend. For confidential information about or to register for a weekend, go to <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/>. Visitation parish wants to support our married couples—always—in good times and in hard times. If you would like to make the weekend, but are concerned about the cost (\$200) we as a community want to help. Contact Chris Sanders at chris@church.visitation.org for more information.

SISTER PARISH

July is Madre Month

What is your name and what is your role at the parish/clinic/school? How long have you worked at the parish/clinic/school?

My name is Wendy Torres. I am 32 years old and have been working at Maria Madre Parish since 2012. I have held many different positions as coordinator. I was in charge of the filter project, Water for Maria Madre for 4 years, I coordinated the Open School project for 4 years and I was member of the formation and Catechesis team and the Pastoral Council. Now, I am the clinic coordinator.

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

I grew up in this neighborhood, that is one of the most violent and with many social economic problems in San Salvador. I have been a parishioner since I was 10 years old. To me, Maria Madre parish has been like oasis in the middle of the desert, a light in darkness for many vulnerable families including mine. My brother and I were members of the scholarship program. As an employee, one of my biggest changes was to spread awareness about social problems and the importance of the history of our country. I have been learning a lot about the root of social problems and the most important information is input from people and their own life experience - their struggles and hopes.

My favorite prayer or quote? I have many!

“But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (this is very hard to practice). “The LORD is my shepherd, I lack



nothing.” Psalm 23 (this phrase gives me calm when I feel very overwhelmed). “What good is it for someone to gain the whole world and yet lose or forfeit their very self?”

Luke 9:25

Who is your hero?

My hero is Jesus, his Gospel is revolutionary, the love of God is revolutionary. I feel very inspired by the women of the community, especially the mothers that lost their children due to violence—they have kept their faith and continue to trust in God.

What is your favorite holiday?

My favorite holiday is Christmas Eve. It is the time we renew hope and we share with family. Also, it is a time to expect good things for the next year and eat delicious food.

What are your favorite hobbies?

My favorite hobbies are eating and traveling.

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

From the Covid situation, as coordinator of the clinic, I worked during the entire pandemic. It was a personal choice, of course. I was scared and felt threatened by the virus but I knew I had to work for others. Many people came to the clinic with the hope that we would tend to them. I learned about my strength as a human, but also I was sure God was walking with us.

My hope for myself and for my country would be...

Justice and peace - even when we are far away of it.

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, click the online giving button and enter your contribution in the Madre Month box under the Sister Parish heading.

RACIAL JUSTICE



The parish Racial Justice Committee has grown during the first two years of its existence. Now with a roster of 38 members who share the work of education, outreach and communication, the group will meet in person for the first time on Wednesday, August 10 in Tighe Hall. With dialogue focused on “Where Do We Go From Here?”, the group hopes to evaluate past efforts and renew commitment to exploring ways to raise our own awareness and promote the work of justice. The prayers of this parish community are important to this work so please join in prayer with us. If you have questions or would like to join this committee, please contact co-chairs Linda Hughes (lchteach20@gmail.com) or Peg Ekerdt (peggyekerdt@gmail.com).

NEW PARISHIONERS

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

- Christopher Hayes
- James & Mary McCollum and children, Lorraine & Riley
- Kirsten & John Braman and children, Aidan & Charlie
- Laura & Ryan Mandl and children, Addy, Everly & Benny
 - Zak Akagi-Bustin
- Adelaide & Reagan O’Toole and daughter, Maeve
- Bridget & Jeff Gronniger and children, Jimmy & Ann
 - Christine & Dave Stannard
 - Ryan Crawford

NEW PARISHIONERS

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE- HELP NEEDED

If you are interested in refugee resettlement and want to work with other Visitation parishioners to help a family in transition. We are looking for people to clean and prepare the apartment, organize household items, pick up furniture and help move the items into an apartment. Please contact Karen Miller for more information at Karen@church.visitation.org.

COMMUNITY GARDEN – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in helping maintain our garden, please contact Alison Dudley at 914-3528 or alisondudleykc@gmail.com.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Please remember to pick up an extra food or hygiene item for our basket in the narthex. Next week your donations will be taken to **St. Francis Xavier** parish. Some of the most requested items they have are: canned pasta, dish soap, laundry soap, bar soap, deodorant, toilet paper, shampoo and lotion.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
AUGUST 2-7**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS AUGUST 6-7

Tuesday, August 2
6:45 am Nolan Shock †
8:15 am Polly Donnelly †

Wednesday, August 3
6:45 am Morning Prayer & Communion
8:15 am Helen Colwell †

Thursday, August 4
6:45 am Byron Thompson †

Friday, August 5
8:15 am Jeanne Ridder †

Saturday, August 6
8:15am Joseph Donnelly †
4:00 pm Martha Beckers †

Sunday, August 7
8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Brenda Stremel †

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	E. Pryor R. Spadafore M. Murray <i>sub req</i>	K. Campbell A. Calkins D. Britt	W. Waldrup D. Hodes <i>sub req</i> G. Gunter
E MS	L. Waters Amy Thompson Addie Thompson L. Sokoloff G. Smith	P. Banes B. Adams P. Clarke D. Devine C. Schorgl	L. Freeman L. McLIney L. Meyers J. Miller M. Widmer
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SACRISTAN	R. Steinert	E. Johnson	J. Greene

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
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

Bill Dunn	Tina Mateski
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Victim Assistance Coordinator,
Whitney True-Francis 392-0011

RCIA

CURIOUS ABOUT CATHOLICISM – OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?

Did you know that...?

- If you are a “spiritual seeker” of good will, from no particular faith tradition, the Catholic Church eagerly invites you to learn about our ancient tradition; and experience the rich, religious symbols that reveal Life’s beauty and mystery.
- If you are baptized in another Christian denomination, the Catholic Church rejoices in the unity we already share with you through our common baptism; and invites you into full communion with us at the Eucharistic Table.
- If you are from the Jewish faith, the Catholic Church believes that God “never revokes his promises” to his People. Therefore, Catholics *do not* actively seek the conversion of Jews, who are our “elder brothers and sisters in faith;” but invites you to learn more about us.



Each person’s journey to Catholicism is unique! To schedule an informational meeting, contact Teresa Albright in the parish office at 753-5155 x1306 or teresa@church.visitation.org.

R.C.I.A. Classes begin Tuesday evening, August 30. Fall-semester topics include:

Tour of Visitation Church
Catholic Prayer Stations
Jesus of History/Christ of Faith
Intro to Scripture: Old & New Testaments
The Kingdom of God
Mary & the Saints
Intro to Church History
The Mass: Part 1

A Catholic Imagination Art Tour at the Nelson-Atkins

SCHOOL OF RELIGION



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE!

Classes for K – 9th grade begin September 12
on Mondays from 5:15 – 6:15 pm.

MISSION STATEMENT

- ◇ to create a sense of **community and belonging** for children living within the parish boundaries.
- ◇ to **assist their parents** in sharing the tradition of our Catholic faith.
- ◇ to teach, lead and encourage students in the **practice of prayer**.
- ◇ to encourage a familiarity and **love of Scripture**.
- ◇ to help foster an awareness of the presence of **God in their daily lives**.
- ◇ to foster a n awareness of the **social teaching of the Church**.
- ◇ to see their gifts as God-given to be used **in service to neighbor** and society.

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you've seen contractors entering and exiting the building, or saw signage posted on the windows, directing visitors to our temporary location at 1006 Linwood.



In order to better serve our neighbors, our century-old building will be undergoing a much-needed renovation, which will allow us to expand our social and mental health services. Since the onset of Covid-19 over two years ago, the need for support in the community has grown exponentially, and we've been able to provide thousands of neighbors with access to healthy meals, assistance obtaining their IDs and birth certificates, rent and utility assistance, therapy and case management. Your generosity enables us to offer uninterrupted services to our neighbors in need during this exciting period of transition within our organization.

Your gift of \$300 this summer is making a direct impact on the lives of struggling people in Kansas City, whether it's helping someone catch up on rent so they can stay housed, obtaining a new ID so they can move forward in their job search or meeting with a therapist to heal from trauma and gain a life-saving sense of progress. We couldn't be more grateful for the compassionate advocacy of folks like you. Thank You!!!

For Those We Serve,

Fr. Justin Mathews
Executive Director

PS. Visit RevealStrength.org to learn more about our Reveal Strength Capital Campaign and how it will allow for expanded services in the community. Follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/ReconciliationServices) and Instagram (@ReconciliationServices) for updates as the campaign progresses.