

VISITATION PARISH

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 10, 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



SECOND ENVELOPE

The second envelope next weekend (August 16-17) will be for the Life & Justice Campaign. Please scan to QR code for a three



minute video featuring our most recent grant recipients who benefit from your generous support.



REGISTER FOR PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN 4.0 WORKSHOP ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 FROM 6:30 - 9:30 PM IN TIGHE HALL

You need this course! There are so many opportunities to volunteer at the school or the parish. If you want to volunteer with children - this includes helping with lunches, being a room mom or dad, volunteering in the nursery, with school of religion or Vacation Bible School, etc., this workshop is required. Please read the information here completely: 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, sign an Ethics and Integrity in Ministry statement and take the on-line Mandated Reporter course. 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 2 hours completing this process. If you have any questions, please call Janet Ridder at 816-381-6910.



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

OUR SYMPATHY

The parish extends our sympathy to Marty Dakan and Phil Donnellan on the death of their mother, Peggy Donnellan; Kirsten McGannon on the death of her father, Bill Kircher; and to Mary Catherine Newman on the death of her mother, Marion Kelsey.

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. Visit the link below to sign up!

<https://tinyurl.com/visrosary>

ADORATION

All are welcome to participate in adoration which is offered every Wednesday in the St. Joseph Chapel from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Ed Growney

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

Rick Kochuyt

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

Mary Ann Oswald

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,

Our lives are sacred stories composed of sacred stories. We've been fed, cared for, protected, forgiven and redeemed. We love telling the stories of it all, again and again: the moment we met our spouse, the day our child was born, the chance meeting that changed our lives, the times we've heard God's voice. These sacred stories are full of meaning, loaded with good news, and we keep reflecting on them and telling them again because there is always more to savor and discover.



At Mass, we listen to sacred stories from the Scriptures. We listen to stories of creation and liberation, stories of sin and redemption, stories of healing and resurrection. We hear words that have inspired the human family, especially those in the Christian tradition, for centuries. Words that teach, encourage, challenge and inspire, stories that tell us who we are, who God is, and how salvation is unfolding through divine initiative and our response.

There is a three-year cycle of readings for Sunday liturgies, Cycles A, B and C. The first and second readings vary from Sunday to Sunday, but the Gospel is fixed, for the most part, according to the particular cycle. Cycle A offers the Gospel of Matthew, Cycle B offers Mark and Cycle C offers Luke's Gospel. We hear a section of John's Gospel in Cycle B since the Gospel of Mark is shorter than the other two, and we hear the Gospel of John in the Easter Season.

After standing through the Gathering Rite and the Penitential Rite, we are seated for the Liturgy of the Word, ready to listen to the story of God's saving action. A Lector proclaims the first reading from the Ambo. Lectors are trained in proclamation of the word, but are also encouraged to pray with the word and live the word. And as the word is proclaimed, we believe Christ is really present, teaching, instructing and guiding us. The first reading is typically taken from the Old Testament (also referred to as the Hebrew Scriptures) and connects thematically to the Gospel of the day. During the Easter Season, the first reading is taken from the New Testament, primarily Acts of the Apostles. As the first reading is announced and proclaimed, we listen not just to a story from history, but to a story that tells us about our lives today. The Lector concludes the reading with "The Word of the Lord," to which the Assembly responds, "Thanks be to God."

After some silence, the Cantor approaches the Ambo to serve as Psalmist, intoning the refrain, inviting the Assembly to respond and chanting the verses. The Psalm refrain articulates the Scriptural theme of the day succinctly and beautifully. We use the term "Responsorial Psalm" in reference to the format, the Psalm being sung in a responsorial fashion (call and response). I always find this one of the most prayerful moments of the liturgy. The Psalms are full of human experience: need, wonder, awe, struggle, questioning, thanksgiving. And the Psalms express God's saving love with poetic beauty and power.

After some silence, a Lector proclaims the second reading, taken from one of the New Testament books (Christian Scriptures). We hear from the same book for several Sundays in a row, thus establishing some continuity in lessons from week to week. The second reading is usually an exhortation written to one of the early Christian communities, teaching, encouraging, correcting, affirming. And the message addressed to them is usually just as relevant to us today. The Lector introduces and concludes the reading just as the First Lector does, with the Assembly responding "Thanks be to God."

As we are seated, the homilist's task and privilege is to connect the readings, especially the Gospel, to the experience of contemporary human beings, to invite the Assembly to discover our own call to conversion, the abundance of divine mercy and grace, and the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in the midst of our stories. A good homily can also contain some teaching and catechesis, affirmation of the faith journey of the Assembly and some invitation to change. It is best followed by silence. A homiletics instructor in the seminary told us once that "The homily begins when the homilist stops talking." It's not the task of a homily to say it all. It's simply to open the door and invite the Assembly to reflect on Scripture, faith and daily life.

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PASTOR'S CORNER, CONTINUED

Following the homily, all stand for the Profession of Faith. We typically recite the Nicene Creed, professing with one voice what we hold dear. I always find it so powerful to be surrounded by people speaking the same words and the same faith. As one body, we strengthen one another. And even if we struggle to believe or understand some of what we profess, our profession is a commitment to wrestling with this faith so as to come to deeper understanding.

We proceed next to the Prayer of the Faithful in which we offer general prayers for the human family. The Roman Missal invites us to pray for the needs of the church, for public authorities, for those burdened by any kind of difficulty and for the local community. We also pray for the sick and for those who have died. And while not required, we announce the specific intention of the Mass. The Prayer of the Faithful is introduced by the priest with a brief invitation. A lector speaks the prayers and invites the response of the Assembly, thus continuing the call and response. The priest concludes the prayer, all are seated and we proceed to the Preparation of the Altar, thus initiating the transition to the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Peace—Fr. Greg

PASTORAL CARE

Faith & GriefSM

A Ministry of Compassion and Connection



**FAITH & GRIEF
GATHERINGS in Tighe
Hall**

*Wednesday, September
3, at 12:00 Noon*

*Speaker: Bill Tammeus- Lessons Learned
from the 9/11 Terrorist*

*Attacks: When a catastrophe causes a
whole nation to grieve, those affected
more personally by the disaster are
always impacted by stages of grief. Bill
will describe how that reality affected
him and his extended family.*

***NEW! Faith & Grief Online
Caregiver Support Gathering***

*Fourth Monday of each month from
1:00 - 2:00 pm. Register on the Faith and
Grief website. Join this monthly offering
online for sharing experiences,
encouragement and support from others
who understand can make a difference.*

Register at www.faithandgrief.org.



Our weekend Program is a transformative opportunity for couples to reconnect, restore, and renew their marriage. During this intensive experience, you'll learn new skills and make lasting changes that can strengthen your relationship for years to come

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WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 26-28**

HelpOurMarriage.org

 **Kansas City
RETROUVAILLE**
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

SCHOOL

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.



MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 12-17

Tuesday, August 12

6:45 am Dianne Messina McMahon †

8:15 am Judge Leonard Hughes III †

Wednesday, August 13

6:45 am Kathy White †

8:15 am Michelle Murphy †

Thursday, August 14

6:45 am Drolette Wiedeman †

Friday, August 15

6:45 am People of Visitation

8:15 am Samuel Alexander Byers †

12:00 Noon Joan Kelliher †

Saturday, August 16

8:15am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres

4:00 pm Maria Chalk †

Sunday, August 17

8:00 am People of Visitation

10:30 am Pat Keens †

ALTAR SERVERS

EMS

LECTORS

SACR. USHERS

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – AUGUST 16-17

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

C. Dimond G. Malter J. Tuttle	E. Hall G. Bowen E. Cessor	K. Lynch R. Waldrup Maggie Watts
A. Coppage T. Egan sub req. J. Evett L. Gromowsky R. Larson K. Larson J. McPherson M. Shannon K. Taylor D. Tietjen M. Tietjen	J. Dickmeyer J. Grego A. Leimora M. McCann J. McCann E. McCann C. Schorgl H. Shinn M.J. Thompson M. Thompson A. Thompson	K. Esslinger J. Johnson T. McGhie L. Meyers K. Osbern M. Roach C. Roewe N. Spachman C. Spaeth D. Valenti NOT FILLED
T. Fanning P. Fanning	M. Benvenuti G. Starman	K. Brown
S. Barone P. Dunlay M. Evett	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	G. Canino J. Canino NOT FILLED
R. Steinert	J. Reboulet	J. Roach

ABOUT TOWN

CATHOLIC BAR ASSOCIATION

The Catholic Bar Association (CBA), the nation's leading association of Catholic lawyers, together with the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Kansas City, is holding its Annual Conference on September 5 and 6 in KCMO. Speakers include top legal scholars Judge Joseph Bianco and Teresa Collett as well as local attorneys Edward Greim, Joshua McCaig, Dan Kelly and Will Nulton. CLE available!

Visit catholicbar.org/CBA2025 for more information and to register.

The conference is being held in conjunction with the Catholic Medical Association's 94th Annual Educational Conference. The Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr., Bishop of Kansas City-Saint Joseph, will be the Celebrant and Homilist for the concluding White and Red Mass for Medical and Legal Professionals at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, September 6 at 4:30 PM.

All members of the public are welcome to attend. A ticketed banquet follows at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown.





Ladies of Charity Summer Social Potluck

**Dinner hosted by members, come and learn what we do
and who we serve!**

No cost to attend!

Wednesday, August 27th

Church of the Nativity

Mass at 5pm, dinner to follow.

There will be a 50/50 CASH Raffle and Retro Music BINGO after dinner

please RSVP by Monday,

August 25th

signupforlocevents@gmail.com

check out our website!

<https://ladiesofcharitykc.org/>

KC MOTHERS IN CHARGE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Every week, volunteers from KCMIC make phone calls to families who are grieving the violent loss of a loved one. These families need support and you can help. Do you have the compassion to listen and offer comfort to those in need? If so, this may be the right volunteer opportunity for you. Phone calls are made Monday - Friday, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Volunteer shifts typically last two hours. If you are interested in supporting the important mission of KC Mothers in Charge, please email latrice.murry@kcmothersincharge.org.

RACIAL JUSTICE

Explore Kansas City and patronize a Black-owned restaurant new to you.

Equal Minded Cafe, 4327 Troost Avenue
Touting the city's best chai, Equal Minded Cafe features coffee, smoothies and lunch items such as paninis. Open Monday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm; Tuesday - Thursday, 7:00 am - 4:00 pm; Friday - Saturday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Ruby Jean's Juicery, 3000 Troost Avenue
Order a smoothie, juice, bowl or healthy take on a traditional favorite, like the vegan brussel sprouts nachos. Grab and go cooler features juices, salads and healthy no-bake cookies. Open 8:00 am - 6:30 pm Monday - Friday; 9:00 am - 4:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am - 3:00 pm on Sunday.

The Combine, 2999 Troost Avenue
Enjoy wings, pizza, sandwiches and more at this centrally-located family-friendly restaurant. Open 11:00 am - 9:00 pm Monday - Thursday; 11:00 am - 10:00 pm Friday and Saturday; 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Sunday.

Union on the Hill, 2976 Gillham Road
Upscale dining in a comfortable setting, with outdoor



seating options and an extensive drink menu. Catering is also available. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11:00 am - 9:00 pm; Friday, 11:00 am - 10:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am - 10:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Urban, 3420 Troost Avenue

Enjoy breakfast or lunch in a casual, refined setting. Featuring organic and vegan-friendly options. Breakfast and lunch, Tuesday - Saturday, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm; social plates and dinner, Tuesday - Saturday, 5:00 - 10:00 pm; Sunday brunch, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Vee's Sweets & Treats, 8005 The Paseo

Find your next box of delicious donuts at this "no frills" bakery and sandwich shop. Open Tuesday - Saturday, 6:00 am - 3:00 pm (2:00 pm on Saturdays).

Niece's, 6441 Troost Ave.

Celebrating 40 years with 1985 prices on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Open Monday - Sunday 5:30 am - 7:00 pm.

Hours vary seasonally at some restaurants.

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS



Back to School Luncheon

Tuesday, August 26

12:00 Noon

Tighe Hall

RSVP to the Parish Office: 816-753-7422

ASSIGNMENTS (Optional):

1. Bring something for **Show & Tell**. After lunch, we'll get to know our fellow Shamrocks by sharing a picture, memento or other item that is important to us.
2. Bring a friend. Think you know someone who would enjoy our gatherings? Invite them to join us.

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

VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE (August 2025)

We want to thank everyone who has contributed furniture, household items and money for our refugee efforts. The committee has been busy collecting furniture and household items, assisting with medical and dental appointments, enrolling in schools and assisting with green card applications.

We are working with three refugee families: the Contreras family from Honduras, and the Kachumba and Amuri families, both originally from Democratic Republic of Congo, but more recently from Nyarugusu refugee camp in Tanzania.

The Contrerases and their four young children moved to a new apartment closer to Visitation, where the father, Miguel, now works as a school custodian. Please say hello when you see him in the halls of Visitation! Miguel is learning English and is a very hard worker. The mother, Karla, is studying for the driver's license and hopes to find a job in the months ahead. In the meantime, the committee is assisting with babysitting and transportation to and from numerous health appointments.



Ascende Amura and Children

Since 2023, our team has been assisting the large Kachumba family with all aspects of life in America. The patriarch and matriarch, Awaya and Lusua, have seven living adult children. Two daughters and their children currently live with Awaya and Lusua, along with one adult son who moved in with them last year. One daughter and her children recently moved from their house to Kentucky and another son lives in Lawrence, Kansas. Two additional daughters and their children are still in the refugee camp in Tanzania. Awaya and Lusua are Catholic and enjoy attending Mass at Visitation. Transportation and learning English are the biggest challenges for the Kachumba adults, but three adults are employed. The kids are doing well and learning English at an amazing pace. We will be assisting three school age kids with school supplies and clothes in the next few weeks.

The newest addition to our refugee family is Asende Amuri, mother of 5, who came to the US in 2016 but only recently moved to Kansas City. She is Awaya Kachumba's niece and moved to KC from Michigan for a job opportunity at a manufacturer in Parkville. Visitation members helped furnish her two-bedroom apartment near Independence Ave. We are working actively to help her with pediatric appointments, school enrollment and monthly household needs. She is gracious and so thankful for our assistance.

The challenges that these families face can be daunting, but their resilience and enduring hope for the future is inspiring. Walking hand-in-hand with all of them as they transition to life in the United States has been an amazing experience for our team - and only possible due to the generosity of our Visitation community. Thank you again - and please don't hesitate to reach out to us with questions or ideas.

Karen Miller in the church office, Laura Crowe crowelaura70@gmail.com and Julie McFarland jmcfarlandkc@gmail.com

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.

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).

TEAM LEADER NEEDED

Visitation has been invited to adopt a street in Kansas City and we need a team leader! The responsibilities include: attending training, leading a team three times per year to clean up a chosen area near our neighborhood and submitting 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.

DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY - ST. JOSEPH



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Are you celebrating your 50th anniversary between January 1 and December 31, 2025? Bishop Johnston will preside at the Mass honoring the Golden Wedding couples on Sunday, September 28 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am. Reception to follow in Fr. Donnelly Hall. This event is for the couples and their immediate family (limit of 10). Please contact Joni in the parish office at 816-753-7422 if you are one of these couples!

CONFIRMATION

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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.



HOMILY SERIES

Part 3
This
weekend!

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.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



Don't Forget!

Submit photo for
Visitation Directory

Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/visphoto25>

BLOOD DRIVE



Blood Drive

Wednesday, August 27 1:00-6:00 pm
Tighe Hall

Register online at www.savealifenow.org/group
Use Group Code: VH



 Community
Blood Center