

VISITATION PARISH
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 7, 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



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

SAVE THE DATE - Thursday September 22, for the next *"Continuing the Conversation about Racism and Our Faith."* This is an ongoing collaboration organized by parishioners of St. Monica's Catholic Church and Visitation Catholic Community. All are welcome!

BAPTISMS

- Thomas Kieffer Choquette, child of God, son of Marc & Kathleen.
- Brooks Kennedy Kershisnik's, child of God, daughter of Thomas & Lisa.
- Mary Megan Logan, child of God, daughter of John & Ellen.
- Patrick Campbell Nestor, child of God, son of Steven & Megan.
- Oliver Michael Nassif & Leander Michael Nassif, children of God, sons of Michael & Karla.
- Samuel John McGuire, child of God, son of Bryan and Leslie.
- Madison James Finn, child of God, son of Michael & Kerri.
- Greyson Sutton Logan, child of God, son of John & Margaret.

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Sarah Kindscher and Jack Fletcher on their marriage at Visitation July 30.

OUR SYMPATHY

to Judy Donnellan, on the death of her mother, Rosemary Schmiedeler; and to the members of the Weinrich and Neenan families, on the death of Trevor Weinrich.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Suzanne Adams
 Pamela Atherton
 Maggie Quirarte Bates
 Marilyn Frechin Blank
 Leonardo Borders
 Mary Ann Brown
 Bernice Campbell
 Mike Caraway
 Shari Caraway
 Marianne Carl
 Beverly Cascone
 Joanne Comisky
 Olivia Connealy
 Jimmy Connell
 Jean Cummings
 Allie May Dudenhoeffer
 Shana Gadt
 Susie Haake
 Brooke Kuechler Harris
 Darlene Henninger
 Mike Henninger
 Joe Irwin
 William Jewell
 Lee Jones
 Jaquie Kallman
 Peg Kallman
 Shirley Kempker
 Marriane Kersten
 John Langle
 Bryan Larson
 Betsy Lazere
 Jeanne Lendabarker
 Anthony Lipari, Sr.
 Jorge Maldonado

Scott Martens
 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
 Marialice Searcy
 Aimee Sesler
 Sandra Sharp
 Special Intention
 Jeannie Sullivan
 Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
 Annabelle Whalen
 Dave Wittrock
 Leigh Ann Zeller

SCHOOL



Save the Date for another opportunity to beat the heat & kick-off the new school year:

VDO @ Yogurtini: First Day of School ■ Thursday, August 18, 2022

Interested in being a VDO partner for the '22-23 school year?

Email visdiningout@gmail.com

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.



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.**

THIS WEEK!! 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.

PROMISE TO
PROTECT



A LITTLE VISITATION

Dear Friends,

I write this on Wednesday. The weather is humid and warm, kind of like a healing compress after the blast furnace of yesterday. Oddly, I remember so vividly Eileen White Werner, who grew up in this parish, coming through the front door to attend a daily Mass nearly 20 years ago, on a bitter cold morning at Our Lady of Lourdes in Harrisonville. She gingerly stepped into the church, the ice cold wind verily blowing her body into the place. She was shaking the cold out of her, saw me standing in the narthex, and said to me in humor and exasperation, "Why do we live here?" At the time, that struck me as a funny and reasonable question. Almost



always it is too wet, too dry, too hot, or too cold in this place called Missouri. I understand that there are places that get hotter and colder than this one. I know there are places that get wetter and dryer than this one. But I truly wonder if there are many places that get as hot, and as cold, and as wet, and as dry, for as long and as frequently, as this one. Surely some meteorologist out there has a meticulously researched statistical tome to answer this. I will not read it for statistics are seldom interesting, often untrustworthy, and besides, I fear after studying it, I would be even more inclined to rejoin Eileen's wonderment, "Why do we live here?"

Well, this place being the intemperate zone it is, the buildings are under perpetual assault. You folks who dwell in these century old houses know this. I was just visiting with a fellow in the office yesterday about a problem he and I share. As he was leaving, he told me about when he and his wife came to this neighborhood many years ago. He said, "We paid \$60,000 for our house, the county says it is worth north of \$400,000 now. It took me 15 years to pay it off and it has continued to cost me dearly ever since." Of course, the reason his domicile continues to siphon the bucks from his pocket is that the old thing has to withstand the blowing cold and the throbbing inferno of Kansas City. What is more, the parish buildings suffer the same ravaging cycles of torching sun and killing cold, drenching rain and parching drought. And that is why you will notice a large plywood sheet fastened across one of the western apertures of our venerable 1915 church narthex.

Surveying this inevitably obvious plywood, some of you have asked me if/when the church was broken into, what was damaged, what was taken, etc. I am relieved to report that there has been no break-in, nothing has been taken (and one might wonder what they would plausibly take anyway), and everything is fine in there. The doors are being removed, refinished, and rehung because of the terrific beating they take being exposed, as they continually are, to the brutal elements. When Visitation was built, those involved were plainly interested in using the finest materials their money could buy. Consequently, we have very expensive, very beautiful, very heavy, albeit very maintenance-intensive solid oak doors on our church. They must be thoroughly tended every few years and this time they are getting the total treatment; strip to bare wood, sand, sand some more, sand some more after that, stain, sand, varnish, sand, varnish, sand, varnish and sand. That is the process, more or less. I probably left out a sanding or two. The whole job will take between two and three weeks for the west end of the church. Mr. Patrick Casey, a most skilled tradesman, is doing the work. He will come back in the autumn and get the three doors on the south (courtyard), which are in even worse shape than the six west doors. So, there you are. That is the big door story. If any of you still have questions, please send them my way. I am happy to answer them and, besides, such queries are much easier to answer than the human and religious questions I usually get.

I guess I should turn you loose. You are very kind to read these columns. Anymore, coming out as sporadically as they do, I wonder if many people read them. Oh well, my wonderments will have to wait. I hear the familiar voice downstairs of a destitute man who has come again for me to help him. He costs me (not you) a little money, but, on the other hand, I get something too. He is an elderly African-American man and I truly enjoy his stories and idioms. He has a mighty different point of view from the run of us. I suppose that is inevitable, given the very different kind of life he has lived. I enjoy listening to him. I mention this because, far more consequential than doors, it is good to know that the poor can give us even more and more consequentially, than we give them.

In our Holy Communion,
Msgr. Bradley S. Offutt

FINANCIAL

Contribution Income for June fell short of budget by \$31,136 or 12.4%, as the 2021/2022 fiscal year drew to a close. Other Income, which includes Ministries, Program Fees, Miscellaneous one-time Donations, School Tuition, Registration Fees and Before/After Care Fees lagged behind budget by only \$2,844, bringing our Total Operating Monthly income to a deficit of \$33,980

Parish expenses in June were over budget by \$31,407 bringing our Parish Net Income to negative \$65,387 for the month.

Year -to-Date Contributions and Other Income shows a surplus of \$138,827.

Operating Expenses were over budget by \$171,039 creating a deficit in our YTD Parish Net Income of \$32,212. This year's deficit is attributed to our School Master Plan which was presented to us after the completion of our 21/22 FY budget.

Compared to the prior fiscal year to date, Parish Net Income for 2021/2022 surpassed last year's results by \$166,136.

Thank you for your continued support!

Isaac Uzcanga
Business Manager

	Month of June 2022		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 219,616	\$ 250,752	\$ (31,136)
Other Income	\$ 32,821	\$ 35,664	\$ (2,844)
Total Operating Income	\$ 252,437	\$ 286,417	\$ (33,980)
Operating Expense	\$ 497,254	\$ 465,847	\$ (31,407)
Net	\$ (244,817)	\$ (179,430)	\$ (65,387)
	Fiscal YTD (July-June)		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 4,280,688	\$ 4,153,301	\$ 127,387
Other Income	\$ 967,722	\$ 956,283	\$ 11,439
Total Operating Income	\$ 5,248,410	\$ 5,109,584	\$ 138,827
Operating Expense	\$ 5,280,622	\$ 5,109,584	\$ (171,039)
Net	\$ (32,212)	\$ -	\$ (32,212)
	Fiscal YTD This		
	Year	Fiscal YTD Last Year	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 4,280,688	\$ 4,110,438	\$ 170,250
Other Income	\$ 967,722	\$ 813,372	\$ 154,350
Total Operating Income	\$ 5,248,410	\$ 4,923,810	\$ 324,600
Operating Expense	\$ 5,280,622	\$ 5,122,159	\$ (158,464)
Net	\$ (32,212)	\$ (198,348)	\$ 166,136

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 (lhcteach20@gmail.com) or Peg Ekerdt (peggyekerdt@gmail.com).



SOCIAL CONCERNS

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE- HELP NEEDED

The Visitation Refugee Assistance Committee (VRAC) is working with Della Lamb community Services to prepare to welcome a family of new Kansas City neighbors. The new project is called "House to Home."



The process will begin with the collection of household items. Della Lamb will then match the Visitation community with a family relocating to our city and give us the location of their new home. VRAC will clean the home, move and organize our gifts there and finally meet the family and provide a welcoming meal.

Please go to our parish website, <https://www.visitation.org/>, click on the Refugee Assistance banner to use the Sign-Up Genius. Please review the list of items needed and sign up to donate. We will have a table in the narthex after each Mass beginning next Saturday, August 6.

We are also asking for volunteers to help as movers, cleaners, organizer and food helpers for the family's first meal.

This is a new outreach effort for the Visitation community and we are all excited to participate in this important mission of being the face and hand of Jesus to welcome these new neighbors!

Please contact Julie Morrand with any questions or to volunteer to help at jgmorrand@yahoo.com or 913-558-8825 or Karen Miller in the parish office. Thank you so much!

"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

Save the Date!

Visitation Golden Shamrocks

BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCHEON

Wednesday, August 24 12:00 Noon
Tighe Hall

Join us for a tasty luncheon and fellowship!
Following lunch, Visitation parishioner Dave Ekerdt, retired Professor of Sociology & Gerontology at the University of Kansas, will be our guest speaker.

RSVP: 753-7422

THANK YOU TO VISITATION

FROM BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER

Dear Visitation Golden Shamrocks,

Thank you for your generous donation to our ElderCool program. As the temperatures begin to rise, we are installing AC units to low-income seniors throughout the Kansas City Area.

Audrey, who is 83 years old, was one of our first participants. Audrey's daughter reached out when temperatures reached the 90s in May. Audrey's daughter moved in a few years ago to help care for her mother. Their home has never had central heating or air. Although Audrey's daughter says she can go without cool air, Audrey on the other hand is not able to because of health issues.

Thank you for helping to improve the life and health of seniors in our city!

Sincerely Yours,

Michelle Carlstedt
Director



FROM JOURNEY TO NEW LIFE



Dear Visitation,

Thank you for your donation of \$600 to Journey to New Life. We appreciate you. When people leave prison or jail and attempt to reintegrate into their communities—our community, the question of where support comes from gets complicated, at best.

This is where organizations like ours, Journey to New Life and you, step in. Our four core programs—Journey House and Peace House residences, Emergency Assistance, Rapid Rehousing and Employment Services provide the critical services needed to welcome, uplift, guide and support our sisters and brothers returning to Kansas City. Additionally, we work with many clients needing to make a fresh start in a new home community, due to past experiences. Thank you for choosing Journey to New Life and for supporting our mission and our community. We realize you have the opportunity to support many causes in Kansas City and we're grateful you find the reentry population worth your investment. We do too.

Your donation allows us to provide wrap-around services. It's because of contributions like yours that we're able to meet people where they are and help them to get where they want to go. We're proud to do the work we do and we're proud to be in partnership with you.

With a grateful heart and on behalf of Journey to New Life staff and clients, we thank you.

Respectfully,
Kathleen Kennedy
Executive Director

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
AUGUST 9-14**

Tuesday, August 9
6:45 am Jeanne Blanck †
8:15 am Michelle Chollet †

Wednesday, August 10
6:45 am Jim Lynch †
8:15 am Thomas Beckers †

Thursday, August 11
6:45 am Fr. Norman Rotert †

Friday, August 12
8:15 am Polly Donnelly †

Saturday, August 13
8:15am Filiberto Scharrer †
4:00 pm People of Visitation

Sunday, August 14
8:00 am William Horseman †
10:30 am Michael Siragusa †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS AUGUST 13-14

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	J. Sonnenberg J. Myre A. Hawley	J. Harkness Q. Scanlon A. Hughes	J. McPherson C. O'Brien J. Sallee
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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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Victim Assistance Coordinator,
Whitney True-Francis 392-0011

RCIA

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey of faith in community.

AN INFORMATIONAL SESSION WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Faith Formation Room.

WHO JOURNEYS THROUGH RCIA?

- Adults who have experienced God in their life, have begun to know Jesus, but have never been baptized.
- Adults who were baptized in the Catholic church as a child and are now asking to celebrate the remaining Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation) in the Catholic tradition.
- Baptized and unbaptized adults who were brought up in another Christian tradition and are now seeking full communion in the Catholic church through the Sacraments.
- The entire Visitation community! – our parishioners and pastor, our pastoral associates and parish staff – all journey with RCIA Inquirers through our prayers and participation. All are welcome on Tuesday nights!



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.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION



S.O.R. TEAM PRIORITIES

- Support the Domestic Church
- Make Disciples of Jesus
- Encourage Servant Leadership
- Reinforce a Catholic Identity

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE!

Classes for K – 9 grade begin September 12,
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 an awareness of the **social teaching of the Church**.
- ◇ to see their gifts as God-given to be used **in service to neighbor** and society.

An Ecumenical Note:

*School of Religion at Vis offers opportunities to gather for ecumenical prayer and **demonstrate a visible unity among Christians**. We extend a warm welcome especially to our protestant and non-denominational Christian parents, friends and neighbors. The S.O.R. Ministry Team strives to make S.O.R. a welcoming place for all through common prayer and Gospel values. While explicitly Catholic in doctrine and identity, each lesson of the S.O.R. curriculum and adult opportunities are rooted in Scripture.*



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