

VISITATION PARISH
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28, 2021



M A S S C H E D U L E

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

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Visitation has an immediate opening for a parish secretary. If you know some one who may be interested please direct them to this link: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/810210/Available-Positions/ReceptionistSecretary>.

AT HOME WITH THE WORD IS ON SALE NOW!

This annual resource guides you to a deeper understanding of the Sunday Scriptures, providing the readings for the new liturgical year, insights from Scripture scholars and action steps for living the Gospel. You can purchase your copy in the church narthex or office for a donation of \$5.00.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE & WELCOME DECEMBER 5 AT 8:00 AM MASS

With the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome, our parish will embrace 5 adults and 1 child into our community as catechumens and candidates seeking full initiation into the Catholic church.

Please pray for Leslie, Skeet, Ian, Hank, Kolton and Kathryn Grace.



PARISH BOOK FOR 2021-2022

Join others in our faith community who are reading this year's parish book, *Binding Us Together*, a memoir by Alvin L. Brooks. Pick up your free copy today from the church narthex or parish office.

CHILI COOK OFF - TODAY!

The Knights of Columbus Council #1698 will once again host a benefit for Habitat for Humanity. The Chili contest will be held today!! from 5:00 -7:00 pm in Tighe Hall. Please plan to come and sample some of the delicious offerings. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. All proceeds will help Habitat bring the joy of home ownership to life for a family in need.



WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Amy Kuhnlein and Scott Fehrm on their marriage at Visitation on November 20.

PRAYING FOR OTHERS
HELPS US STAY CONNECTED
TO GOD AND TO ONE ANOTHER.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Shana Gadt

Suzanne Adams
Tina Amaro
Pamela Atherton
Barbara Kopp Atkinson
Maggie Quirarte Bates
Marilyn Frechin Blank
Dorothy Bock
Leonardo Borders
Mary Ann Brown
Mike Caraway
Shari Caraway
Marianne Carl
Beverly Cascone
Joanne Comiskey
Olivia Connealy
Jimmy Connell
Hunter Cook
Polly Donnelly
Allie May Dudenhoefter
Tom Fraley
Susie Haake
Brooke Kuechler Harris
Mike Henninger
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
Jaquie Kallman
Peg Kallman
Shirley Kempker
Marriane Kersten
Ken Krna Family
John Langle
Bryan Larson
Betsy Lazere
Jeanne Lendabarker
Anthony Lipari, Sr.

Scott Martens
Priscilla McInnes
Thomas McNamara
Tricia Melland
Birdie Mendence
Mary Montgomery
Joe Noblitt
Jennifer Olson
Maria Onate
Charles Oppenlander
Nicholas Parscale
Leonardo Passantino
Connie Perucca
Pat Piranio
Nicola Pistone
Peggy Pruitt
Quinn Regan
Carol Riesmeyer
Ellie Rose
Forrest Rowe
The Ryan Family
The Saalberg Family
Jeff Schilling
Fran Schuetz
Barbara Schulte
Aimee Sesler
Bill Sharp
Sandra Sharp
Sharon Smart
Special Intention
Jeannie Sullivan
Peter Thompson
Tripp Thompson
Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Annabelle Whalen
Dave Wittrock
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, Vicenza, Italy; Maj. Chris Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Maj. Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Staff Sgt. Louis Perez, San Diego, CA.

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



Don't forget—Everyone is invited an hour's conversation with civic leader and housing advocate, Dianne Cleaver, on December 1 at 6:30 pm in Tighe Hall.

Recently, the sales floor staff at the religious bookstore, I. Donnelly (6601 Troost) prepared a list of children's books that reflect diverse races and cultures. The Vis Racial Justice Committee is grateful to Gina and Anne for their work and invite parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to consider a visit to this local Catholic bookstore.

Christmas books in which the Holy Family looks Middle Eastern

- ⇒ My Son, My Savior by Calvin Miller
- ⇒ Mary's First Christmas by Walter Wangerin Jr.

- ⇒ The Night of His Birth by Katherine Paterson

Christmas book featuring diverse races or black main characters:

- ⇒ Fear Not! by Monica Hall
- ⇒ Baby Jesus Like My Brother by Margery Wheeler Brown
- ⇒ Probity Jones and the Fear Not Angel by Walter Wangerin, Jr.
- ⇒ Counting to Christmas by Gail Pawlitz

Series with diverse subjects:

- ⇒ Tiny Saints board books from OSV (Therese Lisieux, Justo Takayama Ukon, Martin de Porres, Kateri Tekakwitha, Juan Diego, Moses the Black)
- ⇒ An Hour With.... (Julia Greeley, Augustus Tolton, Mother Mary Lange, Kateri Tekakwitha, Mother Henriette Delille, Pierre Toussaint, Thea Bowman, etc) – Adult series but appropriate for teens.

Books featuring diverse races:

- ⇒ Jesus Hears Me by Joni Walker
- ⇒ Light of Sunday by Geena Harrington (includes kids with different abilities as well)
- ⇒ I Am: God Shares His Name by Marlys Honeyman
- ⇒ Little Prayers for Little Ones by Patricia Edward Jablonski, FSP
- ⇒ God Made Wonderful Me! by Genny Monchamp

Books featuring people from different countries:

- ⇒ Let There Be Llamas! by Virginia Kroll (23 different countries represented)
- ⇒ Dear Pope Francis (22 different countries represented)

Books featuring black main characters:

- ⇒ Psalm Twenty-Three by Tim Ladwig
- ⇒ The Legend of the Valentine by Katherine Grace Bond
- ⇒ What is My Song? by the Linns (based on an African fable)

Books on religious diversity:

- ⇒ My Jewish Friend by Celia Sirois
- ⇒ My Muslim Friend by Doona Jean Kemmetmueller, FSP

PEACE TREE

ADVENT PEACE TREE



Gift tags are in the narthex this weekend! Our Advent Peace Tree collection is a long-standing Visitation tradition. There are 14 different parishes, programs and entities that serve the needs of the poor and depend on the generosity of our community during this season of giving. Please plan to pick up a gift suggestion tag today. All donations need to be returned by December 12. Should you have any questions, please email Marny Sherman at msherman@mlpholdings.com or call her at 509-2892.

Help is needed for our Advent Peace Tree Collection

- ⇒ December 4 & 5 - Volunteers needed before or after Masses to carry Peace Tree gifts to storage.
- ⇒ December 12 - Sort Peace Tree gifts. Volunteers meet in Tighe Hall after 9:00 am Mass.
- ⇒ December 13 - Deliver Peace Tree gifts. Volunteers meet in Tighe Hall at 8:30 am.

To volunteer or to learn more about these opportunities or ways you can support this effort, please contact Marny Sherman at msherman@mlpholdings.com or 509-2892.



SCHOOL OF RELIGION

S.O.R. is a religious education program that serves the children of Visitation and their families. We gather in the church on Mondays from 5:15 - 6:15 pm.

While the kids are in class...

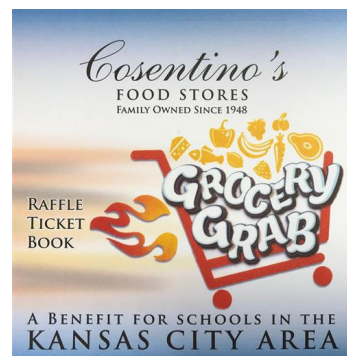
- On December 6, Fr. Charles Rowe will be at Vis to offer the Sacrament of Penance to parents and godparents during class time.
- Parents and any parish adult are invited to reflect on God's forgiveness as we enter the Advent season. We have been using the booklet "Forgiveness: Choosing to Receive and to Give" from the Little Rock Scripture Study series, "Alive in the Word." **FINAL SESSION - December 13 - *Sharing in the Mission of Jesus.***

SCHOOL

GROCERY GRAB—THE SCHOOL WINS!

Tickets are \$5 each... and **all** money goes directly to the School. Last year, we raised over \$6,000! The more you buy, the more chances you have to win.

Everyone who buys a ticket WINS! Every \$5 ticket gives you a coupon for \$5 off your \$50 grocery purchase (valid at Cosentino's Price Choppers, Cosentino's Market, and select Apple Market and Sunfresh stores). Buy more, save more - you're donating \$5 and saving \$5! **Tickets must be purchased by November 29.** Purchase online: [HTTPS://FORM.IOTFORM.COM/VISITATIONPTO/PRICE-CHOPPER-RAFFLE](https://form.iotform.com/visitationpto/price-chopper-raffle)



MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 5

Tuesday, November 30

6:45 am Brenda Stremel †

8:15 am Robert Lester †

Wednesday, December 1

6:45 am Matt Levi †

8:15 am The Rouse Family

Thursday, December 2

6:45 am Mae Brown †

Friday, December 3

8:15 am Catherine Bingert †

Saturday, December 4

8:15 am Jared Palmer †

4:00 pm Rev. Cornelius J. Murray †

Sunday, December 5

8:00 am People of Visitation

10:30 am Margaret Kohn †

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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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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St. Vincent De Paul Help Line
753-9061

Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph
Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 812-2500
Victim Assistance Coordinator,
Whitney True-Francis 392-0011

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
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

FINANCIAL

Contribution Income in October rebounded from the downward trend in the previous month, exceeding budget by \$51,121 or 21.5% this month, and increasing the year-to-date surplus to \$52,204, or 5.2%. This upswing is rooted in timing differences in the giving patterns of a number of donors during the current calendar year. We are hopeful that all of our parishioners will show their heartfelt generosity and fulfill their 2021 pledges by the end of December in order to bring our Contribution income for the year-to-date into alignment with our budget in the next few months.

Other Income, which includes ministries and program fees, miscellaneous one-time donations, school tuition, registration fees and after care fees exceeded budget by \$1,198 in October, primarily due to higher than expected extended care income this month.

Parish expenses were over budget for October by \$23,698, due to school personnel and facilities expenses (utilities,

software and the purchase of two new refrigerators for school). The net before extraordinary for the month of October shows a deficit of \$119,675, \$28,621 better than how we anticipated the month to end.

The positive variance in parish Contribution Income in October served to boost the cumulative from the prior months to \$45,301 ahead of budget, while the negative expense variance in October wiped-out the positive variance carried forward from September, resulting in a deficit of \$5,437 or 0.3%, leaving a net before extraordinary surplus of \$38,828.

Compared to the prior fiscal year-to-date, parish net income for 2021/2022 surpassed last year's results by 82,426. This particular positive variance, however, will fluctuate from month to month as the year progresses, due in part to normal contribution and expenditure timing differences and to the volatility and some uncertainty that the Covid pandemic has introduced into Visitation parish life.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Visitation offers a Baptism Preparation class for new parents six times a year. The next class will be **Saturday, December 18 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am in the church**. We will prayerfully walk through the Rite of Baptism and learn about the meaning of the ancient and rich Sacramental symbols.

- New parents are required to complete Baptism preparation prior to their child's baptism.
- All are welcome! Parents who would like a "refresher," or godparents wishing to deepen their understanding of Baptism, are encouraged to attend the class.
- To learn more, contact Teresa Albright at 753-5155 x1306 or visit the Baptism page on our website to begin planning for your child's baptism.



Month of October 2021

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 289,271	\$ 238,151	\$ 51,121
Other Income	\$ 18,783	\$ 17,585	\$ 1,198
Total Operating Income	\$ 308,055	\$ 255,736	\$ 52,319
Operating Expense	\$ 427,729	\$ 404,031	\$ (23,698)
Net	\$ (119,675)	\$ (148,296)	\$ 28,621

Fiscal YTD (July-October)

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 1,049,872	\$ 997,669	\$ 52,204
Other Income	\$ 750,038	\$ 756,941	\$ (6,903)
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,799,911	\$ 1,754,610	\$ 45,301
Operating Expense	\$ 1,686,717	\$ 1,681,244	\$ (5,473)
Net	\$ 113,193	\$ 73,365	\$ 39,828

	Fiscal YTD This Year	Fiscal YTD Last Year	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 1,049,872	\$ 971,201	\$ 78,672
Other Income	\$ 750,038	\$ 665,675	\$ 84,363
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,799,911	\$ 1,636,876	\$ 163,034
Operating Expense	\$ 1,686,717	\$ 1,606,109	\$ (80,608)
Net	\$ 113,193	\$ 30,767	\$ 82,426

You are Invited to Community Conversations about *Procession*

A documentary called *Procession* was filmed in our diocese and facilitates drama therapy for six survivors of clergy sexual abuse, some from our diocese. It will be released on Netflix on November 19.

What is your reaction to this?

This might be the first you've heard about it, or you may have already attended a pre-screening. You might be angry, curious, hopeful, infuriated, sad, anxious or all of these. Your emotions might be directed at the Church or any number of individuals. You might even be mad at yourself for feeling how you feel.

Journey to Bethany invites you, your friends and family to join with others in conversation about the film and the thoughts and feelings this brings up in you. These conversations are designed as safe spaces with a structure that allows for all to participate in the way in which they are most comfortable. It allows for all feelings and opinions to be shared and for the community to support one another. In addition, counseling professionals will be available for anyone who might want to speak with someone one-on-one.

The events are open to the public, so please share this invitation. In accordance with COVID-19 safety best practices, registration is required so that social distancing may be accommodated. Learn more and register at www.journeytobethany.org/conversations. We are considering a fully online (Zoom) session as well; if you prefer this option, please use the form on the website to let us know.

Schedule of Community Conversations

November 30 | 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Red Bridge Library Community Room

December 16 | 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
North Independence Library Community Room

January 9 | 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Location TBD



Serving those harmed by clergy sexual abuse through actions of healing and justice.

www.journeytobethany.org

FAITH FORMATION



ADVENT WREATH MAKING

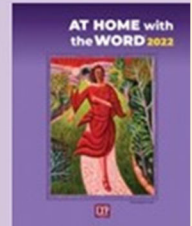
First Sunday of Advent—November 28
Tighe Hall * 9:00—10:30 a.m.

TODAY!

\$10.00 Advent Wreath Kit includes

- candles / 3 purple, 1 rose
- wreath ring (or bring your own)
- fresh evergreen fir tips
- wire to attached evergreen
- holiday ribbon for embellishment

Advent begins a new liturgical year.
Don't forget to pick up your copy of
the 2022 Scripture resource
At Home with the Word
for only \$5.00.



GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

ST. NICHOLAS LUNCHEON

Celebrate the season with the Visitation Golden Shamrocks! All senior members of the parish are invited to our St. Nicholas Day soup & salad luncheon (vegetarian/gluten-free options available.) Bring your wrapped or unwrapped white elephant gift(s) (wrapping makes it more fun) for White Elephant Bingo—you can play even if you don't bring a gift! Join us Monday, December 6 at 12:00 Noon in Tighe Hall. RSVP to the parish office at 753-7422.

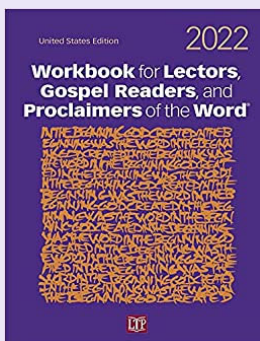


PASTORAL CARE

PLANNING AND UNDERSTANDING A CATHOLIC FUNERAL - NOVEMBER 30 AT 6:00 PM



A funeral liturgy is rich in beautiful symbolism, movement, and prayer. Do you or your loved ones know what your favorite scripture or hymns are? What does the church say about cremation? What is the difference between a funeral mass and memorial? How do you plan for a Catholic funeral? Pastoral Associate Chris Sanders will speak on how to plan a Catholic funeral or memorial. Join us on **November 30 at 6:00 pm in Tighe Hall.**



**LECTORS: YOUR 2022
WORKBOOK FOR
LECTORS IS AVAILABLE
FOR PICKUP IN THE
USHER/GREETER ROOM
AFTER MASSES THIS
WEEKEND.**

Friday, November 19 at 7:40 am
8 pages

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