

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
VISITATION PARISH  
FEBRUARY 26, 2023



**THE SEASON OF LENT**

- ‡ **Pray** ~ Our St. Joseph and Blessed Sacrament chapels, and our church nave are open during the day for personal prayer. On Mondays, they remain open until 6:30 pm for parish children and their families. After the weekday 8:15 am Mass, the Rosary is prayed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. On Wednesday, there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the St. Joseph Chapel from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Catholics are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter. Our Parish Communal Penance Service is Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 pm.
- ‡ **Fast and abstain** ~ Persons between the ages of 18 and 59 are asked to keep a simple fast (one full meal plus two smaller meals that together do not equal one full meal and no snacking) on Good Friday. Persons over the age of 14 are asked to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays of Lent.
- ‡ **Give Alms** ~ Opportunities for generosity include: Rice Bowl (benefits Catholic Relief Services) throughout the season; Catholic Relief Services Collection (overseas emergency aid) on the March 18-19 weekend; and the Good Friday Collection on April 7 (benefits Christians in the Holy Land).

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

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

### LENT SMALL GROUPS

Lent Small Groups have begun. Leader guides and copies of Sunday Scripture readings are available in the church narthex. Didn't get the chance to sign-up? Join one of our "open small groups" listed in this bulletin or visit [www.visionmainkc.com/small-groups](http://www.visionmainkc.com/small-groups).

### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Visitation offers a Baptism Preparation class for new parents six times a year. The next class will be **Sunday, March 6 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm in the church narthex.** We will prayerfully walk through the Rite of Baptism and learn about its ancient and rich sacramental symbols.

- New parents are required to complete Baptism preparation prior to their child's baptism.
- All are welcome! Parents who want a "refresher," or godparents wishing to deepen their understanding of Baptism, are encouraged to attend the class.
- To learn more, contact Teresa Albright at 753-7422 x1306 or [teresa@church.visitation.org](mailto:teresa@church.visitation.org).

### PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

- Brycen & Margaret Rice
- Marc & Kristi Wakat
- Christine Pivovar
- Sal & Lindsey Cicero & children Sam & Frank
- Jessie & John Martens & children Sloane & Julia
- Cecile (Sicily) O'Hara & Matt Cruth & children Killian & Auggie Cruth
- Scott Johnson
- Beth Putthoff & Randi Law & child Wesli

### CONFIRMATION MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Please meet in Tighe Hall at 12:00 Noon.

### FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING

Parents of 2nd graders receiving the Sacrament of First Communion this spring are reminded of the First Eucharist Parent Meeting on Monday, February 27 at 6:30 pm in Tighe Hall. At least one parent must attend this meeting.

### SCHOOL OF RELIGION

LENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD! Monthly Communion Service & Children's Stations of the Cross. We meet on **Monday, March 6 at 5:15 pm in the St. Joseph Chapel.**

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

Pamela Atherton	Scott Martens
Maggie Quirarte Bates	Priscilla McInnes
Marilyn Frechin Blank	Tim McNamara
Leonardo Borders	Thomas McNamara
Chase Brundridge	Tricia Melland
Mike Caraway	Birdie Mendence
Shari Caraway	Andy Metzler
Marianne Carl	Lionel Morgan
Beverly Cascone	Dede Murphy
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Jennifer Olson
Olivia Connealy	Charles Oppenlander
Jean Cummings	Nicholas Parscale
Allie May Dudenhoefter	Nicola Pistone
Bill Fuss	Kat Potter
Shana Gadt	Peggy Pruitt
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Ruth Quirarte
Mike Henninger	Quinn Regan
Joe Irwin	Ellie Rose
William Jewell	The Ryan Family
Erin Kallman	The Saalberg Family
Jaquie Kallman	Fran Schuetz
Shirley Kempker	Barbara Schulte
Marriane Kersten	Aimee Sesler
Kevin Koch	Sandra Sharp
John Langle	Bill Stone
Bryan Larson	Special Intention
Betsy Lazere	Jeannie Sullivan
Jeanne Lendabarker	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Anthony Lipari, Sr.	Annabelle Whalen
Mary Lipari	Dave Wittrock
Jorge Maldonado	Leigh Ann Zeller

### Reminder:

Thank you for sharing your name with us. We are always ready to pray for you and your loved one. Please contact us and let us know when you or your loved one is doing better and ready to be taken off the prayer list. God Bless.

*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 # 9

On Alert: Team # 1

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 28– MARCH 5

**Tuesday, February 28**  
6:45 am Katherine Beckers †  
8:15 am Barbara Strayer †

**Wednesday, March 1**  
6:45 am Virginia Wasson †  
8:15 am Dorothy Ley †

**Thursday, March 2**  
6:45 am Jim Beckers †

**Friday, March 3**  
8:15 am Patrick Gettino †

**Saturday, March 4**  
8:15am Dorothy Condellone Ley †  
4:00 pm Mike Frechin †

**Sunday, March 5**  
8:00 am Beattie Muraski †  
10:30 am For the People of Visitation

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS MARCH 4-5

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	B. Dro C. Elfrink C. Langlade	T. Colburn K. Schilling A. Hughes	K. Campbell B. Chaney N. Clarkson
	D. Pucci R. Moran M. Kirwin S. Kearns A. Sonnenberg K. Hughes	S. Miller D. Devine C. Schorgl J. Grego T. Egan	T. Mayer A. Florez E. Florez M. Florez <b>NOT FILLED</b>
E M S	J. Anderson	S. Miller	E. Carlyle
LECTOR	C. Elfrink J. Elfrink O. Elfrink	T. Colburn J. Hughes <b>NOT FILLED</b>	R. Lang J. Swafford <b>NOT FILLED</b>
USHERS	C. Ruiz	J. Palmer	S. Mayer
SACRISTAN			

### PARISH BOUNDARIES

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47th Street on the North to Meyer Blvd on the  
South

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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 2022-23

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Victim Assistance Coordinator,  
Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

## CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH



All are warmly welcomed to the Visitation **Christ Renews His Parish Retreat 2023!** This retreat is focused on personal and community faith renewal and refreshment. Together we will learn, pray, share and reflect on God's calling, and revitalize our faithfulness.

Scan the QR code to register.  
Please join us on March 25 & 26!



### Quotes:

Tina Mateski, CRHP participant:

"My church connections were limited to my former Visitation School associations and the choir. CRHP has expanded my church circle in a very diverse way. We are a wide range of ages, which is wonderful to experience."

Msgr. Offutt, CRHP participant:

"CRHP is where the parish comes to discover itself...a deeper, more abiding attachment to our parish community."

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2023-2024



Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year opened last week. Tithing families must have a 2023 pledge on file in order to receive the enrollment link. Current families who do not receive an enrollment link by February 20 should contact Megan Burdolski. If you have questions about enrollment, please contact Megan at 816-753-5155 x1305 or [megan@church.visitation.org](mailto:megan@church.visitation.org).



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 816-812-2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto: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 816-392-0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN

During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



### THANK YOU FROM JOURNEY TO NEW LIFE

Dear Visitation Church Social Services,

Your generosity has allowed us to do so much in supporting people on their journey to a healthier life following incarceration. We are so grateful for your contribution of \$900 given in February of 2023.

In 2022, because of donors like you, we made the following impact:

- ◆ **Emergency Assistance** - 1,947 people were helped during our walk-in “welcome back” hours. Most frequent needs were identification, clothing, shoes, occupational supplies, hygiene items and backpacks.
- ◆ **Residences (Journey House & Peace House)** - 97 persons leaving Missouri women’s prisons safely landed with us to start a new life.
- ◆ **Reentry Housing Case Management** - 120 people obtained housing and support through our “Housing First” model of assisting the housing of persons dealing with homelessness.
- ◆ **Employment Services** - 111 returning citizens obtained one to one help to obtain and maintain employment.

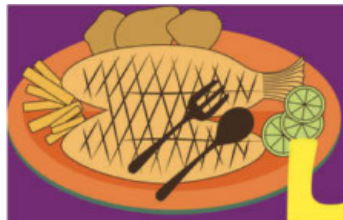
We are so grateful for your support in helping those working hard to move away from past mistakes and trauma and find their inner strength “for good.”

In gratitude,

Kathleen Kennedy  
Executive Director



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



VISITATION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS



FRIDAYS - FEBRUARY 24, MARCH 3 & MARCH 31

5:30-7:30 PM TIGHE HALL

**COST: \$15 ADULTS, \$10 K-8, \$45 FAMILY, UNDER K FREE.**

MENU: FRIED CATFISH, BAKED TILAPIA, FISH TACOS, CHEESE PIZZA, MAC & CHEESE, GREEN BEANS, COLE SLAW, FRENCH FRIES & FRESH-BAKED ROLLS. CASH BAR AVAILABLE.  
7TH GRADE SELLING ICE CREAM FOR DESSERT.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHILI COOK OFF, BENEFITTING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TODAY, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26!

Please join us today, Sunday, February 26 from 5:00-6:30 pm in Tighe Hall for our annual Chili Cook-Off benefitting Habitat for Humanity. Come and enjoy several types of chili made by your fellow parishioners! Sample all the different chilies and receive 5 vote tickets. You may purchase additional votes for \$1.00 each. Your vote will help decide who will wear the crown of 2023 Chili Champion!



## FINANCIAL

January Contribution Income surpassed the budget by \$1,961, or 0.21%.

This included \$529,409.35 in 2023 advance pledge payments received during the calendar year of 2022, in addition to \$405,367.09 in regular January collections, this surplus aligns with the financial patterns seen in previous years. This month's excess in contributions has reduced the year-to-date shortfall in contribution income to \$60,748 or 2.1% of budget.

Other Income, which includes ministries, program fees, miscellaneous one-time donations, school tuition, registration fees and before/after care fees exceeded budget by \$8,359 in January. Bringing our Total Operating monthly income to a surplus positive variance of \$13,561 in the month.

Parish expenses in January were under budget by 0.8% or \$3,242, creating a Parish Net Income surplus of \$13,561 for the month.

Year-to-Date Contribution and Other Income shows a deficit of only \$23,590.

Operating Expenses remain under budget by \$26,043 creating for the first time this year a surplus in our year-to-date Parish Net Income of 0.3% or \$2,453.

Compared to the prior fiscal year-to-date Parish Net Income for 2022/2023 is behind last year's results by \$38,865.

	Month of January 2022		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
<b>Contribution Income</b>	\$ 934,776	\$ 932,816	\$ 1,961
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 24,087	\$ 15,728	\$ 8,359
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	\$ 958,864	\$ 948,544	\$ 10,320
<b>Operating Expense</b>	\$ 424,066	\$ 427,307	\$ 3,242
<b>Net</b>	\$ 534,798	\$ 521,237	\$ 13,561

	Fiscal YTD (July-January)		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
<b>Contribution Income</b>	\$ 2,824,029	\$ 2,884,776	\$ (60,748)
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 984,789	\$ 947,632	\$ 37,158
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	\$ 3,808,818	\$ 3,832,408	\$ (23,590)
<b>Operating Expense</b>	\$ 3,063,496	\$ 3,089,540	\$ 26,043
<b>Net</b>	\$ 745,322	\$ 742,869	\$ 2,453

	Fiscal YTD This	Fiscal YTD Last	Difference
	Year	Year	
<b>Contribution Income</b>	\$ 2,824,029	\$ 2,931,729	\$ (107,700)
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 984,789	\$ 840,485	\$ 144,304
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	\$ 3,808,818	\$ 3,772,214	\$ 36,604
<b>Operating Expense</b>	\$ 3,063,496	\$ 2,988,027	\$ (75,469)
<b>Net</b>	\$ 745,322	\$ 784,187	\$ (38,865)

## PASTORAL CARE

### FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish community, we thank our Women of Vis Funeral Meal Team #3: Wendy Maggiorotto, Amy Holewinski, Ricki Ritter, Mary Etta O'Neill and Sandie McCray. **Team 5:** Carrie McCausland, Michelle Pal & Cathy Colburn; **Team 10:** Kathy Hughes, Cynthia Solorio, Patty Vertovec & LaNora Hughes; **Team #12** captains Paula Banes & Tatia Batz and team members Teresa Hughes, Jean McPherson, Janie Palmer, Brooke Harris, Joanne Scurato, Judy Hartner & Anne Gagel; **Team Leaders Debbie Lolli & Susan Irwin and members** Elizabeth Carlyle, Mary Clarkson, Suzette Cutcliff, Betty Devine, Sarah Griggs, Becky Gude, Patti Finn, Pat Landwehr, Fran Lester, Kate Mahoney, Cathy Maple, Tina Mateski, Mary Montgomery, Dede Murphy, Louise Meyers, Barb Nelson, Cara Newell, Valerie Roach, Joanie Spiking, Becky Summers, Patty Walsh & Mary Wirken.

## RACIAL JUSTICE

### CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH BY ATTENDING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY.

Saturday, February 26 at 2:00 pm, Kansas City Public Library Central Library, Helzberg Auditorium

Learning from Gordon Parks - Lawrence, Kansas photographer Ann Dean discusses the impact and inspiration found in three seminal books - The Learning Tree, A Choice of Weapons, and Half Past Autumn - by Kansas-born Black author, photographer, and filmmaker Gordon Parks, one of the most renowned documentarians of American life and culture in the 20th century. Click here to register: <https://kclibrary.org/node/32419/register>

Sunday, February 26 at 2:00 pm, Kansas City Public Library Central Branch— Screening of the film “Nope”

Sunday, February 26 at 2:00 pm, Gem Theater, 1615 E. 18th St. (See Flyer Below)

Monday, February 27 at 6:30 pm

I'm So Glad - United Methodist Church, 5001 W. 137th St., Leawood, KS, Foundry Hall, Building B, Check out the premiere showing of a documentary film about Kansas City's Black Gospel Music. Panel discussion to follow. Limited seats are free. Register at <https://bit.ly/3wydvMZ>

Here are some children's books to celebrate Black History Month: <https://tinyurl.com/6adnzvz>

**FREE SCREENING**  
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC'S NEW GLOBAL SHOW  
**BLACK TRAVEL ACROSS AMERICA**  
FEATURING  
**NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUM & RUBY JEAN'S JUICERY**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH | 2PM**  
FOLLOWING THE SCREENING, JOIN US FOR A FIRESIDE CONVERSATION WITH:  
**MELISSA ROBINSON** COUNCILWOMAN  
**BOB KENDRICK** NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUM  
**CHRIS GOODE** RUBY JEAN'S JUICERY  
**GLENN NORTH** HOST/ MODERATOR KANSAS CITY MUSEUM  
**SCREENING HELD AT THE GEM THEATER**  
1615 E 18TH ST, KANSAS CITY, MO 64108

### WRAP UP BLACK HISTORY MONTH BY...

- Visiting the Negro League Baseball Museum where admission is free in February. Open Sunday, from 12 Noon–5:00 pm, Monday from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm and Tuesday from 10:00 am–5:00 pm.
- Check out some really great children's or adult books! The Racial Justice Committee Black History Month Book Shelf will be in the Narthex for a couple more Sundays. Please take advantage of this chance to read some worthwhile and informative books!



# FAITH FORMATION

## NEW LENTEN SMALL GROUPS FOR 2023 ARE FORMING NOW!

The below small faith-sharing communities are opening their “doors” and welcoming new faces this Lent. Also below are ideas for starting your own group. Have questions? Contact Ashley Rodden, Faith Formation Team Member and Small Groups Chair, at [ashley@lover-cosmetics.com](mailto:ashley@lover-cosmetics.com)

### The Monastic Heart for Community Builders

*Sundays, 5:00 p.m.*

*The Larson & Closson Homes*

ALL ARE WELCOME in this group.

Parents can bring their school-age children.

**Hosts:** Kristie/Ryan Larson & Don/Jamie Closson

**Resource:** “The Monastic Heart” book

**Contact:** [kbraylarson@gmail.com](mailto:kbraylarson@gmail.com)

### Women of Faith

*Tuesdays, 10:00 am*

*Retreat Room, Tighe Hall*

This group is open to ALL WOMEN.

Come join us!

**Host:** Julie McCann

**Resource:** “At Home with the Word”

**Contact:** [mccannx5@gmail.com](mailto:mccannx5@gmail.com)

### Thursday Evenings with Lorraine Gordon

*Thursdays, 7:30 pm*

Explore the way excerpts from “The Monastic Heart” can enrich Lenten Scripture.

**Host:** Lorraine Gordon

**Resource:** “The Monastic Heart” book

**Contact:** [lorrainegordon116@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainegordon116@gmail.com)

### Scripture & Politics

*Tuesdays, 10:00 am*

*Online*

This group welcomes anyone wishing to discuss the social implications of the Gospel. We take a liberal approach to how faith and politics are lived out today.

**Host:** Millie Krna

**Resource:** “At Home with the Word”

**Contact:** [milliekrna@gmail.com](mailto:milliekrna@gmail.com)

WANT TO RESURRECT  
YOUR SMALL GROUP THAT  
STOPPED MEETING?

THINKING ABOUT  
STARTING YOUR OWN  
SMALL LENT GROUP?

LET US HELP YOU!

[www.visionmainkc.com](http://www.visionmainkc.com)

### Lenten Articles of Faith

*Tuesdays, 12:30 pm*

*Online*

ALL ARE WELCOME in this group.

Join us over your lunch hour for Scripture and Lenten discussions.

**Host:** JoAnn Axtell

**Resource:** Scripture, current periodicals and chapters from “The Monastic Heart.”

**Contact:** [jpaxtell19@gmail.com](mailto:jpaxtell19@gmail.com)

### START A GROUP AND SPEND LENT WITH 8-12 OF YOUR FAVORITE PEOPLE

Your CRHP Sisters/Brothers

The parents of your child’s classmates

Vis neighbors who live on your street

H.S. Seniors reunited with  
their 8th grade classmates

### FREE LENTEN RESOURCE

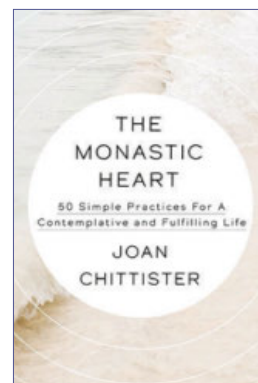
In addition to weekly Scripture reflections and discussion questions, the Vis Faith Formation Team has created a resource for registered groups using the 2023 parish book by Sr. Joan Chittister, with discussion questions prepared by Benetvision. Consider starting a group with one of these themes: →

Choose from one of these chapter sets curated by the Faith Formation Team.

### The Monastic Heart for...

- *The Domestic Church*
- *Community Builders*
- *Leaders*
- *Introverts*
- *Lovers of Liturgy*
- *Praying with Sacramentals*

**ABOUT OUR 2023 PARISH BOOK:** This book carries the weight and wisdom of the monastic spiritual tradition into the twenty-first century. Sister Joan Chittister, OSB leans into Saint Benedict, who, as a young man in the sixth century, sought moral integrity in the face of an empire not by conquering or overpowering the empire but by simply living an ordinary life extraordinarily well. This same monastic mindset can help us grow in wisdom, equanimity, and strength of soul as we seek restoration and renewal both at home and in the world. Without stepping foot in a monastery, we can become, like those before us, a deeper, freer self, a richer soul—and, as a result, a true monastic, so “that in all things God may be glorified.”





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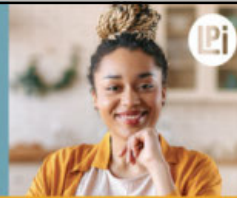
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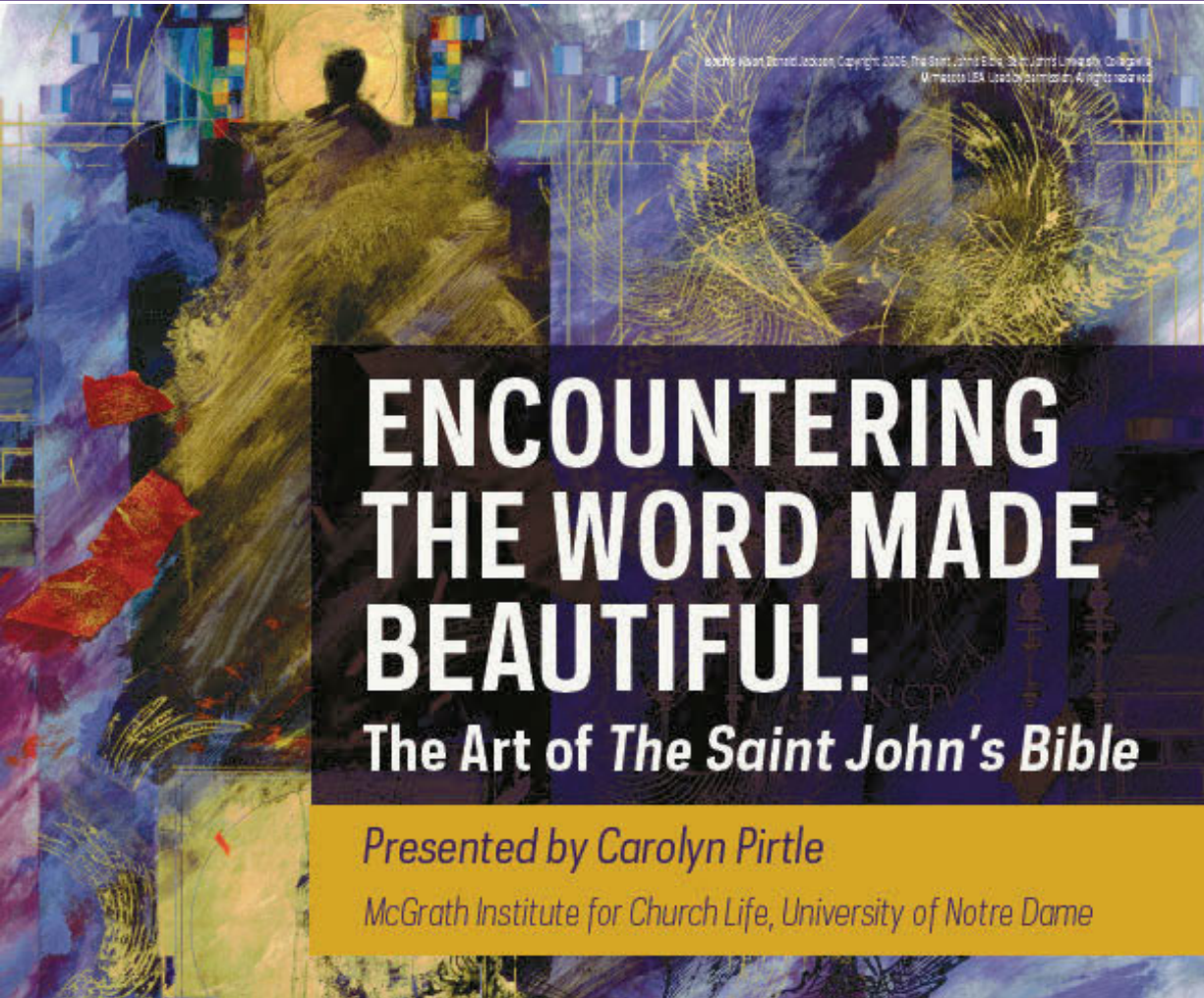
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