

VISITATION PARISH FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 6, 2022



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 Tuesday, April 5 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 30-31 weekend; and the Good Friday Collection on April 22 (benefits Christians in the Holy Land). Also, remember the food collection each weekend in the narthex and the special food collection on Holy Thursday.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

SAVE THE DATES! "Binding Us Together" Lenten Series

Thursday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.

Catholic conversations confronting racial injustice.

Hosted by St. Monica's Church, Parish Hall

Sunday, March 27, 7:00 p.m.

"Binding Us Together" Lenten Prayer Service

Hosted by Visitation, Church Nave

GIVE

The dreadful war in Ukraine is causing untold suffering. Mindful of the Lord's

commission to care for those who are hurting, our local Church is directing those who wish to help to Catholic

Relief Services, the international assistance agency of the USCCB. Please visit the CRS website at <https://www.crs.org/> for information on how to help.



BAPTISMS

In February, we welcomed nine children to their new life in Christ through the saving waters of baptism.

- ♦ **Louis Joseph Ori**, child of God, son of Brendan & Lauren Ori.
- ♦ **Charles James Jansen**, child of God, son of Tyler & Rachel Jansen.
- ♦ **Matthew Thomas & Mary Elizabeth Munninghoff**, children of God, son and daughter of Eric & Molly Munninghoff.
- ♦ **Ernestine Rosemarie Bindel**, child of God, daughter of Joseph & Idean Bindel.
- ♦ **Phoebe Katherine Eikermann**, child of God, daughter of Stephen & Mary Eikermann.
- ♦ **Charlotte Rebecca & Theodore Lueke Watts**, children of God, daughter and son of Andrew & Madeline Watts.
- ♦ **Rosemary Josephine Tilson**, child of God, daughter of William & Madelyn Tilson.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation candidates and sponsors meeting this Sunday, March 6 at 12 Noon in Tighe Hall. All names are due!

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Suzanne Adams
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 Dudenhoeffer
Tom Fraley
Mike Frechin
Shana Gadt
Susie Haake
Brooke Kuechler Harris
Mike Henninger
Laura Horigan
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
Jaquie Kallman
Peg Kallman
Shirley Kempker
Marriane Kersten
John Langle
Bryan Larson
Betsy Lazere
Jeanne Lendabarker
Anthony Lipari, Sr.
Jorge Maldonado
Priscilla McInnes

Tim MacNamara
Thomas McNamara
Tricia Melland
Birdie Mendence
Andy Metzler
Lionel Morgan
Joe Noblitt
Maggie O'Neill
Jennifer Olson
Charles Oppenlander
Nicholas Parscale
Leonardo Passantino
Connie Perucca
Pat Piranio
Nicola Pistone
Kat Potter
Peggy Pruitt
Quinn Regan
Carol Riesmeyer
Ellie Rose
The Ryan Family
The Saalberg Family
Gary Schafer
Jeff Schilling
Fran Schuetz
Barbara Schulte
Aimee Sesler
Sandra Sharp
Special Intention
Robert Stumpff
Jeannie Sullivan
Peter Thompson
Tripp Thompson
Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Annabelle Whalen
Dave Wittrock
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.

A LITTLE VISITATION

Dear People of Visitation,

So today is the First Sunday of Lent. One of the old hymns we sometimes hear this time of year starts off, “Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us to overcome our sins and close by you to stay.” Math has never been my strong suit, but by my reckoning, Lent, at least this year, is 46 days. But then again, if it is true, as I have heard it alleged, that Sundays are not really part of Lent, then we can back them out and, viola, we arrive at that good old “forty” number. I confess not to know if it is strictly legitimate to back out the Sundays or not. You know, one can get picayune about these things to a counterproductive degree. But, it seems to me, that Sundays ought not to be a part of Lent. They are Sundays and, therefore, solemnities after all. Ah well, there are a few things in life that do not bear much rational, mathematical scrutiny. Love is one of them. Christianity is another. And, when you get right down to it, Christianity and love are mostly the same thing.

That being the case, it makes all the sense in the world that our Christianity (and our loving) stands to enormously gain from a 40 (or 46) day period of reflection upon the sins with which we alloy our well-intentioned behavior. I say “reflection” period because it is rarely enough to just know our sins. It is not even especially helpful to simply regret them. It seems to me we need to work at understanding why we do them. That is the hard part of Lent, right there. So much of our yuck is rooted in habits of being that go back a long way, even to childhood, when needs were not suitably met, or misgivings were not satisfactorily assuaged, or ego was not sufficiently challenged. I think we need to always work at better understanding the rough edges of our characters, not just during Lent. But 40 tiny days of very intentional work on our obdurate knots and sloppy spots can be time well spent.

Therefore, I respectfully suggest Lent is not a festival of guilt. Guilt has its place, but its usefulness is short and limited. Lent is more like a hearty hunt for the cold, hard truth about ourselves and a direct dissection of the motivations that kindle our deficiencies of character. And, when you get right down to it, so many of them come down to a reluctance, or even an outright inability, to accept the truth about ourselves. We are small, but not so small as to be past God’s notice. We are weak, but not so weak as to be unable to genuinely and deeply love each other. We are dependent, but not so dependent as to be beyond giving. It takes a gob of thinking to get one’s head around these things and a big slice of humility to keep it there, even for a little while. And, maybe this is my own ignorance talking, but in my estimation “a little while” is about as long as we stay insightful on any given day. There is always a new ego trip coming around the corner to skewer our tenuous hold on the truth of life and our respective slice of it. How we must rely on Christ! We are saved by His grace alone! “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound” indeed!

I remind you of the upcoming “Synod on Synodality” exercise we will soon be hosting here. In some respects, this is a noteworthy event in the life of the whole Catholic Church. Can you ever remember the Church taking an initiative like this before? I cannot. This weekend some members of our Parish Council will be distributing Synod materials in the narthex after Masses. I hope you will retrieve a set of their papers and consider registering to attend one of the two Synod sessions in our parish. To assist your considerations, I suggest you visit our parish website and avail yourself of the Synod presentation you will find there. I am told we need to “click on Synod.” Among other things, you will find that the Bishop has a statement there on the Synod and his reflections upon it are helpful. Briefly speaking, the Synod on Synodality is a grand exercise of the Catholic Church trying to learn to better speak and listen to itself. In the coming weeks we will have more to say about it. Dave will join me for the Video Visitation next Wednesday. For now, I suggest you think about the things you value about the Catholic Church and the things you believe could benefit from some exposure to warm light and fresh air. You and I are just little drops in the big Catholic barrel, but we can help wet the stone that sharpens the instruments of reform.

In our Holy Communion,
Msgr. Bradley S. Offutt

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH Men's & Women's Spring Retreats April 2-3, 2022

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NOW



APRIL 2-3 - SAVE THE DATE FOR CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RENEWAL WEEKEND.

Do you want to make this a Lent to remember? Both men and women can sign up today for a weekend retreat that will encourage you in your walk with Christ, introduce you to new friends that are also seeking to grow in their faith and give you new tools to pray and prepare for the joy of Easter! To register, click on the QR code at left or visit the parish website. You can also reach out to Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org or 381-6914. The members

of our current men's and women's teams are available to answer your questions. Women's Team 12: Megan Burdolski, Deb Danaher, Jodi Dickmeyer, Jill Freel, Ann Marie Hamilton, Deb Harkness, Linda Judah, Melissa Lising, Katie Manso, Ann Peratt, Peg Ekerdt, Rachel Reinhart and Leigh Ann Zeller. Men's Team 11: Phil Bryde, Keith Connor, Trey Hawes, Leon Keens, Tom McGee, Jeff Mohajir, Neil O'Connor, John Stevenson and Rich Warwick.

WOMEN'S RETREAT WILL BE HELD IN TIGHE HALL
MEN'S RETREAT WILL BE HELD AT VISITATION SCHOOL

VISITATION SYNOD



Synod on Synodality

Participate at Vis in March

The Synod on Synodality is a two-year process beginning in 2021 and concluding in 2023. Pope Francis invites the input of the entire Church in this process. Visitation offers two ways to participate with fellow parishioners: **Saturday, March 26, 9:00 am (in person) and Monday, March 28, 7:00 pm (via Zoom)**

Help us plan! Let us know you are coming!

Use the QR code at right, visit the parish website at www.visitation.org - click on Synod, or call the parish office at 753-7422.



RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

TA-DA Continued: A Podcast for Everyone www.visionmainkc.com/podcast.

In the past 18 months, the work of the parish Racial Justice Committee has developed in a variety of ways (Cristo Rey interns, Just Faith Racial Healing series, weekly bulletin posts, to name but a few) but at our monthly meetings we repeatedly talked about our desire to share with the parish the 2018 US Bishops' pastoral letter, *Open Wide Our Hearts - The Enduring Call to Love - a Pastoral Letter on Racism*. This letter has provided the foundation for our parish Racial Justice Committee, telling us, in part, "the love of Christ impels us to see others as our brothers and sisters (2 Corinthians 5:14). For, 'if one part suffers, all parts suffer with it' (1 Corinthians 12:26)...It is the love of Christ that binds together the Church.

Now we hope we have found a way to introduce the parish to this letter. Working with the Faith Formation team, we asked four small groups of parishioners (parish professionals, school parents who support Cristo Rey interns, young adults of the parish, and a listening group) to read and discuss the letter for a four-part series on the Vis-on-Main podcast.

This week we invite you to listen to the second episode in this series featuring some of the Visitation School parents who have supported the Cristo Rey interns, Scott and Molly Hughes, Brad and Katie Taylor, Cassie Flanagan, and John McGurk. Please take the time to listen to their discussion of the Bishops' letter, *Open Wide Our Hearts*. Episodes can be found at www.youtube.com/visitationtv and downloaded at www.visionmainkc.com/podcast.



GOLDEN SHAMROCKS



potLuck of the Irish

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, MARCH 17 - 12:00 NOON - TIGHE HALL

Bring a salad, side or dessert to share . . . meat & beverages provided. After lunch, we'll stuff Easter eggs for the Migrant Farmworkers Project & Shepherd's Center. In lieu of our usual free will offering, bring a bag of wrapped candy for the Easter eggs. For planning purposes, please RSVP to 753-7422.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE MARCH 12-13

	Altar Server	EM	Lector	Usher Greeter	Sacristan
Saturday 4:00 PM	L. Tietjen J. Bond	L. Sokoloff Keith Connor Kevin Connor T. Cotton S. Derks	B. Nelson sub req	A. Barber S. Barone sub req	D. Laird
Sunday 8:00 AM	A. Graziano C. Schilling sub req	M. Lising D. Devine P. Banes H. Shinn K. Strauss	T. Dakan	K. Banes M. Dakan	J. Reboulet
Sunday 10:30 AM	J. Sonnenberg sub req Mary Meyers	A Sonnenberg sub req D. Dubrava A. Florez E. Florez J. Cummings	E. Greim	S. Otto B. Palmer C. Powers sub req.	J. Palmer

FEED THE HUNGRY

WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER

Next week's food collection will be donated to Bishop Sullivan Center. They provide supplemental food for 600-700 families in our community. Most of their food donations come from Harvesters and they also receive fresh food and bread from several grocery stores. Other donations come from individuals and churches. Because they receive so many canned vegetables from Harvesters, they are always in need of canned fruit, tuna and peanut butter. Please bring your donations to the basket in the narthex.

ABOUT TOWN

CRISTO REY OF KANSAS CITY



The countdown is on for the 16th annual Dancing with the Kansas City Stars set for Saturday, April 2nd. With your support, the beat will go on for the students of Cristo Rey Kansas City. A Visitation parishioner, Bradley Wiedeman, is competing as a 2022 Star! For more information, visit the Dancing with the Kansas City Stars website at www.dancingwiththekansascitystars.org.

THE SERRA CLUB is a group of Catholic lay women and men who promote and support Religious vocations.



Would you like to learn more? We're having an informal "Fireside Chat" about our club, Thursday, March 10, 5:30 pm at St. Thomas More, More Hall. Do you have questions or wish to attend? Please contact Kevin Connor at 699-2542 or kconnor@amctheatres.com. *Thank you!*

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 8-13

Tuesday, March 8

6:45 am Millie Ballou †
8:15 am Gertrude King †

Wednesday, March 9

6:45 am Sharon Smart †
8:15 am Thomas McGee, Sr. †

Thursday, March 10

6:45 am David & Letitia Offutt

Friday, March 11

8:15 am Charlotte Melville-Zimmerman †

Saturday, March 12

8:15 am Davis Offutt †
4:00 pm Kenny Marx †

Sunday, March 13

8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Jackson Rouse †

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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

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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.

SISTER PARISH



This is Katia, one of the many children sponsored by our parishioners. The support of her Godparents has given Katia a hand up! In a letter she recently wrote to her sponsored family, she said, “I promise not to fail my grades so that your effort is worthwhile. I love you very much in spite of the fact that I do not know you.” Please pray for Katia and all of

our special friends in Madre. If you are interested in participating in future delegations to visit our sister parish, or in being on the Madre Steering Committee, please reach out to Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org. We will keep you posted on future opportunities!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



RICE BOWL - PERSEVERENCE TO SUCCEED

Raúl and Lilian have faced many challenges while trying to provide for their family and pursue their dreams in Guatemala. With support from Catholic Relief Services, they have been able to overcome these obstacles and grow their business while helping their community along the way. In what ways are you being challenged to serve others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Please take your Rice Bowl today; they are available in the narthex!

THANK YOU TO VISITATION

FROM GUARDIAN ANGEL FOOD PANTRY

Dear Karen and Visitation Community,
Thank you so much for your kind donation of \$900 to the Guardian Angel Food Pantry. You give and give and ask nothing in return. Please know that we at Guardian Angels are here for you if we can ever help you. It means so much that you thought of us and are concerned for the needy of our community.

In Christ,

Fr. Ed Willis

FROM ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Dear Visitation Parishioners,
Thank you so much for your continued generosity. The quarterly emergency assistance grants help us provide food, medicines, gas and other needs of our neighbors. Your generosity at Christmas time with the Aldi cards brings a HUGE amount of joy to the recipients and your help with the Community Garden provides healthy, fresh produce that is often difficult to afford or find. Visitation parishioners: THANK YOU! You make a difference in so many lives!

Sue Robb
Pastoral Associate, Justice & Life

FAITH FORMATION

NEW LENTEN SMALL GROUPS FOR 2022 ARE FORMING NOW!

If you would like to join a new small group or have never been in a small group, please see the list below of groups who will be meeting this year. We ask that you contact the group host to let them know you would like to meet with them.

The Gospel & Generosity

Sundays, 6:30 pm

The Larson's House

ALL ARE WELCOME in this group.
Parents can bring their school-age children.

Hosts: Kristie & Ryan Larson

Resource: Sunday's Gospel and

"Generosity Habits" by Matthew Kelly

Contact: kbraylarson@gmail.com

(674-6535) or rtlarson@gmail.com

Women of Faith

Mondays, 10:30 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

Praying with the Domestic Church

Mondays, 5:30 pm

Hospitality Room, Tighe Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME in this group.
School-age children are welcome in the classrooms when SOR is in session.

Host: S.O.R. Parents

Resource: "At Home with the Word"

Contact: mollywlane@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

Were you part of a

Small Lent Group in the past?

Please contact your group leader directly to see if your group plans to gather this Lent.

For all other questions, contact
Tatia Batz, Faith Formation
Chair, at 863-5355 or
tatia.batz@gmail.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: "At Home with the Word" and current periodicals

Contact: jpaxtell19@gmail.com

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Joseph Chapel

Sit with Jesus for an hour or a few minutes. Come as you are, when you can.

Organizer: Billy Hodes

Contact: billy@midlandmetal.com

(914-6200)

Thursday Evenings with Lorraine Gordon

Thursdays, 7:30 pm

Online

This group will discuss Sunday's readings in the context of current events.

Host: Lorraine Gordon

Resource: "At Home with the Word"

Contact: lorrainegordon116@gmail.com

Faith, Family & Scripture

Saturdays, 8:30 am

Aixois Bistro, 55th & Brookside Blvd.

ALL ARE WELCOME in this group as we prepare for Easter together.

Host: John Stevenson

Resource: www.myfaithwalk.org

Contact: Call or text 500-4610

THINKING ABOUT STARTING YOUR OWN SMALL LENT GROUP? LET US HELP YOU!

SPEND LENT WITH 8-12 OF YOUR FAVORATE 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 RESOURCES

The Faith Formation Team has prepared a simple, hour-long Lenten Prayer Service resource that can be adjusted to fit your group's specific needs.

To register your group and receive this and other free Lenten resources, contact Tatia Batz (chair) or Teresa Albright (staff).

IDEA FOR A SMALL LENT GROUP

Start a Lent Book Club with this year's parish book, *Binding Us Together* by local Catholic civil rights leader Alvin Brooks.

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