

# VISITATION PARISH FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2024



## 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 20 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 9-10 weekend; and the Good Friday Collection on March 29 (benefits Christians in the Holy Land).

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

### SMALL LENTEN GROUPS

Join us for a “Between the Masses” Lent Small Group. Open to everyone and led by members of the Faith Formation Team, we will break open the Sunday Scripture readings throughout Lent.

Our discussion facilitators are:

February 18 – Sandie McCray  
February 25 – Grayson Murphy  
March 3 – Don Closson  
March 10 – Teresa Albright  
March 17 – Kristie Larson  
March 24 – Brent Powell

### FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

is Monday, February 26 at 6:30 pm in Tighe Hall. At least one parent must attend. If neither parent can attend, then the child’s Godparent should attend on behalf of the parents.

### SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Our next “Sunday SOR” will be March 3. Please meet in the St. Joseph Chapel by 9:45 am. Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older will be Greeters at 10:30 am Mass again.



During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten

pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more and read this week’s Story of Hope.

### CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH



You deserve a break! Take the weekend off and join us for Christ Renews His Parish. The free, two-day experience includes all meals, inspiring

witnesses, time for reflection, and Sacraments. All that’s asked of you is your time and presence. To register, please go online to our parish website and click on the Christ Renews His Parish banner, there is a form to fill out or you can call the parish office at 816-753-7422 and they will help you!

### OUR SYMPATHY

We as a parish mourn the loss of parishioner Brian O’Rourke, and extend our sympathies to his wife, Erin, and to the entire O’Rourke family.

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

#### Laura Fitzpatrick

Earl Adam  
Brian Adams  
Pamela Atherton  
Maggie Quirarte Bates  
Bryan Bownick  
Marianne Carl  
Mary Beth Cicchetti  
Olivia Connealy  
Bill Fuss  
Brooke Kuechler Harris  
Margaret Howard  
Joe Irwin  
William Jewell  
Erin Kallman  
Peg Kallman  
Kevin Koch  
Bryan Larson  
Jeanne Lendabarker  
Scott Martens

Tim McNamara

Thom McNamara

Tricia Melland

Pam Murray

Peggy Pruitt

Theresa Ritchie

Ellie Rose

Kathy Scaglia

Barbara Schulte

Aimee Sesler

Sandra Sharp

Nic Shump

Bill Stone

Special Intention

Jeannie Sullivan

Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.

Annabelle Whalen

Dave Wittrock

Judy Worth

Leigh Ann Zeller

### SICK LIST UPDATE

Please call Jenny Greene to request an individual be added to our list. We ask that you leave a contact name and number. We will follow up with each request quarterly to keep the list current and to offer additional support as needed.

*The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Maj. Philip Martin, Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Maj. Chris Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Maj. Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Master Sgt. Louis A. Perez, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL.*

### FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 9

On Alert: Team # 8

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

I'm thinking it's a good time for Lent. Every year this season arrives as that friend who knows us well and who will tell us what we need to hear: the good and encouraging words, and the message that we can do better. Whether this season makes us comfortable or not, it carries the promise that things can change in our lives and in the life of the world. And that gives us hope. Things clearly need to change. It has always been the case with the human family and the web of life. Lent exposes the roots of dishonesty, selfishness and injustice, and shows us the path to freedom from such darkness. In these early days and weeks of the season, befriend Lent as the bearer of good news.



I asked recently for some help in moving a few remaining items from St. Elizabeth, and the response was heartening and inspiring. Everything did get moved this past week and I'm grateful. Thanks for the generosity and willingness to help. That spirit is sure alive and well at Visitation.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

## SYNOD

### SYNOD 2021-2024

The worldwide Synod continues. Visitation is pleased to be hosting one of two Diocesan-Wide Listening Sessions. In this interim phase, each diocese is being asked to hold 2-3 new listening sessions focused on the following discussion questions:

1. Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church's structure (s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
2. How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

All are encouraged to participate on Saturday, March 2 from 9:00-11:30 am. Participants are asked to register online so the host parishes may prepare accordingly. Register to attend here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/synodkcsj>.



SYNOD  
2021-2024

## INTERIM PHASE

### DIOCESAN-WIDE LISTENING SESSIONS

Hosted by



**MARCH 2, 2024 | 9-11:30 AM**

**REGISTER AT [KCSJCATHOLIC.ORG](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/synodkcsj)**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 20-25

**Tuesday, February 20**  
6:45 am Agnes Beckers †  
8:15 am Catherine Donnelly †

**Wednesday, February 21**  
6:45 am Mel Korphage †  
8:15 am Jerry Ritchie †

**Thursday, February 22**  
6:45 am Margaret Abbenhaus †

**Friday, February 23**  
8:15 am Sue Turnbull Cooke †

**Saturday, February 24**  
8:15 am Martha Beckers †  
4:00 pm Josephine & Louis Savoca †

**Sunday, February 25**  
8:00 am James Kearns †  
10:30 am People of Visitation

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FEBRUARY 24-25

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	A. Gronniger J. Gronniger N. Bond	A. O'Neill W. Lueke H. Affolter	C. Carney B. Craig sub req J. Deekan
	B. Gronniger K. Hughes M. Innes F. Lester R. Moran A. Peratt K. Reichman M. Rice sub req M. Shannon NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	D. Devine J. Grego K. Levi M. Lising E. McCann J. McCann M. McCann J. Miller R. Paczkowski K. Strauss K. Taylor	V. Connell T. Mayer T. McGhie L. McLiney L. Meyers G. O'Brien S. O'Neill J. Olivas C. Powers B. Roewe N. Spachman
	M. O'Neill	T. Dakan	C. Sanders
	A. Barber S. Barone NOT FILLED	M. Dakan P. Levi NOT FILLED	K. Kelly J. Mateski NOT FILLED
	R. Steinert	J. Reboulet	S. Mayer
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LECTOR			
USHERS			
SACR.			

### PARISH BOUNDARIES

State Line on the West to Oak St. on the East;  
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  
Fr. Greg and Jennifer Greene

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital, Jennifer Greene

Sacrament of Matrimony, Contact Jennifer Greene to begin marriage preparation.

Sacrament of Confirmation, Youth Jennifer Greene

Sacrament of Infant Baptism, Adult Confirmation and Sacraments of Initiation, *For those who wish to become Catholic.* Teresa Albright

### PARISH COUNCIL 2023-24

Lindsey Anderson	John Legg
Dave Ekerdt	Melissa Lising
Jim Erlacker	Sandie McCray
Mary Gigliotti	Steve Torline
Fr. Greg Haskamp	Katie Wendel
Ryan Larson	Kathleen Wiedeman

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St. Vincent De Paul Help Line  
816-753-9061

Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph  
Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 816-812-2500  
Victim Assistance Coordinator,  
Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011



## SCHOOL

# SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

The Vis Kingdom went Red in support of Chiefs before their Super Bowl Victory. Can't help but think our collective prayers, hopeful spirit, and a visit from KC Wolf helped bring home a Kansas City Chiefs WIN!





## CONFIRMATION



CONFIRMATION  
*at Vis*

Next meeting is Sunday, February 25;  
Father Greg will be joining us. Bring  
your notebooks (seriously, bring them!)

SCHEDULE UPDATE:  
CONFIRMATION RETREAT:

MARCH 24-Palm Sunday

We will start the day attending the 8:00  
mass and then ride together to Precious  
Blood Renewal Center for our retreat.  
We will return at 5:30 pm.



## SCHOOL

# RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

*You are invited to preview a Rachel's Challenge presentation at a school near you.*

March 6, 2024  
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Tighe Hall  
5141 Main Street  
Kansas City, MO 64112



**RachelsChallenge .org**

You are invited to experience the incredible story of Rachel Scott who was the first victim in the shootings at Columbine High School in 1999. Her life, writings and legacy have become the basis for Rachel's Challenge and her story has been shared around the world. Rachel's Challenge is a national nonprofit that prevents school violence, bullying, and youth suicide through live and digital mental health programs in schools.

**30m**

Students, Educators,  
Parents trained

**150**

Lives saved annually

**8**

School shootings  
averted

## RACIAL JUSTICE



Racial Justice Committee February Zoom meeting is Wednesday, February 21 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. Are you interested in being part of this committee? We would love to have anyone interested join in. Contact Peg Ekerdt ([peggyekerd@gmail.com](mailto:peggyekerd@gmail.com)) or Linda Hughes ([lch20teach@gmail.com](mailto:lch20teach@gmail.com))

During Black History Month, the parish Racial Justice Committee is highlighting essays from Vis 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who attended the January 15 -Dr. Martin Luther King celebration that featured a dramatic reading of Dr. King's Letter from

Birmingham Jail.

*This was definitely a powerful reading. After I heard it, I thought of a connection. When I read the book, "The Hate U Give", I saw the same discrimination MLK felt. MLK got into jail and Starr's friend got shot for no reason. You can connect lots of things to MLK's story and life. I am glad I got to hear this powerful reading.*

*-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student, Visitation School*

This statement illustrates that our young people are thinking critically and learning to make connections. We are grateful to Vis teachers Dianne VanBallas and Gwen Ficklin for bringing their students to this Letter from Birmingham Jail presentation and helping the students come to a deeper understanding as they process what they have learned.

- Just Faith has begun with 13 participants meeting weekly in the Retreat Room of Tighe Hall. Last week we wrote to the Bishop to tell him that we have made good on our promise to share this program with other diocesan parishes. The current session involves parishioners from Visitation, St. Elizabeth, Holy Spirit and St Therese North.

## SISTER PARISH



### MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS NEEDED

Planning is in the works for a medical delegation to visit our sister parish October 5-12. We need doctors, nurses, physical therapists and other medical professionals. Volunteers will serve in Madre's medical clinic treating hundreds of patients from the community surrounding Santa Maria,

one of the poorest neighborhoods in El Salvador. If you are a medical professional and are interested in participating in this experience, please contact Julie Aucar at 217-552-2465 or email her at [jaaucar21@gmail.com](mailto:jaaucar21@gmail.com).



### SOLIDARITY DELEGATES NEEDED

Delegates will travel to El Salvador to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our sister parish! If you wish to be part of this delegation on May 22-27, please contact Bob Steinert at 816-729-2748 or email him at [bsteinert@aol.com](mailto:bsteinert@aol.com)



## MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN



### Church Nursery Volunteers Needed!

The Mothers of Young Children (MOYC) have re-opened the nursery and need your help! The nursery will be offered every Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. We are in need of 4 Virtus-trained adults (16 years of age and older) and 4 students each week.

Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA4AE2DA7F9C1647593652-nursery>

**Student Volunteers** will need the following form signed by a parent/ guardian before they are able to volunteer (please bring signed form to 1<sup>st</sup> volunteering):

<https://kcsjatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/Minors-Code-of-Ethical-Conduct-updated-June-2022-1.pdf>

## BAPTISM

### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Visitation offers a Baptism Preparation class for new parents six times a year where we prayerfully walk through the Rite of Baptism and learn about its ancient and rich sacramental symbols. The **next class will be Sunday, March 10, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm**. Meet in the Adult Classroom downstairs in Tighe Hall. To learn more, contact Teresa Albright at 816-753-5155 x1306 or [teresa@church.visitation.org](mailto:teresa@church.visitation.org).

- **New parents are required** to complete Baptism preparation prior to their child's baptism.
- All others are also welcome! Parents who baptized their first child during the pandemic and had to take the class online are especially encouraged to attend this class in-person. **Parents who want a "refresher," or godparents wishing to deepen their understanding** of Baptism, are invited to attend the class.



## SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

Sunday, February 18, following 10:30 am Mass  
or  
Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 pm

*Both meetings in Tighe Hall*

### Building a VIBRANT VISITATION

Verse 1: 2024

*Join us for this first annual "shareholders" meeting of our parishioners. Learn more about how the parish operates, what we have going on and our plans for the future.*

All are encouraged to attend.





**FAITH & GRIEF LUNCH**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**  
**12:00-1:00 PM**  
**VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



**SPEAKER:** Jennifer Greene

## **A Message for Grieving Families**

Jenny will share about her initial counseling after her sister took her life; which was a surprise to the therapist (expecting a teen who wasn't getting along with her mom), and how God was working in her life when she didn't even know it.

### **ABOUT**

Lunch presentations and facilitated table conversations provide a safe place to listen, remember, and pray together. You may share (or not) as you are comfortable.

- All are welcome. No charge.
- Complimentary box lunch provided for those who pre-register (free-will offerings appreciated)
- Sponsored by a collaboration of local churches, hosted by Village Presbyterian: 6641 Mission Rd,

### **Learn More & Register**



- [faithandgrief.org/gatherings](https://faithandgrief.org/gatherings)
- (816) 381-9249
- [care@cccckc.org](mailto:care@cccckc.org)
- [facebook.com/FaithandGriefKC](https://facebook.com/FaithandGriefKC)

  
**Faith & Grief**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



## SCHOOL OF RELIGION

### MEET THE AUTHOR

A Lenten Evening  
for Parish Children & their Households

MARCH 4, 2024

5:15 p.m.	Opening Prayer	St. Joseph Chapel
5:30 p.m.	Storytime	SOR Classroom
6:00 p.m.	Family Dinner	Tighe Hall



Children will hear from parishioners Bob Steinert (author) and Tina Blanck (illustrator) about their experience writing *La Chica de la Chacra* and the people of our sister parish, Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres.

*La Chica de la Chacra* shares the love and joy of the children of the La Chacra community in El Salvador. "This bilingual book was created to express our love for the children of all countries facing devastating challenges with hope and love."

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 ), 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.