

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

VISITATION PARISH

MARCH 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 and the Good Friday Collection on April 7. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Holy Land Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Rehearsal is Sunday, April 16 at 12:00 Noon in the Nave (body of the Church). Bless our young church. I still need some of your saint names!



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

Visitation offers a Baptism Preparation class for new parents six times a year.

The next class will be **Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 am–11:00 am 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 816-753-5155 x1306 or teresa@church.visitation.org

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS:

- Tim & Natalia McCracken & children, Isla & Lili
- Marjorie Winner
- Natalia Sierra & child Isla Amara



MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN PRE-EASTER CELEBRATION

Join us Sunday April 2 from 4:00-5:30 pm in Tighe Hall. We will enjoy snacks, crafts and an Easter Story followed by pictures with the

Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg Hunt! All Vis MOYC families are welcome. There will be a hunt for toddlers (ages 1-3) first, followed by a big kid hunt!



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

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

REMEMBER OUR SICK

John Anderson

Pamela Atherton
Maggie Quirarte Bates
Marilyn Frechin Blank
Leonardo Borders
Chase Brundridge
Mike Caraway
Shari Caraway
Marianne Carl
Beverly Cascone
Mary Beth Cicchetti
Olivia Connealy
Jean Cummings
Allie May Dudenhoeffer
Bill Fuss
Shana Gadt
Brooke Kuechler Harris
Mike Henninger
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
Erin Kallman
Jaquie Kallman
Shirley Kempker
Marriane Kersten
Kevin Koch
Bryan Larson
Betsy Lazere
Jeanne Lendabarker
Anthony Lipari, Sr.
Mary Lipari
Jorge Maldonado

Scott Martens

Priscilla McInnes
Tim McNamara
Thomas McNamara
Tricia Melland
Birdie Mendence
Andy Metzler
Lionel Morgan
Dede Murphy
Jennifer Olson
Charles Oppenlander
Nicholas Parscale
Nicola Pistone
Kat Potter
Peggy Pruitt
Ruth Quirarte
Quinn Regan
Ellie Rose
The Ryan Family
The Saalberg Family
Fran Schuetz
Barbara Schulte
Aimee Sesler
Sandra Sharp
Bill Stone
Special Intention
Jeannie Sullivan
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.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 9

On Alert: Team # 1

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 28-APRIL 2

Tuesday, March 28

6:45 am Mike Frechin †
8:15 am Dorothy Ahlman †

Wednesday, March 29

6:45 am Francis Abbenhaus †
8:15 am Darleen Henninger †

Thursday, March 30

6:45 am Elizabeth Gettino Gentry †

Friday, March 31

8:15 am Larry Hughes †

Saturday, April 1

8:15am Aaron Pouche †
4:00 pm Jim Seigfreid †

Sunday, April 2

8:00 am For the People of Visitation
10:30 am James & Mary Ann Ritzka †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS APRIL 1-2

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	0:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	J. McPherson L. McPherson M. Murray	T. Colburn C. Schilling K. Schilling	C. O'Brien E. Orscheln F. Poiry
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SACRISTAN	J. Rebman	B. Truta	S. Mayer

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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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SCHOOL OF RELIEGION

S.O.R. Mission: School of Religion is a weekly program for the children of Visitation parish, their households and their neighbors that assists parents in sharing the tradition of our Catholic faith; teaches, leads and encourages students in the practice of prayer; promotes a familiarity and love of Scripture; demonstrates an awareness of the presence of God in their daily lives; fosters an awareness of the social teaching of the Church; inspires them to see their gifts as God-given and to be used in service to their neighbors and society.

S.O.R. Vision: Support the Domestic Church / Make Disciples of Jesus / Inspire Servant Leadership / Reinforce a Catholic Identity

Spring Opportunities for the whole household!

- March 27 Sacrament of Confession available for older children and parents during class time
- April 3 Family Dinner after class (Spaghetti & Meatballs)
- May 1 Easter Service Project (assembling Care Kits for the unhoused)
- May 15 Family Rosary w/ May Crowning & Family Dinner (Pot-luck Picnic on the south lawn).



Above: Carolyn Pirtle shows St. John's illuminated bible to S.O.R. Families.

Below: Parish children and their parents pray the Stations of the Cross together on March 6 during School of Religion."



YOGA AT VIS

The following yoga classes are being offered for the community at Visitation Parish. All classes are held in the Choir room and are just \$10 each.

Gentle Hatha, Mondays 8:30 am -

In this class we blend breath and movement with an emphasis on alignment. Students build endurance and strength while improving flexibility. We focus on the poses that build the foundation of our yoga practice, learn basic stretches, breathing techniques and proper alignment in a relaxed setting. This class is great for beginners and those who want to move at a gentle pace or work on the foundation poses.

All Levels Flow, Mondays 5:30 pm - This all levels class combines fundamental alignment principles with flowing movement to build balance, strength and focus. Variations can be incorporated for students who are ready and willing to move their bodies with their breath. All levels of experience are welcome!

Vinyasa, Wednesdays 8:30 am - Vinyasa emphasizes flowing movement, incorporating Sun Salutations, breathing techniques and more complex poses. Students improve stamina, strength and flexibility. Variations will be offered. All levels of experience are welcome.

Yin/Restorative, 8:30 am
Thursday, March 30
Thursday, April 13
Thursday, April 27

Yin/Restorative class will be 75 minutes long, and will have fewer poses that are held longer. This class will focus on the connective tissues, increasing circulation in the joints and improving flexibility, while releasing tension in the mind and body. We will use props to support our bodies while we hold each pose for 3 - 7 minutes, helping to deepen the stretch while relaxing the mind. We will have more time to transition between poses because we will be using several props. Most people find this style of class very relaxing and beneficial to their mind and body.

Don't see a class that works for your schedule? Contact Linda at 816-591-0233 to discuss other options. Linda also offers individual yoga sessions and private group sessions (work, friends, book club, community organizations, special events...)

Fee: \$10 each, please pay Linda Heinen via Venmo, cash or check. Venmo: @Linda-Heinen-4. If you have questions, contact Linda at linda.r.heinen@gmail.com or 816-591-0233. Feel free to text!

SOCIAL CONCERNS



A home is a basic human right.

VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

Next opportunity coming soon!

Pray for all refugees and especially those we will welcome as new Kansas City neighbors.



Thank you to all who generously provided household items, furniture and volunteered their time to welcome our first new neighbor last fall. Della Lamb reports that Zawadi is employed and doing well in his new home.

Visitation will again be partnering with Della Lamb to welcome a new neighbor/family in the coming months. We will be providing furniture and household items for their new apartment and additionally will help with transportation support for the three-month period after move-in.

Beginning in May, parishioners will be invited to use Sign-Up Genius to purchase items to furnish their new apartment, as well as volunteer to assist with cleaning and organizing the apartment, help on moving day, and providing transportation to appointments, etc. during the three months after they move in.

May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything taken away and obtain for them the dignity of a job and serenity of a home.
-Pope Francis

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL THE POWER OF SACRIFICE

Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Does the idea of a Green Team at Visitation spark an interest for you? Would you like to connect with others to learn more about ecological justice and protecting our environment for future generations? Do you recycle? Do you compost? Do you want to learn and share more ways to help create a sustainable and hope-filled future? If so, please reach out to Larry Guillot, Visitation Social Concerns Committee at guillotlawrence@gmail.com or Karen Miller at karen@church.visitaiton.org.

SISTER PARISH

Another medical delegation is in the works! If you are a doctor, nurse, physical therapist or any other type of practitioner, you are needed! For more information, email or call Jeph or Cherie Burroughs Scanlon at caburroughs@hotmail.com, lilysdadkc@gmail.com, 816-786-5374 or 816-444-6346.

RACIAL JUSTICE



The Vis Racial Justice Committee met on March 15. In a continued effort to keep all of the parish informed on the work of this group, here are major points from that meeting:

Just Faith Series Offering Again this Spring Tuesday evenings, April 18-June 13 from 6:30 - 8:45 pm

For the sixth time in the last two years, RJC will offer the 8-session program called Faith and Racial Healing: Embracing Truth, Justice and Restoration (written by JustFaith Ministries) in which a small group will pray together, read books, watch videos and have conversations around how we can seek racial justice in our community. We hope that 8-12 people will join Karen Miller and Peg

Ekerdt as they facilitate this series. Five previous groups of Vis parishioners have found this Just Faith experience to be a process that invites deep listening and mutual respect. We invite you to join this session—THINK ABOUT IT PLEASE.

Cristo Rey Interns Continue to Thrive

Nancy Hesse reported that our four Cristo Rey interns are doing well; teachers value the work of the interns, the students look forward to the presence of the interns in the classroom. In a unique situation, one of the interns tutored a 7th Grader in math for a short time and that seemed to work well (even though the plan was to have interns work with younger students. Julio (senior) and Ashley (junior) have been at Visitation for two years; this is the first year for Andrea (freshman) and Carla (sophomore). Teachers are continuing to learn how to make the most of having the interns with them. We hope to continue this program for 2023-2024. With \$11,000 in the bank, we have work to do to raise the \$30,000 that will make it possible to maintain the presence of four interns in the school. Look for more on this in weeks to come but if you know you want to support this endeavor, please contact Megan Burdolski in the parish office at megan@church.visitation.org.

SCHOOL

*Great grub
for a
great cause!*

Visitation's
dining out
program

THUR, APRIL 13: CULVER'S • STATE LINE

TUES, MAY 2: CHUY'S • PLAZA

FRI, MAY 26: YOGURTINI • SOUTH PLAZA



New Date to Be Announced
APRIL 2023: SPIN • SOUTH PLAZA



FINANCIAL

February Contribution Income exceeded budget by \$25,132, as parishioners faithfully fulfilled their outstanding 2022 pledges and new pledges for 2023. This surplus aligns with the financial patterns seen in previous years. This month's excess in contributions reduced the year-to-date shortfall in contribution income to \$35,615 or 1.1% 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 \$1,689 in February.

Parish Expenses, however, were over budget by \$31,282, largely as a result of higher utilities and ice and snow removal costs incurred during the winter weather in February. This cost overrun offset the positive variance in Operating Income, leaving Parish Net Income under budget by only \$4,461 for the month.

The positive variance in February Contributions reduced the negative variance of year-to-date contribution income to \$35,615, while Other Income exceeded budget for the year-to-date by \$38,847. This further offset the negative variance in Contributions resulting in Total Parish Operating Income of \$3,231. Parish Operating Expenses for the year-to-date, however, exceeded budget by \$5,268, or 0.01%, driven primarily by a variety of unbudgeted facility and maintenance expenditures in both Church and School. Adding these expense overages to the contribution excess produced a negative variance in Parish Net Income of only \$2,036 for the year-to-date. Please note that Extraordinary Income, which includes Capital Improvement Fund donations, memorials, wills and bequests are not reflected in our normal operating results, but have generated a surplus of over \$333,258 so far this year which will offset the negative variance in Net Operating Income for the fiscal year.

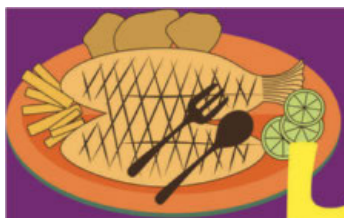
The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your 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 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 for more information.

	Month of February 2023			
	Actual		Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 337,420	\$	312,288	\$ 25,132
Other Income	<u>\$ 12,918</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>11,228</u>	<u>\$ 1,689</u>
Total Operating Income	\$ 350,337	\$	323,516	\$ 26,821
Operating Expense	<u>\$ 461,199</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>429,916</u>	<u>\$ (31,282)</u>
Net	\$ (110,861)	\$	(106,400)	\$ (4,461)

	Fiscal YTD (July-February)				
	Actual		Budget		Difference
Contribution Income	\$	3,161,449	\$	3,197,064	\$ (35,615)
Other Income	\$	997,707	\$	958,860	\$ 38,847
Total Operating Income	\$	4,159,155	\$	4,155,924	\$ 3,231
Operating Expense	\$	3,524,724	\$	3,519,456	\$ (5,268)
Net	\$	634,432	\$	636,468	\$ (2,036)

	Fiscal YTD This	Fiscal YTD Last	
	Year	Year	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 3,161,449	\$ 3,252,183	\$ (90,734)
Other Income	<u>\$ 997,707</u>	<u>\$ 870,552</u>	<u>\$ 127,155</u>
Total Operating Income	\$ 4,159,155	\$ 4,122,735	\$ 36,420
Operating Expense	<u>\$ 3,524,724</u>	<u>\$ 3,449,308</u>	<u>\$ (75,416)</u>
Net	\$ 634,432	\$ 673,427	\$ (38,996)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



VISITATION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LENTEN FISH FRY DINNER



ONLY ONE DINNER REMAINING - FRIDAY, 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.
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ABOUT TOWN

IGNATIAN WEEKEND: HABITS OF FREEDOM WITH FR. CHRIS COLLINS, SJ

April 15, 2023 - 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City @Rockhurst University

Come spend a day to learn ways to choose God throughout your day. Fr. Chris Collins, SJ, will offer you practical tools to help you develop a habit of daily discernment that will lead to inner calm. This day will include time for reflection and faith sharing, in addition to Fr. Collins inspiring talks. For more information, visit <https://www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events> and look for Ignatian Weekend or call Stephanie Hudson at 816-381-9168.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CELEBRATION OF HOPE GALA

Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph would like you to join us for our 2023 Celebration of Hope Gala at the Nelson Atkins Museum, where all can enjoy the art in their care and through its broad collection, the depths and complexities of human experiences that we all share.

- Become a sponsor, <https://www.catholiccharitiesgala.org/becomeasponsor> or
- Purchase tickets, <https://www.catholiccharitiesgala.org/individualtickets> or
- Make a patron gift, <https://www.catholiccharitiesgala.org/makeagift> to support the 2023 Celebration of Hope!

Join us for coffee! The Ladies of Charity invite you to join us at an informal coffee in the atrium at St. Peter's Church on Thursday, April 13 at 10:00 am. Founded by St. Vincent de Paul over 400 years ago, our women in the metro area serve in food pantries, thrift shops, nursing homes, community health centers, tutor in elementary and secondary schools and work with prisoners returning to the community. We meet 5 times a year for Mass, a luncheon and program and for retreats and social functions. Come join us for coffee and learn more. Please respond to LaNora Hughes at mlhughes656770@gmail.com by April 6 if you are planning to attend.

VISITATION FAITH FORMATION SUPPER SERIES



THE CREED

Calling all those with a desire to learn. Join us on an adventure through the theology of the Nicene Creed.

Session 3: "Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son"

APRIL 19, 2023

TIGHE HALL

6:00 p.m.—Simple Supper Served

6:30 p.m.—Program Begins

"I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ." With these words of the Creed, we come to the heart of the matter. For all of distinctively Christian faith begins and ends with a particular person, Yeshua from Nazareth, the only begotten Son of the God of Israel, Light from Light, true God from true God. This proclamation, no less shocking nearly 2,000 years later, draws us into the depths of the divine life and into the mystery of the Incarnation.

LESSON 3: QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What is the meaning of "salvation"? (Eph. 1:7–10, CCC 1066) And what would you say to someone who does not believe he/she needs salvation?

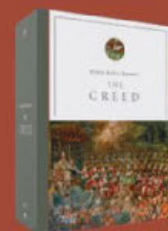
How does the belief that "God is love" support the doctrine of the Trinity? (CCC 221) And what in your life is a tangible experience of the Christian belief that "God is love"?

How is Jesus different from others who are in close friendship with God and often called sons or children of God? And does your perspective on Jesus' identity skew toward his humanity or to his divinity? If so, for what reasons?

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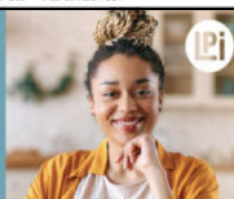
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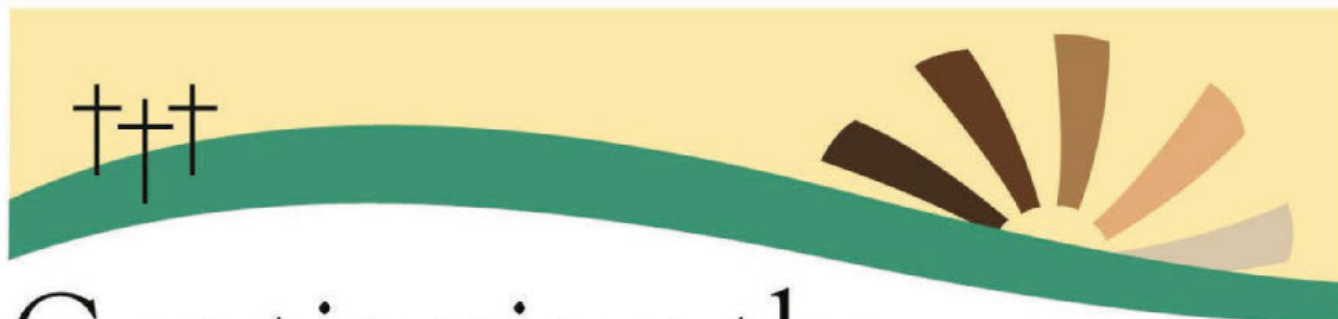
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Thursday April 13, 2023

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Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

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