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VISITATION PARISH

AUGUST 6, 2023



OUR MISSION

Visitation, a community of communities, is committed to a way of life based on Christ's teaching and our Catholic tradition by being dedicated to life-long conversion in faith, healing sanctuary in our sacraments and relationships, an educational environment for our children which emphasizes Catholic values and is committed to excellence, awareness and responsiveness to the needs of our neighbors and our society.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday..... 4:00 pm
 Sunday..... 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 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

FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish community we thank our Women of Vis Funeral Meal Team #7: Captains Mary Catherine Newman and Christy Hartner and their team of Angela Allan, Kristen Ammatelli, Pam Bowen, Gina Canino, JoAnn Comiskey, Sharon Derks, Katie Levi, Kerri Massman, Louise Meyers, Katie Mohajir, Ann Beth Molloy, Rosalyn Osborn, Becky Selzer, Shannon Tancona, Katherine Taylor, Jane Vaughn and Kathy Walters.

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY TEAM



Interested in joining the Confirmation ministry team? Or, have some ideas about Confirmation you want to share? Come join us for fellowship and a *Confirmation* chance to talk about this year's

Confirmation program. **We will meet Thursday, August 10 at 6:30 pm** in the Faith Formation room in Tighe Hall. Please contact Jennifer Greene at 816-753-7422 x1309 for more information.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED

The Visitation Athletic Committee is currently seeking interested volunteers to coach girls volleyball, including non-parent coaches for the upper grades, for the upcoming season. The season runs from mid-August to mid-November. If you are interested in volleyball, and enjoy working with kids, please consider this very rewarding opportunity. Please contact Julie Munjak at jfmunjak@yahoo.com or 816-492-0700 for more information.



GREETERS NEEDED

We are in need of people to serve as greeters (ministers of hospitality) at all liturgies with the most need at the 10:30 am Mass. Greeters serve as the face of our community! Greeters welcome all who enter our doors at Mass. They distribute order of service cards, take up the offertory collection and tidy up after the liturgy. If you are available and interested in serving, please contact Alejandro Manso, at 753-5155 x1307 or alejandro@church.visitation.org.

OUR SYMPATHY

We, as a parish community, extend our prayers and sympathy to Donna Messina on the death of her husband, Michael; to J.L., Samantha, J.T., Mackenzie and Mitch Roach on the death of their wife and mother, Valerie; and to the family of Mary Agnes Alderman.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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| Kevin Koch | Sandra Sharp |
| Bryan Larson | Bill Stone |
| Betsy Lazere | Special Intention |
| Jeanne Lendabarker | Jeannie Sullivan |
| Anthony Lipari, Sr. | Salvador Valldeperas, Sr. |
| Mary Lipari | Annabelle Whalen |
| Tom Lynn | Dave Wittrock |
| Jorge Maldonado | Leigh Ann Zeller |
| Scott Martens | |

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.

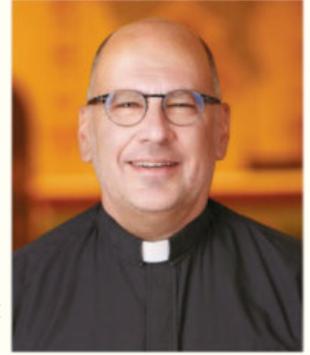
FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 8
On Alert: Team # 12

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

I am honored to be the priest representative on the Diocesan Independent Review Board. We advise the bishop on allegations of sexual abuse by clergy, employees and volunteers in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. While it is tough terrain, there is much to indicate that we are moving in a healthier direction. Survivors continue to come forward to tell their stories as victims of abuse, and are listened to with reverence and respect. Our diocese is more responsive to allegations and has a strong team who investigate and respond to allegations effectively. We continue to develop more efficient policies that promote safe environments in parishes and schools. And we on the Independent Review Board are heartened by those who report boundary violations or who recognize warning signs of sexual abuse and report them. It is a sign of a much healthier church that we feel empowered to share concerns. It promotes a much safer environment when we are educated and have such a process in place...



So much of this positive movement is due to the VIRTUS Program, implemented in our diocese years ago. All who work with children, whether as employees or volunteers, are required to complete several components of training. The Protecting God's Children workshop, mentioned below, is very informative and eye-opening, and we can only be grateful that so many in our diocese have completed it. I have no doubt that it is a significant factor in promoting a safer environment in our parishes and schools. It has educated, raised awareness and created a more vigilant atmosphere in our midst. Whether you are required to attend Protecting God's Children or not, I strongly encourage you to consider it. I still draw on insights and content from that initial session, as well as from the ongoing training that follows.

I am convinced that healing the trauma caused by sexual abuse and working together to create safer environments everywhere will make our culture healthier, happier and much more in harmony with the Reign of God.

Peace - Fr. Greg

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

REGISTER FOR PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN 4.0 WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 FROM 6:30 AM- 9:30 PM IN TIGHE HALL



You need this course! There is a lot to do if you want to volunteer at the school or the parish. This includes helping with lunches, being a room mom or dad, volunteering in the nursery, with school of religion or Vacation Bible School - this list goes on. Please see below:

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph REQUIRES all parish and school employees and volunteers who work with children (school and childcare volunteers, coaches chaperones, SOR teachers, youth ministers, sacristans and Confirmation leaders) to take this workshop, register for a background check, sign an Ethics and Integrity in Ministry statement, take an on-line Mandated Reporter course and sign and Mandated reporter acknowledgement. If you plan to volunteer with children in the parish or the school, please complete these requirements. Register online at www.virtus.org. Click on registration, then select the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO. You may expect to spend 2 hours completing this process. If you have any questions, please call Janet Ridder at 816-381-6910.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 8-13

Tuesday, August 8

6:45 am Joseph Donnelly †
8:15 am Jeanne Blanck †

Wednesday, August 9

6:45 am Joan Follina Brancato †
8:15 am Michele Chollet †

Thursday, August 10

6:45 am Thomas Beckers †

Friday, August 11

8:15 am Terry Jones †

Saturday, August 12

8:15 am Maria Madre de los Pobres
4:00 pm People of Visitation

Sunday, August 13

8:00 am Drolette Wiedeman †
10:30 am Jack Cullen †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS AUGUST 12-13

| | 4:00 PM | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
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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 2022-23

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

RCIA



Visitation is seeking "Seekers!"

Join others considering the Catholic Church for three upcoming "Inquiry Sundays." These sessions address basic questions about what Catholics believe, how we pray and what we celebrate. With a focus on fellowship, Sunday sessions take place between the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses and are open to walk-ins and all parishioners.

Come with your questions, or follow the QR code to submit questions anonymously...

Sunday, September 10 9:15 – 10:15 am (Adult Classroom in Tighe Hall)

Sunday, September 17 9:15 – 10:15 am (Adult Classroom in Tighe Hall)

Sunday, September 24 9:15 – 10:15 am (Adult Classroom in Tighe Hall)



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, August 20 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Meet in the Adult Classroom downstairs in Tighe Hall.**

- 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.
- To learn more, contact Teresa Albright at 753-5155 x1309 or teresa@church.visitation.org.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

A weekly program for the children of Visitation parish, their households and their neighbors. Classes, including preparation for First Sacraments, are available for K-8th graders beginning Monday, September 11 from 5:15 – 6:15 pm. REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 1!



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

S.O.R. Mission: to assist parents in sharing the tradition of our Catholic Christian faith; teach and lead children in the practice of prayer; encourage a familiarity and love of Scripture; foster an awareness of God's presence in daily life; demonstrate that our gifts are God-given and to be used in service to neighbor and society.

Call for Volunteers! There are several ways to help with this important family program. Contact Teresa Albright in the parish office to discuss volunteer opportunities for both teens and adults.

FAITH FORMATION

SAVE THE DATE! CATECHETICAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

All parishioners who help form the faith of others are invited to receive a blessing during the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses, followed by fellowship in Tighe Hall. This includes Visitation School Religion teachers, S.O.R. teachers, Marriage Lead Couples, CRHP CSD's and Lay Leaders, R.C.I.A. Team and Sponsors, Confirmation Team members, Small Group Leaders and more...

RACIAL JUSTICE



WE HAVE MET THE GOAL AGAIN!

The parish Racial Justice Committee is grateful to all whose donations have made it possible to enable four Cristo Rey student interns to work in our School in the 2023-24 academic year. This is the third year that we, as a parish, have met the nearly \$30,000 goal to support this program. In that time, 115 parish families and the parish Knights of Columbus have made contributions to this fund, many doing so each year.

We have met our goal, but the fund is now drained. If you would like to help sustain this effort, please click on the link below to add your contribution. Be assured that it is a gift that endures, as these young people of color are able assistants for our teachers and role models for our Vis students. <https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Form/b1846c7e-0418-49fc-bae1-b0dc5c0a80a5>.

SCHOOL

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SOCIAL CONCERNS

SAVE THE DATE: HUNGER FOR JUSTICE BANQUET AUGUST 30

Save the Date for Wednesday, August 30 for the Hunger for Justice Banquet featuring the Midwest Innocence Project. Our guest speakers will *be Ricky Kidd and Kevin Strickland*.



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FROM BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent donation towards our emergency assistance program. Below is a story of someone we recently assisted.

Javier is a 19 year-old single parent of a one-year-old daughter who had been living at home with his parents and 15 siblings. Javier had been part of a community health program since he was young. His caseworker, who reached out to us for assistance, spoke highly of Javier, who has persevered through many difficulties. Since his living space was not a safe and healthy environment to raise his daughter, the case manager helped Javier and his daughter move into own apartment. Javier did not have enough money to buy his child a crib, so Bishop Sullivan Center assisted by purchasing a crib that could eventually turn into a toddler's bed.

Thank you so much for making a difference to this young family and to many others. May the peace of Christ be with you and yours!

Sincerely Yours,

Michelle Carstedt
Director



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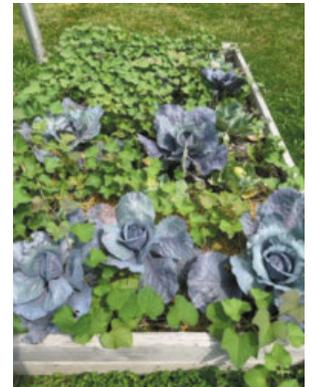
COMMUNITY GARDEN



St. Francis Xavier and Visitation Parish partner to maintain the 20 garden beds along Troost which produce around 1,000 lbs. of produce annually for our neighbors in need. So far, the team has harvested radishes, lettuce, turnips, beets, broccoli, Swiss chard and collard greens. The tomatoes, peppers, okra, sweet potatoes, cabbage, peaches and apples are growing well and will be available soon for our families. Kansas City Community Gardens, a non-profit organization provides the seeds we purchase each year for our garden's beds. Produce is typically harvested on Wednesday



mornings and volunteers are needed to water and weed on Saturday mornings at 9:30 am. If you are interested in being part of our garden crew, please contact Alison Dudley at alisondudleykc@gmail.com or Kelly Rawlings at kellymrawlings@gmail.com.



ABOUT TOWN

COUNSELING/SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Life can be very stressful, If you would like to find more ways to handle stress, consider counseling. Fr. Garry Richmeier is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist providing counseling and Spiritual Direction. He has offices in Liberty and at St James Church Midtown and accepts donations in lieu of a set fee. You can contact Fr. Garry at 816-415-2998 (no text) or garrycpps@gmail.com.



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.

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