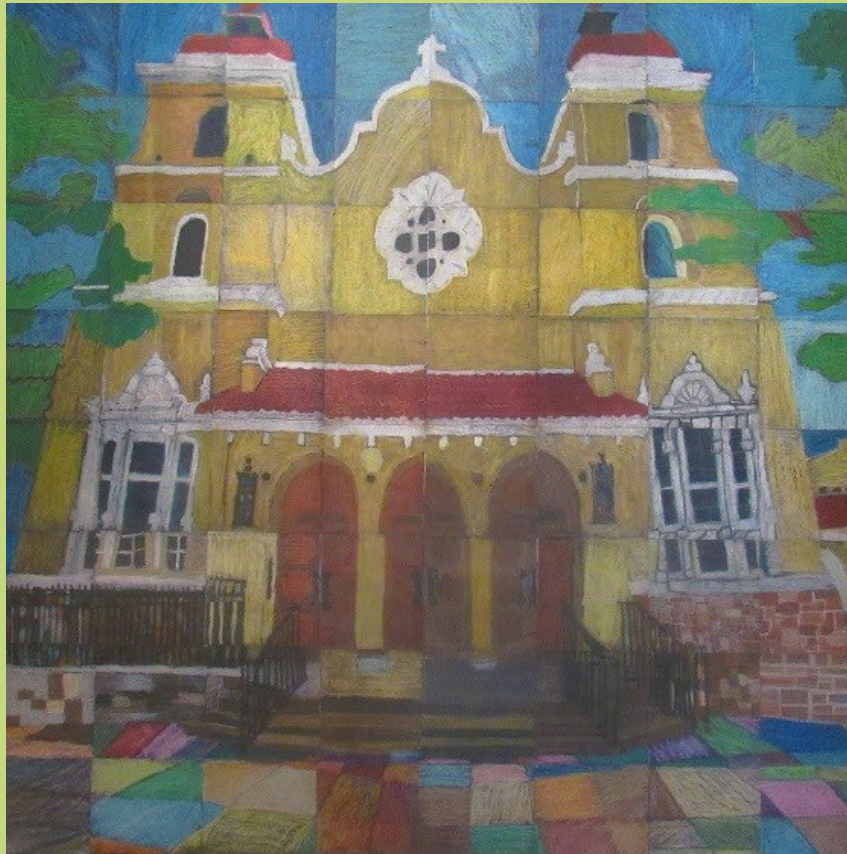


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VISITATION PARISH

AUGUST 20, 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

SAVE THE DATE! The next “Continuing the Conversation about Racism and Our Faith” will be Thursday, September 14 here at Visitation.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish community we thank our Women of Vis Funeral Meal Team #2: Captains Susan Erwin and Debbie Lolli and their team of Elizabeth Carlyle, Mary Clarkson, Suzette Cutcliff, Betty Devine, Sarah Griggs, Becky Gude, Pat Landwehr, Fran Lester, Kate Mahoney, Cathy Maple, Tina Mateski, Mary Montgomery, Dede Murphy, Louise Meyers, Barbara Nelson, Cara Newell, Joanie Spiking, Becky Summers, Patty Walsh and Mary Wirken.

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY TEAM

Interested in joining the Confirmation ministry team? Or, have some ideas about Confirmation you want to share?



We had a small but mighty group at our last meeting. Please come join us for the next planning meeting on Thursday, August 31 at 6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Room.

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.

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Steve Bastasch and Bridget Findley on their wedding here on Saturday, August 12.

ROSARY FOR THE SICK

IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY IS HELD EVERY
WEDNESDAY IN THE ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL AT 8:00 PM.
(WILL BE LIVESTREAMED)

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Brian Adams
John Anderson
Pamela Atherton
Maggie Quirarte Bates
Leonardo Borders
Chace Brundige
Cathy Campbell
Marianne Carl
Timothy Charles
Mary Beth Cicchetti
Olivia Connealy
Tony Cosentino
Jean Cummings
Allie May Dudenhoeffer
Bill Fuss
Shana Gadt
Ed Growney
Brooke Kuechler Harris
Mike Henninger
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
Erin Kallman
Shirley Kempker
Marriane Kersten
Kevin Koch
Bryan Larson
Betsy Lazere
Jeanne Lendabarker
Anthony Lipari, Sr.
Mary Lipari
Tom Lynn
Jorge Maldonado
Scott Martens

Priscilla McInnes
Tim McNamara
Thomas McNamara
Tricia Melland
Birdie Mendence
Andy Metzler
Lionel Morgan
Krystal Nemetz
Jennifer Olson
Charles Oppenlander
Linda Osterhaus
Nicholas Parscale
Nicola Pistone
Kat Potter
Peggy Pruitt
Ruth Quirarte
Quinn Regan
Theresa Ritchie
Ellie Rose
The Ryan Family
The Saalberg Family
Liam Scanlon
Fran Schuetz
Barbara Schulte
Aimee Sesler
Sandra Sharp
Bill Stone
Special Intention
Jeannie Sullivan
Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Annabelle Whalen
Dave Wittrock
Leigh Ann Zeller

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; Staff Sgt. Louis Perez, San Diego, CA.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 6

On Alert: Team # 12

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

I grew up having a dog in the house, and I've always enjoyed it. There were the dachshunds: Duchess and Sam. There was Patches the beagle. There were the hunting dogs: Duke, Cookie and Jake. One of the things I was excited about when I became a pastor and got a house to myself was the opportunity to get a dog of my own. Knowing the dachshund breed and enjoying their spirit, I got a black and tan dachshund named Truman. He was rescued from a puppy mill and was four or five years old when I got him. He was pretty emaciated and unfamiliar with the outside world, so I was happy to give him a good home. He quickly gained some needed weight and developed a strong affinity for rawhide and squeaky toys. Truman loved everyone and was sure everyone loved him. He was quite the hunter of rabbits, mice and anything else that moved and especially loved to go fishing with my dad. He was a great companion and brought me a lot of joy. Truman died at age 15 or 16 in 2009 after living with diabetes for a year. I still miss him!



I got Remi in January of 2010, another rescue dog recently freed from a puppy mill. Remi was also a dachshund, though his coat was black, white and tan. He was a beautiful dog but had been caged and mistreated for 5 years. He had never been socialized so he had some behavioral issues that took some work and adjustment. Remi was another wonderful companion for me and brought a lot of joy and humor to my life. He was very different from Truman, who loved to be outside walking, hunting or fishing. Remi wanted nothing to do with the outdoors and much preferred the couch, which in some ways made him much easier to take care of! Where Truman was an athlete, Remi was a professional napper. He really attached himself to me and trusted no one else. I always said that Remi's universe was pretty small: I was the sun and he was the only planet. Remi was healthy for most of his life but died after a brief illness in 2021 at the ripe old age of 16. I miss him a lot too!

I have thought about getting another dog, but am going to wait for a while just to get a sense of life at Visitation. Having a dog as a single person is challenging, as the care, feeding and presence are all up to me and given the demands of parish ministry, I need to be prepared for the impact a dog will have on my life and schedule. I want to be sure I can manage it before I get another one. It will happen sometime in the future, I'm pretty sure, but the "when" is a big and important question. In the mean time, I'll just savor the memories that Truman and Remi have left me.

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 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 22-27

Tuesday, August 22

6:45 am Lorraine Boucher †

8:15 am Karen Spring †

Wednesday, August 23

6:45 am Mae Brown †

8:15 am Mary Lou & Dean Wilwerding †

Thursday, August 24

6:45 am Joan Follina Brancato †

Friday, August 25

8:15 am Florence Farley †

Saturday, August 26

8:15 am Richard Knopke †

4:00 pm People of Visitation

Sunday, August 27

8:00 am Drolette Wiedeman †

10:30 am Emily & Ken Tepper

LITURGICAL MINISTERS AUGUST 26-27

	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**

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RCIA



Do you have questions about becoming Catholic and living a Catholic life? Please join us for 3 upcoming "Inquiry Sundays."

Sundays, September 10, 17, and 24

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. (Adult Classroom in Tighe Hall)

These sessions will 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...**



SCHOOL OF RELIGION

SCHOOL OF RELIGION – REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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.

Monday Evening Classes

School of Religion is a catechetical program that serves the children of Visitation Catholic Community and their households. We meet on Monday evenings from 5:15 – 6:15 pm at Visitation Church. Every week opens with a 15 minute, kid-friendly prayer service followed by classes for K-8th graders. We use a lectionary-based curriculum that includes age-appropriate lessons from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Each enrolled child also gets their own catechism booklet to take home at the end of the year.

Celebrating the Sacraments

On the first Monday of the month we celebrate God's Word with the reception of Holy Communion. During Advent and Lent, the sacrament of God's Mercy (Confession) is offered during the S.O.R. "Holy Hour." We also offer a sacramental preparation class for second and third graders who are ready for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Connecting with Parish Life & Loving Our Neighbors

First Mondays after class, parish households enjoy fellowship at monthly Family Dinners. Other family-friendly events throughout the year have included Advent Stations, Care Kit service projects, Christmas caroling, Stations of the Cross during Lent, a Church Treasure Hunt and May Crowning of Mary. These are perfect opportunities to invite older siblings, grandparents, godparents and neighbors into the life of your domestic church.

HELP IS NEEDED TO CARRY OUT THE S.O.R. VISION:



- ⇒ Support the Domestic Church
- ⇒ **Make Disciples of Jesus**
- ⇒ **Encourage Servant Leadership**
- ⇒ **Reinforce a Catholic Identity**

Call for Volunteers! There are several ways to help with this important family program. If you are Virtus certified, or willing to be trained, please contact Teresa Albright in the parish office to discuss volunteer opportunities for both teens and adults.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

HUNGER FOR JUSTICE BANQUET AUGUST 30



Kevin Strickland wrongfully convicted and spent 43 years in prison.

The Visitation Social Concerns Committee is hosting the annual Hunger Banquet on Wednesday, August 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The theme this year is "Hunger for Justice". We are honored to have Ricky Kidd and Kevin Strickland as our guest speakers. Ricky and Kevin are both exonerees who served a combined 67 years in Missouri prisons for crimes they did not commit. Both were exonerated after years of effort by volunteer attorneys and the staff of the Midwest Innocence Project.



Ricky Kidd - wrongfully convicted and spent 23 years in prison.



**MIDWEST
INNOCENCE
PROJECT**

The purpose is to learn about social justice issues happening around us, learn what we might do to realize a more just society and gather in prayer in hopes to help Kevin and Ricky heal from this terrible injustice.

A simple meal will be served at 6:00 pm followed by our speakers and a question- and-answer period. In order that we will have enough food, we kindly ask you to reply to janet@church.visitation.org.

VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

This week was very active for the volunteers and our new family. Volunteers took the family to Samuel L. Rogers for medical appointments this week. Transporting a family of eight is quite a task, especially when four car seats are needed. Volunteers also helped put together a bunkbed for the growing boys, family members eagerly helped the volunteer put the beds together. Also, the donation of a new lawn mower will help the family keep their new home up to code. One of our volunteers spent the afternoon showing them how to use it. So many tasks we take for granted that are different from the experience of their past life. Acclimation will take time and patience but this beautiful family is certainly up to the task. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.



PASTORAL CARE

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - KNIT, GIVE, PRAY

Join others in the parish community to put your knitting or crocheting skills to work and make a difference in someone's life. The Women of Vis, in partnership with Visitation Pastoral Care, formed the Prayer Shawl ministry in 2015. Prayer shawls are created by members of this group and given to members of the parish who are ill, homebound or experiencing loss of any kind. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Hospitality room. Everyone is welcome - those who already knit and crochet as well as those who wish to learn. Bring your ideas! Questions can be directed to Barb Truta at barbtruta@gmail.com.

SISTER PARISH

MEDICINE FOR MADRE

Our medical delegation will be leaving on September 30 and will be carrying over the counter medicine to assist the health clinic. Donations of the following medications and items will be appreciated:



- ⇒ Vitamins for children and adults (No gummies, please)
- ⇒ Acetaminophen for adults (500 mg)
- ⇒ Children's Acetaminophen
- ⇒ Aspirin (81 mg)
- ⇒ Benadryl (allergy medication) 25 mg (tablets only)
- ⇒ Magnesium tablets
- ⇒ Toothbrushes for children and adults

RIDE FOR MADRE - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

This year the 9th annual Ride for Madre will take place at the Crane Brewery with two ride options. The 20-mile ride leaves at 1:00 pm and the 10-mile ride leaves at 12:00 noon. To participate, please contact Bob Steinert at 816-729-2748 or email him at bsteinert@aol.com. Donations made to the ride for Madre go to support various projects at our sister parish in El Salvador. To donate go to our parish website, click Online Giving, scroll down to Sister Parish and put your donation amount in Ride for Madre.



RACIAL JUSTICE



Youth for Change met on Sunday, August 6 at St. Monica. Students in attendance brainstormed potential service projects, meeting location and frequency. The expressed goal of students and parents was to provide regular opportunities for students to get to know one another better through service and social events. Interested youth will next meet at Visitation on Sunday, September 17, beginning with attending Mass together at 10:30 am. Please take a moment to welcome these students and their parents if you attend this Mass.

MINISTRIES

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 alejandromanso@churchvisitation.org or 753-5155 x1307.

Faith & Grief Lunch

From Grief to Gratitude by Grace

Lori Hall

Tuesday, August 29, Noon - 1:00 pm

Lori, a retired educator, will share her story of love and loss of her husband through lessons she learned from Grief and the Gratitude that sustained her. She will speak about God's Grace that is freely given to us all and how, through the writing of her book, *Birds Still Dance*, her faith was challenged and strengthened. She writes, "Cancer is how John died but not how he lived."



Dappled Grief: *The Many Forms Loss Takes*



Rev. Dr. Jared Witt

Tuesday, October 3, Noon - 1:00 pm

When Jared was seven years old and in the Second Grade, he lost his sister Sherise, who was still-born. Grieving a loved one who never quite arrived has been complex and challenging, personally and within the family system. This is one of the many unique forms loss can take. Jared is the Transitional Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church.

Our 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.

- ✓ Everyone is welcome. No charge.
- ✓ A complimentary box lunch is provided for those who pre-register. A free-will offering is appreciated.
- ✓ Sponsored by local churches and hosted at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS.
- ✓ www.facebook.com/FaithandGriefKC

Visitation Golden Shamrocks BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCHEON

Tuesday, August 29

12:00 Noon

Tighe Hall

RSVP: 816-753-7422

We will be joined by our new pastor, Fr. Greg Haskamp, who will answer questions & tell us a bit more about himself.



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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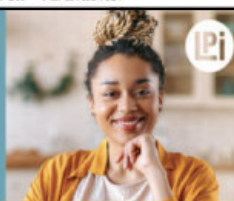
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