

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VISITATION PARISH

SEPTEMBER 3, 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

LABOR DAY

Our parish office and school will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day. Please join us for Mass in the St. Joseph Chapel at 9:00 am.



**S.O.R. BEGINS MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11
FROM 5:15-6:15 PM!**

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 at teresa@church.visitation.org to discuss volunteer opportunities for both teens and adults.

CONFIRMATION

2023-24 PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Please join us for one of the following meetings:

- Sunday, September 24 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm or
- Monday, September 25 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Both meetings will take place in the Faith Formation Room.



MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

KICK-OFF PARTY

Wednesday, September 6th

7:00 PM

Tighe Hall

Join us to kick off Visitation's Mothers of Young Children group!

Meet, register and mingle!

Hear about our mission, subcommittees and offerings.

Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to <https://www.addevent.com/event/pQ18300281>

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 Dudenhoefter

Bill Fuss

Shana Gadt

Ed Growney

Brooke Kuechler Harris

Mike Henninger

Laura Horigan

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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

Nicholas Parscale

Nicola Pistone

Kat Potter

Peggy Pruitt

Ruth Quirarte

Quinn Regan

Theresia 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; Master Sgt. Louis A. Perez, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 6

On Alert: Team # 12

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

I continue to be amazed at the hospitality of this parish community. Every weekend after Masses I feel so blessed by the gracious spirit that fills the church and the whole campus. So many have welcomed me with kind and enthusiastic words, and it's great to be here. I look forward to our future together. Thank you for making me feel so at home!

I talked with the Golden Shamrocks recently about my life as a priest. I said that I believe parish life can be one of the most impactful forces in the world right now. We have the potential to influence a neighborhood, a city and a world for the better by our prayer, our work together and our common life. It makes the work of parish ministry exciting and meaningful. The labor we undertake together is indeed holy, and we have much to celebrate.



Thanks to everyone for helping get this school year off to a great start. Our school is one of the central ministries of our parish, and we support it together. Some of us have children in school, some of us don't, but we all support Visitation School as one of our primary ministries. It's one of the ways we keep learning and growing in faith and practicing it in ways both new and familiar. Thanks to students and parents, teachers and administration, alumni and every member of this parish community for such generous stewardship. It breathes life into Visitation School!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

PARISH FIESTA



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SEPTEMBER 17 **4:00-7:00 PM**

FOOD + FUN + FELLOWSHIP



MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 4-10

Monday, September 4 – Labor Day
9:00 am American Workers & Their Contributions

Tuesday, September 5
6:45 am Margaret Beckers †
8:15 am James Kearns †

Wednesday, September 6
6:45 am Fred Mallick †
8:15 am Jacquie Kallman †

Thursday, September 7
6:45 am Mae Brown †

Friday, September 8
8:15 am Terry Jones †

Saturday, September 9
8:15am Fred Mallick †
4:00 pm Kevin Mashburn †

Sunday, September 10
8:00 am Suzanne Adams †
10:30am People of Visitation

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SEPTEMBER 9-10

| | 4:00 PM | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
|---------------|--|---|--|
| ALTAR SERVERS | C. Scanlon J. Myre sub req M. Murray | J. Bock D. Colombo C. Fanning | J. Deekan L. Gaarder J. Lynch |
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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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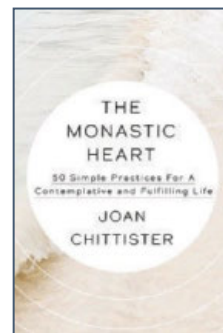
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FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation Team is taking a group from Visitation to Conception Abbey for a silent retreat weekend! The retreat will be led by Br. Mark Nelson, OSB with evening fellowship with your fellow Vis parishioners.



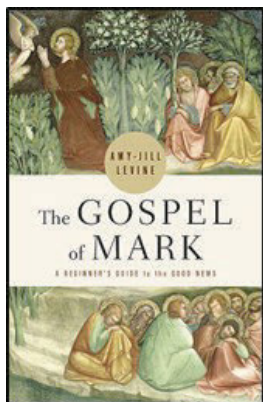
“Sabbath Rest & Benedictine Peace”
October 6 @ 4:00 p.m. – Oct. 8 @ 2:00 p.m.
\$150.00 per person (includes private room and meals)



In the prologue to the Rule, St. Benedict invites his readers to “seek after peace.” Amidst the busyness of life, this silent retreat explores the peace that arises from remembering the Sabbath and keeping it holy. Meditations on the Sabbath in Sacred Scripture will prepare our hearts for a prayerful encounter with the One who invites us to rest in his loving presence.

Space is limited. To register, contact Kristie Larson, FF Chair, at kbraylarson@gmail.com or 816-674-6535.

COMING UP...



Fall Bible Study with Teresa Albright, Pastoral Minister

Resource: “The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner’s Guide to the Good News”

Walk through the Bible’s earliest source for the life of Jesus with scholar Amy-Jill Levine. The Good News of the gospel message comes alive as readers see Jesus as divine and human, powerful and weak, approachable yet mysterious.

October 11 – November 16 | Time & Day determined by participants. Contact Teresa in the parish office to sign up: teresa@church.visitation.org or 816753-7422 .

FAITH FORMATION



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 am (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...**



SOCIAL CONCERNS

VISITATION COMMUNITY CARES PROJECT - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Please plan to participate in the 4th annual project where Visitation families/parishioners can show care and kindness to fellow parishioners! If you know someone who has suffered a loss, illness or hardship this year or who may need to be reminded how special they are to our community, please nominate them to be served in this way. All names can be submitted to Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org. If you are interested in volunteering on the day of the project, some tasks include raking leaves, planting flowers, trimming shrubs, sidewalk chalk art, etc. If you are willing to participate or want more information, please call or email Greg Fowler at 816-718-5539 gfwolder11057@gmail.com or Jeff Mohajir at jmohajir@mohajir.com.



CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

Visitation has a long rich history with Christmas in October and we hope to continue the tradition of rebuilding houses and neighborhoods in Kansas City! Please save the date of Saturday, October 14 and RSVP to Ken Conroy at 816-819-0578 or kmjhconroy1@gmail.com to join the team! Your help is needed!

ABOUT TOWN

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR HOMICIDE VICTIMS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24

What: Memorial Service

When: Sunday September 24, 12:30 pm

Where: Spirit of Freedom Fountain. 3708 Emanuel Cleaver Boulevard

Please join Father Greg, members of the Visitation community and KC Mothers in Charge to show support for those who have lost loved ones to homicide in Kansas City and to remember those who have died. **REMEMBER THEIR NAMES.**



DAPPLED GRIEF: THE MANY FORMS LOSS TAKES REV. DR. JARED WITT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 12:00 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. *Complimentary box lunch provided for those who register. A free-will offering is appreciated. *Sponsored by local churches and hosted at Village Presbyterian at 6641 Mission Road. *www.facebook.com/FaithandGriefKC.*

<https://www.faithandgrief.org/gatherings/> - Info 816-381-9249 or care@cccckc.org.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

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.



HUNGER AWARENESS

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

Donations of non-perishable food items may be brought to the basket in the church narthex throughout the month of September. Donations will benefit four neighboring food pantries: St. Francis Xavier, Bishop Sullivan Center (Troost location), Guardian Angels & Redemptorist.

Young children are invited to participate and bring donations to the basket on the predella during the collection each weekend in September.

Help us fill our basket each weekend in September!



RACIAL JUSTICE



The parish Racial Justice Committee met on August 23. Here is a review of Summer Activities:

- June showing of *Aftershock* (a film about black women maternal health available on HULU) that was led by Katie Levi and prompted good attendance and discussion;
- a July book discussion of *How to Fight Racism* by Jemar Tisby—the 20 people in attendance engaged in a meaningful conversation led by Clare Bond and Linda Hughes; and the
- August meeting with **Councilwoman Melissa Robinson** at the last session of

our summer Just Faith Racial Healing group and alumni.

New Business:

- School faculty member, Nancy Hesse reported that Visitation School again will have four Cristo Rey student interns. Ashley, a senior, will return to Vis for her third year with us. In addition, we'll have a junior, a sophomore, and a freshman. The interns will work with the Kindergarten classes as well as some Specials classes.
- The results of our May survey of Vis School faculty prompted a discussion about ways to collaborate with the school be that through speakers, field trips or special events during November's Black Catholic History month.
- Just Faith Update: This summer we offered the sixth 8-week series of Just Faith's Racial Healing program. The group was small but equally moved and informed by what we read and discussed. This summer group included two members of our partnering group from St. Monica Parish, Angela Curry and Alvin Brooks.
- What comes next? Another book discussion and possible books were discussed; a renewed emphasis on supporting Black-owned businesses; developing a plan for quarterly offerings -
- September 22: Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR) Breakfast, Vis has a table, no charge for breakfast, donation requested as this is their major fundraiser. If interested in attending, contact Peg Ekerdt at peggyekerdt@gmail.com or 816-896-8193.
- The RJC has moved to alternating monthly meetings with monthly activities.
- **September 14 Activity:** RJC Activity/Meeting—Continuing the Conversation about Racism and Our Faith with St Monica friends at 6:30 pm in Tighe Hall.
- **Next Zoom meeting** - Wednesday, October 11 at 5:00 pm
- Interested or have questions about VIS RJC? Please contact Linda Hughes at lichteach20@gmail.com or Peg Ekerdt at peggyekerdt@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.

SCHOOL



*Welcome back
to school!*

SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

VISITATION SCHOOL

FUN FACT! KRISTIN IS ONE OF OUR PROGRESSIVE DINNER CHAIRS!

◆ **FEATURED FAMILY: THE OSBERNS**
The Osbern crew has been members of Visitation for almost a decade.

Our kids are Jack (4th grade), Adele (2nd grade), James (K) and Louis (3 yo). We are busy running around town to kids activities from lacrosse to ballet to piano, you name it. We love to explore whether it be a new place to travel or a new restaurant in town. Our family loves the Vis community and are so grateful to call it home!

What do you love about the Visitation Community:
Our favorite part of Vis is definitely the people - from the teachers that educate and care for our kids, to the parish staff who enable opportunities for our family to ground ourselves in faith and opportunities to be good stewards to others, to the parents who carpool and enjoy auction parties with us, to our kid's peers we've watched grow in their academic, sports and faith over the years. I could go on but I'll stop there!

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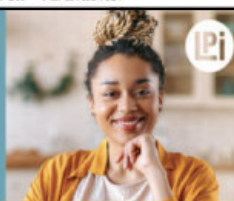
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Catechetical Sunday

September 10, 2023

All the baptized are invited to the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses
to be commissioned in the evangelizing mission of the church.

followed by
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RACISM AND OUR FAITH

KANSAS CITY CATHOLICS ADDRESSING RACISM

Continuing the Conversation about RACISM AND OUR FAITH

The *Kansas City Catholics Addressing Racism* (KCCAR) will update us on conversations with Bishop James V. Johnston and report on the National Black Catholic Congress XIII, followed by table discussions.

Thursday September 14, 2023

Visitation Catholic Community
5141 Main, KCMO 64112, Tighe Hall

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.
Program begins at 7:00 p.m.



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