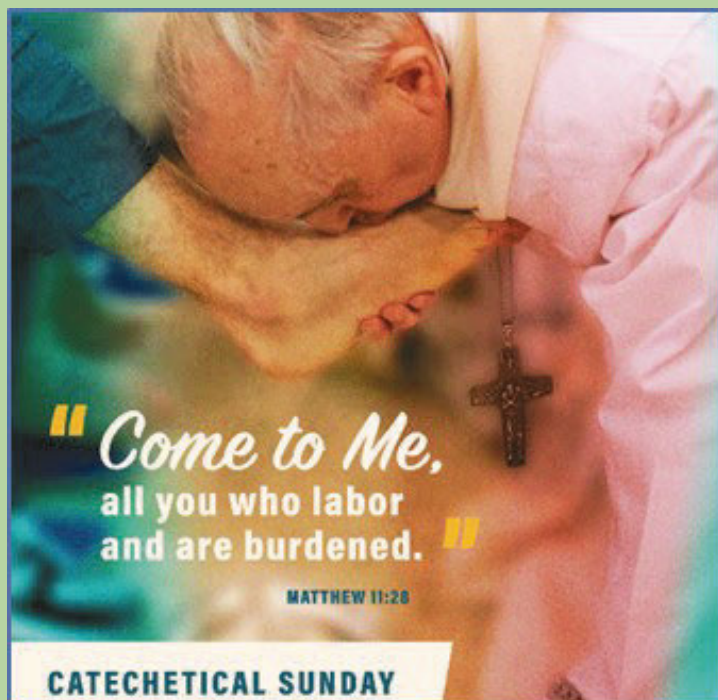


TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VISITATION PARISH

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



A Catechist's Prayer

Loving Father, send down your Holy Spirit to help me grow in wisdom and understanding that I may hand on the faith according to your Word, Jesus Christ. Open my mind and heart to become a living witness to the joy of the Gospel. Let my words and actions illuminate your Love so they may draw others to you and the church.

I ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

HUNGER BANQUET THANK YOU

Thank you to all who attended the Hunger Banquet last week, presented by our Social Concerns Ministry Team. We are especially grateful to the Midwest Innocence Project and our special guests, Ricky Kidd and Kevin Strickland, for sharing their stories with us. The evening was a powerful and sobering experience for those in attendance.

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.



**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.

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.

OUR SYMPATHY

We, as parish community, extend our prayers and sympathy to Shea Hamid and Molly Hornbaker on the death of their mother, Jeanne Cummings.

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	Priscilla McInnes
John Anderson	Tim McNamara
Pamela Atherton	Thomas McNamara
Maggie Quirarte Bates	Tricia Melland
Leonardo Borders	Birdie Mendence
Chace Brundige	Andy Metzler
Cathy Campbell	Lionel Morgan
Marianne Carl	Krystal Nemetz
Timothy Charles	Jennifer Olson
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Charles Oppenlander
Olivia Connealy	Nicholas Parscale
Tony Cosentino	Nicola Pistone
Allie May Dudenhoeffer	Kat Potter
Bill Fuss	Peggy Pruitt
Ed Growney	Ruth Quirarte
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Quinn Regan
Mike Henninger	Theresia Ritchie
Laura Horigan	Ellie Rose
Joe Irwin	The Ryan Family
William Jewell	The Saalberg Family
Erin Kallman	Liam Scanlon
Shirley Kempker	Fran Schuetz
Marriane Kersten	Barbara Schulte
Kevin Koch	Aimee Sesler
Bryan Larson	Sandra Sharp
Betsy Lazere	Bill Stone
Jeanne Lendabarker	Special Intention
Anthony Lipari, Sr.	Jeannie Sullivan
Mary Lipari	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Tom Lynn	Annabelle Whalen
Jorge Maldonado	Dave Wittrock
Scott Martens	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,

When I think of all the good people who teach me what it means to be a Catholic, I realize how rich the Body of Christ is. I learned first from my parents, who lived their faith every day without fanfare but with steady and generous devotion. I learned from teachers in my Catholic grade school, St. Matthew Apostle, and from teachers at O'Hara High School, Rockhurst College, Conception Seminary and Mundelein Seminary. I learned from pastors and principals, classmates and authors, grandparents, aunts and uncles. And I'm still learning, still being taught, by colleagues, writers, speakers, friends and bishops. Embracing this faith and practicing it alone would be so difficult, almost impossible. We all need people to form us, teach us and mentor us.



We celebrate the ministries in our parish that "catechize" or help to form us - children, youth and adults - in faith. We recognize the working of the Holy Spirit in Visitation School teachers and School of Religion Catechists. And the same Spirit working in leaders of CRHP and RCIA. And again in lead couples and parish staff, in parents, grandparents and so many others! The Holy Spirit animates our parish community and church with gifted, dynamic people who continue the work of making disciples by the ministry of catechesis. I encourage you to take some time to acknowledge and remember the people who taught you to follow Christ and to recognize those who still do so. We are all always learning, and we are blessed to be surrounded by so many excellent witnesses of faith. Be grateful for them all!

On another note, as I've continued to settle in, I've enjoyed putting together a little sitting area on my outdoor patio. I found some nice chairs and cushions in the rectory basement. I bought a couple of tropical plants. I hope to add an outdoor rug. I love to sit outside on summer nights, especially when the stars are visible and the breeze is blowing. But I also look forward to the fall and some cooler temperatures. I plan to put that patio to good use! I'll light a candle, look up at the stars and give thanks that I am here.

Peace - Fr. Greg

PARISH FIESTA



MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 12-17

Tuesday, September 12
6:45 am Fred Mallick †
8:15 am Julie Geis †

Wednesday, September 13
6:45 am Michael Messina †
8:15 am Bill Hodes †

Thursday, September 14
6:45 am Rev. Sandy Sinclair †

Friday, September 15
8:15 am Mae Brown †

Saturday, September 16
8:15am Chuck Svoboda †
4:00 pm People of Visitation

Sunday, September 17
8:00 am Maria Chalk †
10:30 am Jerry Handley †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SEPTEMBER 16-17

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	N. Bond B. Dro J. Gronniger	K. Schilling A. O'Neill W. Lueke	H. Hagenhoff T. Hagenhoff J. Canino
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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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Victim Assistance Coordinator,
Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

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!

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

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.

RACIAL JUSTICE



COMING UP:

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 lhcteach20@gmail.com or Peg Ekerdt at peggyekerd@gmail.com.

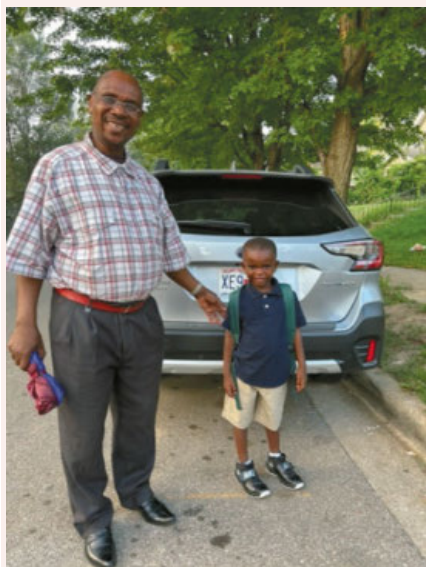
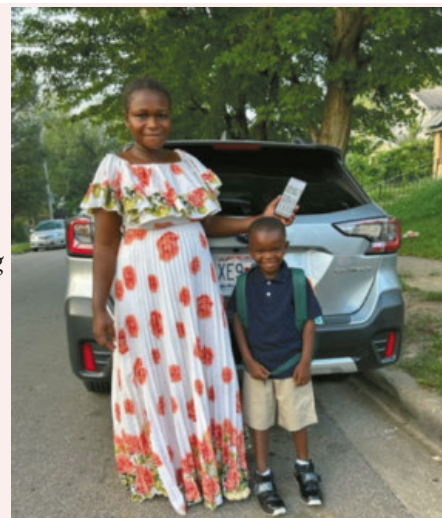
REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

Our sponsor family has been experiencing so many new things in the past six weeks. They are eager to learn and are making great adjustments on a daily basis. As a team we are in awe of their courage and open hearts. In addition to providing transportation to Samuel Rodgers Health Clinic for several health appointments, our team has helped the family with things that so many of us take for granted: introducing the world of trash pick-ups and recycling, running a thermostat and microwave - and most importantly, getting their oldest child, 6-year-old Mauridi, started in kindergarten.

We attended Back to School night at Martin Luther King Elementary with Mauridi and his mom, Francoise, on August 17. The kindergarten teachers and school staff were so welcoming and helpful. They showed him his classroom and locker and despite not understanding English, the big smile on Mauridi's face showed his excitement. He also was fascinated watching the kids that were on the athletic fields practicing soccer and football. He definitely was dreaming about his future out there on the field!

Our team helped the family navigate the school bus system, location of the bus stop and pick up and drop off times. He is a brave little boy! His grandfather, Awaya, was a secondary school teacher in Africa for 42 years, and we know this family values education. We hope that his younger brother, Lukando, will be enrolled in pre-school, although Della Lamb folks caution that may take time. We recently learned his 17-year-old aunt, Marie, would like to attend high school. The team at Della Lamb is working with the family to achieve those goals.

We have taken the family to Mass at St. James Mid-town where they have found a few members of the parish who speak French and Swahili. We look forward to bringing the family to Mass here at Visitation on hospitality Sunday.



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VISITATION SCHOOL



FUN FACT!
MRS. WINGET &
ALL FOUR OF HER
SONS ARE VIS
GRADS!

FEATURED STAFF: BRIDGET WINGET

Get to know Mrs. Bridget Winget, our beloved Administrative Assistant at Visitation School!

"I became a part of the Vis community when I attended the 1st grade. My four sons attended Visitation, and in 1997 I started working at Vis. This is my 26th year. I have been privileged to watch several classes of Kindergartners become 8th graders and graduate."

Hobbies: Reading and crochet

Favorite Teams: Go Chiefs and KU Jayhawks!

Favorite Treats: Starbucks coffee and chocolate

What do you love about the Visitation Community?

"I love the Vis Community! They are so generous to the teachers and staff, making sure we have everything we need. I tell our new parents to get involved at Vis because they will form lifelong friendships, and their children will too!"



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There are 41 children in this first grade room.

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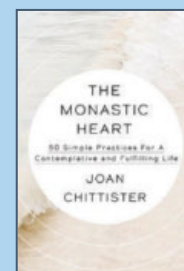
The Faith Formation Team is taking a group from Visitation to Conception Abbey for a silent retreat weekend! The retreat will be led by Br. Mark Nelson, OSB with evening fellowship with your fellow Vis parishioners.



“Sabbath Rest & Benedictine Peace”

October 6 @ 4:00 pm. – Oct. 8 @ 2:00 pm

\$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.

**FALL
2023**

BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

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-Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Author

Visitation Catholic Community
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6 Sessions with book discussion and video lessons
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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 from 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...**





Visitation Faith Formation Team Presents

4th Annual

"Season of Creation" Hike

Sunday, October 1, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.

James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area

12405 SE Ranson Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64082

"This Day offers individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

- Pope Francis on the Establishment of the
Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 2015

- Outdoor Prayer Service for Our Common Home
- CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE:
 - ⇒ Hiking Trails
 - ⇒ Biking
 - ⇒ Fishing
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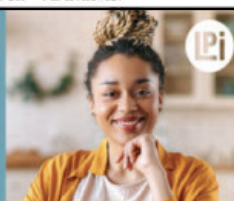
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Thursday September 14, 2023

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Help us fill our basket each weekend in September!

