

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VISITATION PARISH

SEPTEMBER 24, 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 lifelong 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

PARISH FIESTA

Thank you to all who attended last weekend's Parish Fiesta. We are especially grateful to all of our volunteers who helped make the event a tremendous success!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Next weekend's second envelope benefits our St. Vincent de Paul Society ministry to the poor. Thank you for making it possible to serve the poor in our community. An envelope for this purpose may be found in your packet.

CONFIRMATION

2023-24 PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Please join us for one of the following meetings:

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

Both meetings will take place in the Faith Formation Room.

SISTER PARISH

Our medical delegation leaves next weekend to provide help in the clinic at Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres. Please keep the delegates in your prayers as they travel to be with our friends at Madre.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR HOMICIDE VICTIMS



When: Sunday, September 24, 12:30 pm
Where: Spirit of Freedom Fountain, 3708 Emanuel Cleaver Boulevard. Please join Father Greg and other members of the Visitation community, along with KC Mothers in Charge and those who have lost loved ones to homicide in Kansas City this year, to remember those we have died.

REMEMBER THEIR NAMES

DINING OUT



WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Becca Ridge and Kevin Winterscheidt on their wedding here on Saturday, September 16.

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

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| Brian Adams | Tim McNamara |
| John Anderson | Thomas McNamara |
| Pamela Atherton | Tricia Melland |
| Maggie Quirarte Bates | Birdie Mendence |
| Leonardo Borders | Andy Metzler |
| Chace Brundige | 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 | Theresa 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 |
| Priscilla McInnes | |

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 # 12

On Alert: Team # 3

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

I always enjoy a good auction, especially when it benefits something I really believe in. Our school auction is coming up on November 10, and I invite everyone, whether you are a school parent or not, to support this great event! As a ministry of our parish, Visitation School is one of the primary ways we pass on our faith and learn to practice it more actively. This auction directly benefits the school and thus enables us to keep strengthening this ministry to our kids, families and surrounding community. Consider donating an auction item: a dinner, a trip, a themed basket, a service. I'm always amazed and inspired by the creativity and generosity that auctions generate. You're also welcome to donate directly if you prefer to do so. And if you'd like to attend and enjoy the fun, I'll see you there! Here's a link for more information: <https://www.visitationauction.com/>.



The school year is going really well thus far. I have sure enjoyed meeting students, teachers and parents. There is a great spirit and lots of good things are happening. I enjoy our weekly School Masses and am so impressed with the level of participation our kids bring. Responses are robust, singing is strong and attention is focused! That's a good sign that we are teaching, learning and practicing our faith. Thanks to all who give so generously of time, talent and treasure, as it supports and enriches the ministry of our school!

Peace - Fr. Greg

COMMUNITY CARES



Saturday, October 28

Volunteers are needed for our 4th annual Community Cares project where our community members can show care and kindness to fellow parishioners!



COMMUNITY CARES PROJECT

Tasks will include:

- Raking leaves
- Trimming shrubs
- Planting flowers
- Creating sidewalk chalk art
- All ages & abilities welcome!



To volunteer, contact:

Greg Fowler
gfwolder11057@gmail.com
or
Jeff Mohajir
jmohajir@mohajir.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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 26 – OCTOBER 1

Tuesday, September 26
6:45 am Mae Brown †
8:15 am Richard Knopke †

Wednesday, September 27
6:45 am Joan Follina Brancato †
8:15 am Ted Wiedeman †

Thursday, September 28
6:45 am Helen Keever †

Friday, September 29
8:15 am Michael Messina †

Saturday, September 30
8:15am Shana Gadt †
4:00 pm People of Visitation

Sunday, October 1
8:00 am John & Helen Koval †
10:30 am Alice Farley †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SEPT. 30 – OCT. 1

| | 4:00 PM | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
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47th Street on the North to Meyer Blvd on the South

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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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Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

FINANCIAL

Once again, our contribution budget for the new fiscal year is based on the 3-year average model. As last year's actual contribution income did not meet budget projections, the average this year increased only by .09% to \$4,175,984. With regard to the parish expense budget, this year's projections are higher than last year to account for the current inflation rate. They include salary increases for all staff members at both the church and school. Ultimately, we were able to submit a balanced budget to the Diocese of \$5.37 million for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

August 2023 Contribution Income fell short of budget by \$6,857 or 2.62%. Other Income, which includes Ministries, Program Fees, Miscellaneous one-time Donations, School Tuition, Registration Fees and Before/After Care Fees exceed budget by \$2,656 in August. Bringing our Total Operative Monthly income to a deficit of only \$4,201.

Year-to-date Contribution and other Income exceeded budget by \$10,769. Operating Expenses were over budget by \$33,461 creating a negative variance in our YTD Parish Net Income of \$22,692.

Compared to the prior fiscal year-to-date, Parish Contribution Income for 2023/2024 surpassed last year's results by \$50,745 while Other Income came short by \$225,004, creating a Total Operating Income shortfall of \$174,299. Parish Expenses were higher than last year by \$92,970 for a net difference \$267,268.

| | Month of August 2022 | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Difference |
| Contribution Income | \$ 254,862 | \$ 261,719 | \$ (6,857) |
| Other Income | \$ 392,763 | \$ 390,107 | \$ 2,656 |
| Total Operating Income | \$ 647,625 | \$ 651,826 | \$ (4,201) |
| Operating Expense | \$ 510,715 | \$ 451,560 | \$ (59,155) |
| Net | \$ 136,910 | \$ 200,266 | \$ (63,356) |

| | Fiscal YTD (July-August) | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Difference |
| Contribution Income | \$ 497,542 | \$ 492,999 | \$ 4,543 |
| Other Income | \$ 687,465 | \$ 681,238 | \$ 6,227 |
| Total Operating Income | \$ 1,185,007 | \$ 1,174,238 | \$ 10,769 |
| Operating Expense | \$ 919,173 | \$ 885,712 | \$ (33,461) |
| Net | \$ 265,833 | \$ 288,525 | \$ (22,692) |

| | Fiscal YTD This | | Fiscal YTD Last | Difference |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| | Year | Year | | |
| Contribution Income | \$ 497,542 | \$ 446,797 | \$ 50,745 | |
| Other Income | \$ 687,465 | \$ 912,509 | \$ (225,044) | |
| Total Operating Income | \$ 1,185,007 | \$ 1,359,306 | \$ (174,299) | |
| Operating Expense | \$ 919,173 | \$ 826,204 | \$ (92,970) | |
| Net | \$ 265,833 | \$ 533,102 | \$ (267,268) | |

CONFIRMATION



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
7:00 -TIGHE HALL

Come start the Confirmation process by joining us for pizza and games.

Any questions? Call Jenny
at 753-5155 x1309

SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

MEET THE ANDERSONS

Quinn, Whitney, Kane (5), Arlo (3) and Banks (16 mos). Lots of energy (and big feelings) in our household! We love spending time at parks across the city (burning off said energy), going out for breakfast and ice cream, taking trips to the beach and the mountains, and our Friday movie nights! Our kids keep busy with swimming, soccer, flag football, T-ball, basketball, and dance (have they come up with Uber Kids for sports practices yet?)

We have been members of Visitation Parish for over 10 years as a family (and over 25 for Quinn). This is our first year at Visitation school, our son, Kane, is in kindergarten and is so excited to be with his seven older cousins who are also students at Vis.

FUN FACT:

Whitney serves on the MOYC committee which serves young mothers of our parish with spiritual, emotional and social enrichment opportunities.



FOLLOW: [visitationmoyc](#)
For more information about Mothers of Young Children (MOYC) at Vis.



WHY WE LOVE VIS...

We love the Visitation community for so many reasons, but it's truly the people who make it such a special and welcoming place! The Church has been an integral part of many important milestones in our lives- Marriage, RCIA and baptism for our 3 children. Our time at the church and its ministries, especially being part of the newly formed Mothers of Young Children, has made the introduction to the school such an easy one, and we are so grateful! We have only been at the school for a month now, but it feels like we've been there so much longer. We look forward to Vis being a part of many more future milestones for our family!

RACIAL JUSTICE



Approximately 65 individuals gathered on September 14 for the latest Continuing the Conversation on Racism and Our Faith session in Tighe Hall, hosted by Kansas City Catholics Addressing Racism (KCCAR). In addition to parishioners from St. Monica and Visitation, attendees joined from St. Francis Xavier, St. Elizabeth, St. Thomas More, St. Therese Little Flower, St. James, Holy Family, Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Our Lady & St. Rose and Redemptorist.

Jerry Pullen and Steve Miller recapped KCCAR's June meeting with Bishop Johnston, noting his responses to our questions, as well as agreed upon next steps. Participants heard from National Black Catholic Congress attendees and viewed a powerful film, [*Answering the Call to Thrive: The Legacy of the Black Catholic Congress*](#). Table discussions centered on the gifts of Black Catholics to the broader church and the perseverance demonstrated by Black Catholics (see questions below). Alvin Brooks closed the evening in song, leading participants in a shared singing of [*"Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child."*](#)

The next Continuing the Conversation event will take place in January at St. Monica, date TBD. Also, please look for an article in the October-November edition of *The Catholic Key* on KCCAR's inception and ongoing work.

1. Inspired by Blessed Thea Bowman, several people on the video referred to the "gifts" of Black Catholics to the church...that Black Catholic churches are "not a problem to be solved, but gifts to be shared." Name some of these gifts you have personally witnessed/received. Which ones are especially important for today's church and the future church?
2. Archbishop Wilton Gregory speaks of Black Catholics "clinging to their faith" through pain. And several people on the video mentioned the centuries of long-suffering for Black Catholics – caused by people within and outside of the church. What impact can this "spiritual memory" have on the American Church in particular?
3. Gloria Purvis said in the video about the church, "her teachings are true, even if her followers" do not adhere to them. How have you been able to personally overcome this contradiction and "keep the faith"?
4. One person on the video remarked that the church shouldn't just "acknowledge" Black Catholics, but "celebrate" the Black Catholic tradition. How does such "celebration" manifest in the church's educational, social and liturgical ministries?





FALL Festival

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

AFTER 10:30 MASS IN TIGHE HALL
PUMPKIN DECORATING
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

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CHILDREN

HOSTED BY MOYC

To RSVP, go to www.tinyurl.com/moycfallfest

FAITH FORMATION

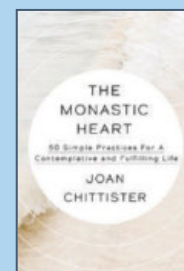
The Faith Formation Team is taking a group from Visitation to Conception Abbey for a silent retreat weekend! The retreat will be led by Br. Mark Nelson, OSB with evening fellowship with your fellow Vis parishioners.



“Sabbath Rest & Benedictine Peace”

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

\$150.00 per person (includes private room and meals)



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

FALL
2023

BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

“Mark is inexhaustible in the questions that it asks and indeed the answers that we will give as we attend to those questions.”

—Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Author

Visitation Catholic Community

October 11 – November 15

6 Sessions with book discussion and video lessons
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The GOSPEL of MARK

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE to the GOOD NEWS

LEARN MORE ABOUT
FAITH FORMATION AT VIS:
WWW.VISIONMAINKC.COM

CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER



Volunteers Needed!

Help us keep Visitation's long tradition alive! Christmas in October provides needed maintenance and care at the homes of the elderly poor in our community. This year's work date is **Saturday, October 14.**

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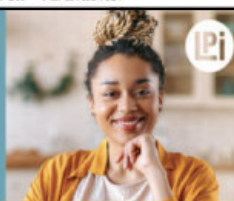
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