

# VISITATION PARISH

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FEBRUARY 4, 2024



#### 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

### 2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements or acknowledgement letters for calendar year 2023 have been sent. Please watch your mail or check your inbox for an email from Megan Burdolski. If you have not receive your statement by mid-week, please contact Megan Burdolski, Director of Stewardship at 816-753-5155 x1305 or [megan@church.visitation.org](mailto:megan@church.visitation.org). Please take time to carefully review your statement and contact Megan with any discrepancies or questions you may have.

### SCHOOL/MASS CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

When Visitation School is closed due to snow/ice, morning liturgies for that day are cancelled. For closing information, phone the school at 816-531-6200, go to [www.visitation.org](http://www.visitation.org) and look for closing information in the "Special Announcement" box on our homepage or watch for "Southwest POD Catholic Schools" on the media. Cancellation of Mass is for the safety of those attending as parking lots and walks may have not been cleared.



### CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH



Looking to deepen your community within our parish? You are invited! Come to Christ Renews His Parish, an entirely-free, two-day retreat

experience, at our parish. The weekend is an opportunity to grow in real community and relationship with Christ through fellowship, prayer, inspirational talks and the sacraments. To learn more please go to our parish website and click on the banner for Christ Renews His Parish or contact Karen Miller at [karen@church.visitation.org](mailto:karen@church.visitation.org).

### CONFIRMATION

Remind your sponsors they may attend the Church tour with Steve Engler tonight, Sunday, February 4 at 7:00 pm.

Next Confirmation meeting is February 25!



## ROSARY FOR THE SICK

IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY  
IS HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY  
IN THE ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL  
AT 8:00 PM.

*LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK*

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

Erin Kallman

Peg Kallman

Tricia Melland

Earl Adam

Brian Adams

Pamela Atherton

Maggie Quirarte Bates

Bryan Bownick

Marianne Carl

Mary Beth Cicchetti

Olivia Connealy

Bill Fuss

Brooke Kuechler Harris

Margaret Howard

Joe Irwin

William Jewell

Kevin Koch

Bryan Larson

Jeanne Lendabarker

Scott Martens

Tim McNamara

Thom McNamara

Pam Murray

Peggy Pruitt

Theresia Ritchie

Ellie Rose

Kathy Scaglia

Barbara Schulte

Aimee Sesler

Sandra Sharp

Nic Shump

Bill Stone

Special Intention

Jeannie Sullivan

Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.

Annabelle Whalen

Dave Wittrock

Judy Worth

Leigh Ann Zeller

### SICK LIST UPDATE

Please call Jenny Greene to request an individual be added to our list. We ask that you leave a contact name and number. We will follow up with each request quarterly to keep the list current and to offer additional support as needed.

*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 # 9

On Alert: Team # 8

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

It's sure been nice to get a little taste of spring in recent days. Though I know we're not through winter just yet, some sunshine and warmer air is a sign of things to come, sooner or later!

Though I moved to Visitation last summer, believe it or not I still have a couple of things at St. Elizabeth that I need to move here. I have a recliner and a couple of other pieces of furniture in storage there. If anyone has a truck and would be willing to help me move those things, I'd really appreciate it. It's a good reminder to me to learn to travel more lightly. At almost 61 years of age, it's time I learn that! If you are interested in helping me, just call or email me at the Parish Office.



I'm still amazed that we are cheering on another Super Bowl-bound Chiefs team, but it sure feels good! What a journey it's been with them this season! It's added tremendous excitement to these last several weeks. Go Chiefs!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

## ABOUT TOWN



**FAITH & GRIEF LUNCH - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 12:00 - 1:00 PM VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN**  
**SPEAKER: Sloane Simmons: DEATH, SMALL BUSINESS & SISTERHOOD**

Sloane will share her journey of how losing two parents in two separate households during the pandemic (but not from COVID), five months apart taught her the elasticity of small business and the strength of sisterhood.

**About:** 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.

⇒ All are welcome. No charge. \*Complimentary box lunch provided for those who pre-register (free-will offerings appreciated) \*Sponsored by a collaboration of local churches, hosted by Village Presbyterian: 6641 Mission Rd.

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### ST. PIUS ALUMNI EVENT

The St. Pius X Catholic Student Center of Pittsburg, KS will host a 'Catholic Gorilla Connect' alumni event in Kansas City to celebrate 110 years of Catholic campus ministry on the Pittsburg State University campus.

The PSU Kansas City area alumni and friends can reconnect, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks, live entertainment and hear from Fr. Derek Thome about the mission of St. Pius X.

The event will be held on Saturday, February 24 from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm at Sulgrave Regency Condominiums, 200 W. 49th Street, Kansas City, MO.

Attendees may RSVP by February 16 to Bethany Kendrick at [bethany@catholicgorillas.org](mailto:bethany@catholicgorillas.org).



# SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

## VIS WELCOMES

### SHOW ME KC SCHOOLS CITYWIDE OPEN HOUSE

Visitation School opened its doors on Saturday, January 27th, to participate in the Show Me KC Schools annual citywide school open house, coined School Saturday! During School Saturday families and community members have the opportunity to visit participating schools they'd like to learn more about or tour. Visitation shined brightly, with over 25+ families taking individual tours hosted by parent/student duos, while multiple school faculty and teachers took time out of their Saturday to be available to answer questions, show off their classrooms, highlight student projects, artwork, and discuss the curriculum, projects and passions that make Vis so unique.

Thank you to everyone on the Open House Committee who worked behind the scenes, volunteered, provided refreshments, and offered a warm welcome to interested families. We were encouraged by the great feedback we received, and reminded what a vibrant school/parish community we have, rooted in faith, knowledge and service to one another.



## RED FRIDAY FUN AT VIS...

HOW 'BOUT THOSE CHIEFS...



If any family/friends/neighbors are interested in learning more about Visitation School please contact: [info@school.visitation.org](mailto:info@school.visitation.org)





MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 6-11		LITURGICAL MINISTERS FEBRUARY 10-11		
		4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<p><b>Tuesday, February 6</b> 6:45 am Michael Beckers † 8:15 am Rod Gonso †</p> <p><b>Wednesday, February 7</b> 6:45 am Deacon Don Madden † 8:15 am Linda Osterhaus †</p> <p><b>Thursday, February 8</b> 6:45 am Mary Beckers †</p> <p><b>Friday, February 9</b> 8:15 am Donald Farley †</p> <p><b>Saturday, February 10</b> 8:15am Clara Beckers † 4:00 pm Marialice Searcy †</p> <p><b>Sunday, February 11</b> 8:00 am Bernice Campbell † 10:30 am People of Visitation</p>	ALTAR SERVERS	G. Greim C. Tietjen A. Gronniger	A. O'Neill S. Munjak-Khoury W. Lueke	J. Hanks P. Munce B. Craig
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## COMMUNITY CPR CLASS

### FEBRUARY IS HEART HEALTH MONTH - CPR TRAINING CLASS

Please join us in *Tighe Hall* on *February 17 at 12:30 pm* for our first Community CPR class. There is no cost to attend but spaces are limited so please call Joni in the parish office as soon as possible to register!



## ABOUT TOWN

### Who exactly is welcomed 'to join' this service (who is our target audience)?

The prayer service is for anyone who has been hurt or excluded by the Church, or anyone who has witnessed the hurt that others have experienced. It is for those who feel they have no recourse when hurt, excluded or bullied by Church ministers or systems, yet who love the Church deeply and consider it their home. This is intended to be an evening of solace and all are welcome.

### Who is this group, Catholics Seeking Solidarity and Justice and what is their motivation in offering this service?

The group is a collaborative effort among Catholics from diverse parishes who came together to respond to recent actions in which Church ministers and hierarchy demonstrated clerical overreach and/or indifference to the faithful.

The motivation of CSSJ in offering this prayer service is to seek healing and justice in the prayer and ritual of our Catholic tradition, trusting in God's Spirit to accompany and guide us. The purpose of the CSSJ beyond the prayer service is to continue to listen to the Spirit, hear the stories of others who feel excluded and hurt and to create a functional and healing diocesan process for those who have been hurt by the Church and her leaders.

### Has the diocese approved this service?

The diocese has endorsed the intention of this service and is aware of it.

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 ), 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](mailto: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](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## HEALING THE HURT: A NIGHT OF PRAYER AND SOLIDARITY

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## FINANCIAL

December Contribution Income exceeded budget by \$168,465 or 29.67%, as a result of timing differences in the giving patterns of our parishioners. Other Income, which includes ministries, program fees, miscellaneous one-time donations, school tuition, registration fees and before/after care fees, lagged behind budget by \$29,833 due to grant funds not being received in the month budgeted, bringing our Total Operating Monthly income to a budget surplus to \$138,632.

Parish expenses in December were over budget by \$29,233. This was fueled primarily by higher than anticipated facility expenses. The combined effects of the items discussed above generated a Parish Net budget surplus of \$109,409 for the month of December .

Overall, the same conditions are reflected in the year-to-date financial results. Contribution Income has exceed budget by \$150,121, or 7.8%. Other income is ahead of budget by 2.49% or \$21,710, leaving an Operating Income Budget surplus of \$171,831. Operating Expenses for the year-to-date, fueled by the December negative variance above, as well as the overrun in November, now exceed budget by \$121,118, or 4.5%, generating a parish net operating budget surplus of \$50,713.

Compared to the prior fiscal year-to-date, Parish Contribution Income for 2023/2024 surpassed last year's results by \$175,192, while other income was short by \$184,010 creating a Total Operating Income shortfall of \$12,279. It should be noted that the difference in other income, is because PTO contributed all the excess money in their account received from previous years in 2022. Parish Expenses were higher than last year by 5.56% or \$147,703 for a net budget shortfall of \$159,982.

### Month of December 2023

	Actual	Budget	Difference
<b>Contribution Income</b>	\$ 736,352	\$ 567,887	\$ 168,465
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 47,430	\$ 77,263	\$ (29,833)
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	\$ 783,782	\$ 645,150	\$ 138,632
<b>Operating Expense</b>	\$ 520,632	\$ 491,409	\$ (29,223)
<b>Net</b>	\$ 263,150	\$ 153,741	\$ 109,409

### Fiscal YTD (July-December)

	Actual	Budget	Difference
<b>Contribution Income</b>	\$ 2,064,444	\$ 1,914,323	\$ 150,121
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 870,939	\$ 849,228	\$ 21,710
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	\$ 2,935,382	\$ 2,763,552	\$ 171,831
<b>Operating Expense</b>	\$ 2,803,773	\$ 2,682,655	\$ (121,118)
<b>Net</b>	\$ 131,610	\$ 80,897	\$ 50,713

### Fiscal YTD This Year Fiscal YTD Last Year

	This Year	Last Year	Difference
<b>Contribution Income</b>	\$ 2,064,444	\$ 1,889,252	\$ 175,192
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 870,939	\$ 1,058,409	\$ (187,471)
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	\$ 2,935,382	\$ 2,947,662	\$ (12,279)
<b>Operating Expense</b>	\$ 2,803,773	\$ 2,656,070	\$ (147,703)
<b>Net</b>	\$ 131,610	\$ 291,592	\$ (159,982)

## GOLDEN SHAMROCKS





## RACIAL JUSTICE



### THREE THING TO NOTE:

On the MLK holiday, January 15, the parish Racial Justice Committee presented a dramatic reading of Dr. King's Letter from the Birmingham Jail. During Black History Month, we will share some responses from Vis 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who attended the service.

*"The ceremony for Dr. Martin Luther King was very eye opening. It was something that felt so special and important. While I was there I felt like I was doing something good for the world. I felt empowered by his words. He was truly an amazing person and was definitely put on this earth for a reason. Going to this ceremony was good for me because it made me more*

*aware of the difficult things that people had to face back in those days. I am truly grateful that I got the chance to go. Lastly, the people who read did an amazing job, they pronounced their words very clearly. It was a great time."*

- Visitation 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student

- Just Faith is scheduled for Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:00 pm. Our first session was last week and it is not too late to join. **To register, contact Linda Hughes at [lchteach20@gmail.com](mailto:lchteach20@gmail.com) or Karen Miller at [karen@church.visitation.org](mailto:karen@church.visitation.org).**
- Racial Justice Committee February Zoom meeting is **Wednesday, February 21 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm.**

## PARKING

### ACCESSIBLE PARKING

Over the past few months at larger funerals and fuller Masses, our staff have heard from individuals seeking accessible parking that the spots in both the church and school lots are full. The reports indicate that the cars parked in those spots do not have license plates or hang tags designating the need for accessible parking. We have also seen cars parked in the striped spaces for unloading/loading a wheelchair next to accessible spots rendering those spots useless. Please help those in our parish in need of these spaces by choosing another parking spot if you do not need the accessible parking.



## BLOOD DRIVE

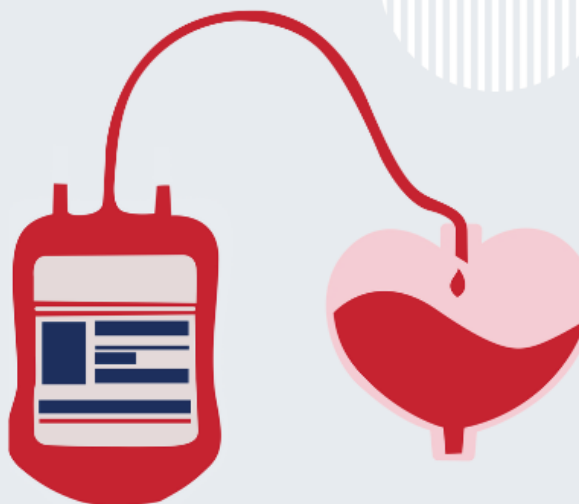
### BLOOD DRIVE

**Thursday, February 8  
12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm  
Tighe Hall**

**Appointments preferred. Sign up online at**

**[www.savealifenow.org/group](http://www.savealifenow.org/group)**

**Use Group Code: VH.**





Visitation Faith Formation presents

Sign up  
by  
Feb. 5

# LENT

## *Small Groups*



**BEGIN THE WEEK OF FEB. 11, 2024**

### Frequently Asked Questions

**How many people are in a Small Group?**

8-12 people are recommended

**What is the role of the Group Leader?**

Primarily to organize and send weekly communications to the group. The Leader may also facilitate the discussion, or this can be shared among group members.

**What resources are available to the Group Leader?**

A Prayer/Discussion Outline; the *At Home with the Word* Scripture resource; Parish Books: "Three Days: Search for the Boy Messiah" or "Taking Miracles Seriously".

**Does the Group Leader/Facilitator need to be knowledgeable in the Bible to lead a group?**

Absolutely not! Provided resources include biblical backgrounds, spiritual insights and suggested discussion questions.

**Where do Small Groups meet?**

Groups meet in a member's home. There are also limited spaces in Tighe Hall that can be reserved by calling Joni in the parish office at 816-753-7422.

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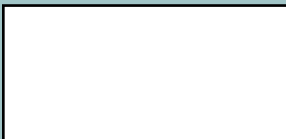
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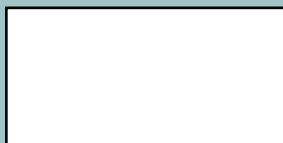
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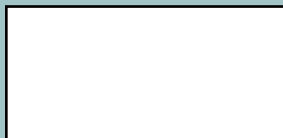
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## LENT 2024—SMALL GROUP SIGN UP



Join other parishioners in a group of 8-12 for faith-filled conversation, connecting to others in the community. Even if you have been in a group before, please completely fill out all sections of this registration form.

**DEADLINE to register is Mon., Feb. 5 — Groups begin meeting the week of Feb. 11.**

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Yes, I want to join a Lenten Small Faith Sharing Group.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (City, St, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Day & Time Preferences (Circle 1 day & 1 time):

<b>Monday:</b>	Morning	Evening	<b>Thursday:</b>	Morning	Evening
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Morning	Evening	<b>Sunday:</b>	—	Evening
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Morning	Evening	<b>Do you have a second choice?</b> _____		

No matter if you have been part of a group before OR never participated, please consider joining a small group or starting your own this Lent. For more than 19 years, Visitation parishioners have observed Lent by gathering in small groups to discuss the Sunday Scripture readings. The Faith Formation Team also invites groups to use one of our two parish books this year—*The Boy Messiah*, a novel about the Holy Family's travels to Jerusalem for the Passover OR *Taking Miracles Seriously*, a spiritual resource by Rabbi Michael Zedek.

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I want to STAY with my same small group.

Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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I want to be placed in a NEWLY formed group.

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I want to START a Small Group with the following members:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

### REGISTER ONLINE!

Scan the QR code or print a form from [www.visionmainkc.com](http://www.visionmainkc.com)



**ROLE OF THE GROUP LEADER:** The primary role of the group leader is to organize and communicate weekly with the group's members. The Leader may also be the primary facilitator each week; however, this role may be shared between group members. **A DIGITAL COPY OF A DISCUSSION GUIDE WILL BE EMAILED TO THE GROUP LEADER FOR DISTRIBUTION PRIOR TO ASH WEDNESDAY.**

PLEASE ALSO PREPARE A PRINTED PACKET FOR ME TO PICK UP FROM CHURCH ON SUN. FEB. 19 ➡ ☐

**Turn in your completed form by February 5:** drop it in the collection basket during Mass; drop it off at the parish office Mon.-Fri.; or email the form to Lent Small Groups chairperson, Ashley Rodden at [ashley@lover-cosmetics.com](mailto:ashley@lover-cosmetics.com).