

VISITATION PARISH

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11, 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 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

LENTEN BOOKLET

The "Let Us Pray" annual Lenten reflection booklet written *by* parishioners, *for* parishioners is in the mail. If you do not receive it by Ash Wednesday, please call the parish office. We will have a limited number of extra copies.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Please pray for our three catechumens and four candidates as we send them off to the Cathedral next weekend to meet Bishop Johnston

and sign their names in the Book of the Elect.

Congratulations on this next step on your way toward initiation into the Catholic church, Anya, Hayes, Meredith, Kelsey, Will, Micah and Michael!

LENT IS COMING Join our faith community in a



transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are working

hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. **Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the narthex today!** During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connectedness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Do you desire to go deeper in faith and reignite the fire in your soul? Take a step toward a more meaningful practice of your faith by making a 'Christ Renews His Parish' weekend. The free weekend experience here at our parish will provide you with inspiration, community and resources to grow closer to the Lord and fellow parishioners. To learn more or sign up, visit our parish website and click on the Christ Renews His Parish banner or call the parish office and ask for Karen at 816-381-6914.



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Mary Minicky and Greg Starman on their wedding here, on Saturday, February 3.

OUR SYMPATHY

We, a parish community, extend our prayers and sympathy to Eddie Greim, on the death of his father, Bill Greim.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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
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Peg Kallman
Kevin Koch
Bryan Larson
Jeanne Lendabarker
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Tricia Melland
Pam Murray
Peggy Pruitt
Theresa 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,

There is so much good happening in our parish and school community every day. Good news abounds at Visitation. And yet, much of this good news happens quietly or goes unnoticed. With the pace of life, it's hard to read or hear about everything that's happening. To that end, I invite you to attend "Building a Vibrant Visitation," an opportunity for parishioners to learn more about how the parish operates, to hear what is happening in parish ministries (including our school) and to receive an update on plans for the future. We will host two of these gatherings, first on Sunday, February 18, after 10:30 am Mass, then on Wednesday, February 21, at 6:30 pm. These are open to all and I hope you will be able to attend one of them. The goal is to share information succinctly and effectively. We plan to keep each meeting under 45 minutes in length.



By now you have probably heard that Mary Kallman will complete her service as Principal of Visitation School at the end of this school year. We are so grateful to Mary for her hard work, steadfast presence and faith-filled goodness. When you see Mary, be sure to thank her and wish her well as she moves on to a new venture. With the guidance of the Catholic Schools Office of our diocese, I am convening a search committee to assist me in finding the next Principal of Visitation. I will keep you posted as the process develops. Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in this, and for our cooperation with that holy wisdom!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

SHAREHOLDER'S MEETING

Sunday, February 18, following 10:30 am Mass
or
Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 pm

Both meetings in Tighe Hall

Building a **VIBRANT VISITATION**

Verse 1: 2024

Join us for this first annual "shareholders" meeting of our parishioners. Learn more about how the parish operates, what we have going on and our plans for the future.

All are encouraged to attend.



SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

VIS PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Visitation Peer Mentorship Program provides our 7th and 8th-grade students an opportunity to assume an active, valued role in promoting inclusive learning within our school community. After applying for the program, providing references, and completing required training sessions, Mentors spend time in Kindergarten, 1st-grade, and 2nd-grade classrooms to offer academic and social support to their younger peers.

The program serves to promote Visitation's core values of community, faith formation, and academic excellence while also building social awareness, empathy for others, and transformative leadership skills.



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Saturday: 4:00 pm // Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 13-18

Tuesday, February 13
6:45 am Joe Crowe St. †
8:15 am Msgr. Arthur M. Tighe †

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday

6:45 am Dan Pfizner †
8:15 am Linda Osterhaus †
12:00 pm Sharon Smart †
6:00 pm People of Visitation

Thursday, February 15

6:45 am Mike Dooley †

Friday, February 16

8:15 am Maria Chalk †

Saturday, February 17

8:15am Frank Abbenhaus †
4:00 pm Andrew Bock †

Sunday, February 18

8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Will Motter †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FEBRUARY 17-18

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	Shane Anderson S. Anderson sub req C. Tietjen	C. Fanning C. Bock J. Bock	L. Esslinger Josie Canino G. Bowen
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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 2023-24

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CONFIRMATION



A very special thanks to Steve Engler for his exceptional tour and history of our church!

Next meeting is Sunday, February 25; Father Greg will be joining us. Bring your notebooks (seriously, bring them!)

Schedule Update— CONFIRMATION RETREAT: MARCH 24 - Palm Sunday

We will start the day attending the 8:00 am Mass and then ride together to Precious Blood Renewal Center for our retreat. We will return at 5:30pm.



RACIAL JUSTICE



During Black History Month, the parish Racial Justice Committee is highlighting essays from Vis 7th grade students who attended the January 15 -Dr. Martin Luther King celebration, presenting a dramatic reading of Dr. King's Letter from the Birmingham Jail.

In his letter, Dr King is talking about how he is in jail for an unjust law. He wasn't even breaking a law; he was just protesting in a non-violent way. Dr. MLK Jr. wrote a letter while he was in jail, and it talks about some really important and powerful things. He talked about black people having a "wait" moment. A "wait" moment is when people tell you to wait and things will get better soon, and it doesn't get better anytime soon.

He also wrote that it broke his heart seeing little girls and boys get told that they can't go to an amusement park because of their race. This letter helped me understand better what people had to go through. I hope that this event never happens in the future; and if it does, I hope someone will be brave like Dr. MLK Jr. and it will end soon.

-Visitation 7th Grade Student

Perhaps it will be one of our Vis students who makes the difference in speaking with bravery about the injustices she or he sees! Thanks to teacher Dianne VanBallas, Ana Valdez and Gwen Ficklin for bringing their students to this Letter from the Birmingham Jail presentation.

- Just Faith has begun with 12 participants meeting weekly in the Retreat Room of Tighe Hall. We are grateful for all who have said yes to this eight week process and look forward to sharing some of the experience in weeks ahead.
- Racial Justice Committee February Zoom meeting is Wednesday, February 21 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. Are you interested in being part of this committee? We would love to have anyone interested join in. Contact Peg Ekerdt (peggyekerdt@gmail.com) or Linda Hughes (lch20teach@gmail.com).

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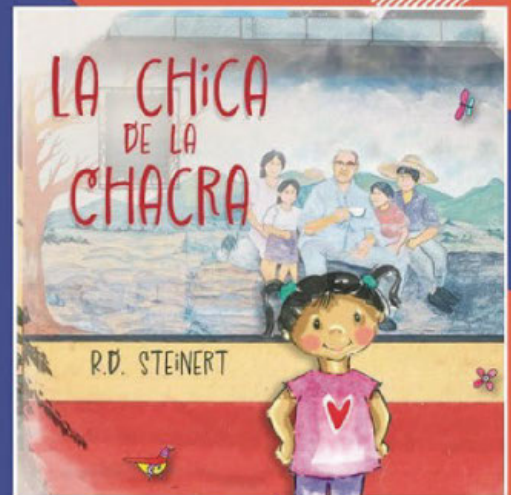
SCHOOL OF RELIGION

MEET THE AUTHOR

A Lenten Evening
for Parish Children & their Households

MARCH 4, 2024

5:15 p.m.	Opening Prayer	St. Joseph Chapel
5:30 p.m.	Storytime	SOR Classroom
6:00 p.m.	Family Dinner	Tighe Hall



Children will hear from parishioners Bob Steinert (author) and Tina Blanck (illustrator) about their experience writing *La Chica de la Chacra* and the people of our sister parish, Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres.

La Chica de la Chacra shares the love and joy of the children of the La Chacra community in El Salvador. "This bilingual book was created to express our love for the children of all countries facing devastating challenges with hope and love."

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 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.

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!

CPR Class Saturday February 17, 12:30 pm in Tighe Hall

RSVP to Joni at 816-753-5155
limited spots available

SISTER PARISH



The next medical delegation is scheduled for October 5-12. If you have ever wondered about participating in a medical delegation to El Salvador, now is the time. All medical professionals are needed! If you have any questions or want to learn more, please call or email Julie Aucar, 217-552-2465 or jaaucar21@gmail.com.

SOLIDARITY DELEGATION - MAY 22- MAY 27

Our sister parish is celebrating 40 years a a parish community in May. If you are interested in being part of a solidarity delegation, please contact Bob Steinert at bsteinert@aol.com or call him at 816-729-2748.



UDIOCESE

SYNOD 2021-2024

The worldwide Synod continues. Visitation is pleased to be hosting one of two Diocesan-Wide Listening Sessions. In this interim phase, each diocese is being asked to hold 2-3 new listening sessions focused on the following discussion questions:

1. Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
2. How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?



All are encouraged to participate on Saturday, March 2 from 9:00-11:30 am. Participants are asked to register online so the host parishes may prepare accordingly. Register to attend here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/synodkcsj>.

BAPTISM

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, March 10, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm**. Meet in the Adult Classroom downstairs in Tighe Hall. To learn more, contact Teresa Albright at 816-753-5155 x1306 or teresa@church.visitation.org.

- **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.

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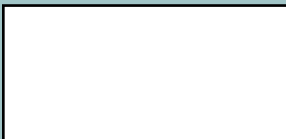
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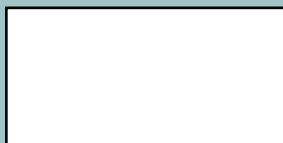

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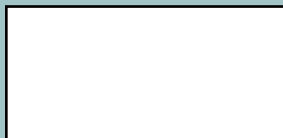
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Also below are ideas for starting your own Small Group this Lent. Have questions?

Contact Small Group Chair, Ashley Rodden at ashley@lover-cosmetics.com or visit www.visionmainkc.com

Between the Masses

Sundays, 9:15 a.m. (begins Feb. 18)

Retreat Room, Tighe Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME in this group.

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Hosts: Faith Formation Team Members,
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Teresa Albright and more.

Resource: "At Home with the Word"

Sunday Evenings with the Larson's & Closson's

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

The Larson & Closson Homes

ALL ARE WELCOME in this group.

Parents can bring their schoolage children.

Hosts: Kristie/Ryan Larson &
Don/Jamie Closson

Resource: "At Home with the Word"

Contact: kbraylarson@gmail.com

Women of Faith with Julie McCann

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Retreat Room, Tighe Hall

This group is open to ALL WOMEN.

Come join us!

Host: Julie McCann

Resource: "At Home with the Word"

Contact: mccannx5@gmail.com

Scripture & Politics

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Online

This group welcomes anyone wishing to discuss the social implications of the Gospel. We take a liberal approach to how faith and politics are lived out today.

Host: Millie Krna

Resource: "At Home with the Word"

Contact: milliekrna@gmail.com

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Your CRHP Sisters/Brothers

The parents of your child's classmates

Vis neighbors who live on your street

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their 8th grade classmates

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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Sit with Jesus for an hour or
a few minutes. Come as you are,
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Organizer: Billy Hodes

Contact: billy@midlandmetal.com
(816-914-6200)

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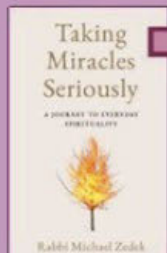
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