

VISITATION PARISH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2024



Transfiguration by Mike Moyers

THE SEASON OF LENT

- ‡ **Pray** ~ Our St. Joseph and Blessed Sacrament chapels, and our church nave are open during the day for personal prayer. On Mondays, they remain open until 6:30 pm for parish children and their families. After the weekday 8:15 am Mass, the Rosary is prayed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. On Wednesday, there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the St. Joseph Chapel from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Catholics are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter. Our Parish Communal Penance Service is Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 pm.
- ‡ **Fast and abstain** ~ Persons between the ages of 18 and 59 are asked to keep a simple fast (one full meal plus two smaller meals that together do not equal one full meal and no snacking) on Good Friday. Persons over the age of 14 are asked to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays of Lent.
- ‡ **Give Alms** ~ Opportunities for generosity include: Rice Bowl (benefits Catholic Relief Services) throughout the season; Catholic Relief Services Collection (overseas emergency aid) on the March 9-10 weekend; and the Good Friday Collection on March 29 (benefits Christians in the Holy Land).

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

SMALL LENTEN GROUPS

Join us for a “**Between the Masses**” Lent Small Group. Open to everyone and led by members of the Faith Formation Team, we will break open the Sunday Scripture readings throughout Lent.

Our discussion facilitators are:

February 25 – Grayson Murphy
March 3 – Don Closson
March 10 – Teresa Albright
March 17 – Kristie Larson
March 24 – Brent Powell

CONFIRMATION



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

There are only a few dates left, so please plan on attending all of them. Mondays are the make-up days. Schedule Update:

CONFIRMATION RETREAT is MARCH 24 PALM SUNDAY

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

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING is

Monday, February 26 at 6:30 pm in Tighe Hall. At least one parent must attend. If neither parent can attend, then the child’s Godparent should attend on behalf of the parents.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Our next “Sunday SOR” will be March 3. Please meet in the St. Joseph Chapel by 9:45 am. Children in 3rd grade and older will again be Greeters at 10:30 am Mass.

OUR SYMPATHY

We, as a parish community, mourn with Katie Levi, on death of her father, George Grieb; and with Mark Dudenhoeffer, on the death of his mother, Patricia Dudenhoeffer.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam	Tim McNamara
Brian Adams	Thom McNamara
Pamela Atherton	Tricia Melland
Maggie Quirarte Bates	Pam Murray
Bryan Bownick	Peggy Pruitt
Marianne Carl	Theresia Ritchie
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Ellie Rose
Olivia Connealy	Kathy Scaglia
Laura Fitzpatrick	Barbara Schulte
Bill Fuss	Aimee Sesler
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Sandra Sharp
Margaret Howard	Nic Shump
Joe Irwin	Bill Stone
William Jewell	Special Intention
Erin Kallman	Jeannie Sullivan
Peg Kallman	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Kevin Koch	Annabelle Whalen
Bryan Larson	Dave Wittrock
Jeanne Lendabarker	Judy Worth
Scott Martens	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



OVERCOMING HUNGER

In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit csrricebowl.org to read this week’s Story of Hope.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

This past Friday, Dr. Karen Kroh, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, met with our School Ministry Team to gather input in the search for the next Principal of Visitation. Next week, she will meet with the faculty to engage them in conversation about their hopes for the next Principal. After those conversations, our Search Committee will begin to meet: Micah Schloegel, Steven Bowen, Don Lueke, Kathleen Wiedeman, Lindsey Anderson and Susan Stanton. I'm excited about this process and the excellent faculty and leadership we have in place to guide the search. I ask your prayers that the right Principal candidate comes our way by the guidance of the Holy Spirit!



I hope Lent is going well for you. For most of us, the season will have its ups and downs. I've learned that both are important. If a resolution is too easy to keep, it might not be the right one! We learn so much from the struggle, and from our failures. Stay positive and hopeful, as God's mercy and grace abound!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

SCHOOL

RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

You are invited to preview a Rachel's Challenge presentation at a school near you.

March 6, 2024
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Tighe Hall
5141 Main Street
Kansas City, MO 64112

RachelsChallenge .org

You are invited to experience the incredible story of Rachel Scott who was the first victim in the shootings at Columbine High School in 1999. Her life, writings and legacy have become the basis for Rachel's Challenge and her story has been shared around the world. Rachel's Challenge is a national nonprofit that prevents school violence, bullying, and youth suicide through live and digital mental health programs in schools.

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Parents trained

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averted

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 27– MARCH 3

Tuesday, February 27
6:45 am Thomas Saracini †
8:15 am Daniel Bray †

Wednesday, February 28
6:45 am Valerie Roach †
8:15 am Chace Brundige †

Thursday, February 29
6:45 am Wilma Christensen †

Friday, March 1
8:15 am John Beckers †

Saturday, March 2
8:15am Patrick Gettino †
4:00 pm Jim Beckers †

Sunday, March 3
8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Jerry Handley †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS MARCH 2-3

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
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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

Lindsey Anderson	John Legg
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Mary Gigliotti	Steve Torline
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Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR VIS
DINING OUT PROGRAM (VDO)...

In addition to the various fundraising initiatives we have at our school, we partner with local (many Vis family owned) restaurants who offer "VIS Dining Out & Spirit Days" where a percentage of profits made on that day go towards OUR school. In addition to "Dining Out Days" Vis sells Dining Out Cards which offers great discounts at over 15+ participating dining establishments anytime you go. For more information on our Vis Dining Out program visit: viseats.com

Be on the lookout for upcoming Vis Dining Out Days and help us fundraise for our school:
Donutology: 3/23 | Culvers: 5/15



FUNDRAISING NEVER TASTED SO GOOD...

NEW, this year VIS has partnered with Chick-Fil-A to do eight "Chick-Fil-A Days" throughout the school year for student lunches. With high student participation so far, these CFA Days are projected to raise over \$16,000 this year alone. Led by parent volunteer Katie McGurk, our Vis Dining Out program - factoring in Dining Out Cards, Spirit Nights and CFA Days - raise approximately \$20,000 annually for our school. Proceeds from the Vis Dining Out Program benefit Visitation PTO, which in turn supports our teachers and students. Great grub for a great cause!



RACIAL JUSTICE

INSPIRING ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH YOUR CHILDREN



CREATE A POETRY STACK.

Maya Angelou believed that words have power. She promoted using words to do good. Brainstorm phrases with your child that express feelings or emotions toward something that happened to them. Write them on strips of paper. Together, create a poem by selecting and stacking the strips of paper on top of each other. Read the poem aloud and ask your child how it makes them feel.



MAKE IT EQUAL.

Rosa Parks worked her whole life so that all people could be treated equally. Using your child's favorite snack or several small toys, divide the piles unequally. Discuss with your child what they could do to make all the piles equal. How would they make it equal if the number was odd? Can they think of a time when they or their friends were not treated equally? What could they have done to make things equal? (PBS Kids for Parents)

SOCIAL CONCERNS

COMMUNITY CPR TRAINING

Last weekend, 11 members of our parish participated in CPR training. Here is what some of the participants had to say about the experience!



Nikki and I would like to express how much we enjoyed and learned from Saturday's session. Marci and Chloe were great. It was amazing how much information she was able to convey in such a short session. She was clear and concise and wasted little time. Please thank her again for us, and thank you for organizing the event. I think this is something we should all learn. - George & Nikki Cook

The training was very thorough and efficient and I left feeling capable of doing what I learned- emotions aside. Marci's experience as a trainer was very evident.—John Legg

Just a reminder that we have an AED device on property. It is located in the usher greeter room. You do not have to be trained to use this self-intuitive device but you do need to know where it is located. Take notice and be familiar!

SISTER PARISH

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS NEEDED

Planning is in the works for a medical delegation to visit our sister parish October 5-12. We need doctors, nurses, physical therapists and other medical professionals. Volunteers will serve in Madre's medical clinic treating hundreds of patients from the community surrounding Santa Maria, one of the poorest neighborhoods in El Salvador. If you are a medical professional and are interested in participating in this experience, please contact Julie Aucar at 217-552-2465 or email her at jaucar21@gmail.com.



SOLIDARITY DELEGATES NEEDED

Delegates will travel to El Salvador to celebrate the 40th anniversary of our sister parish! If you wish to be part of this delegation on May 22-27, please contact Bob Steinert at 816-729-2748 or email him at bsteinert@aol.com.

BAPTISM

In January and February, we welcomed the following children into the body of Christ through the healing waters of baptism:

- ◇ Eve Cristina Brown, daughter of Liv & Suz Brown
- ◇ William Burgess Tilson, son of William & Madelyn Tilson
- ◇ Emma George Lamb, daughter of Gordon & Laura Lamb (visiting from Colorado)
- ◇ Madison Muir Foster, daughter of John & Katherine Foster
- ◇ Michael Joseph Perez Jr., son of Michael & Catelyn Perez
- ◇ Jack Kelley White, son of Zachary & Maureen White
- ◇ Eleanor Lynn Slotter, daughter of Adam & Hannah Slotter
- ◇ Lachlan Cowan Morley, son of Chad & Cherie Morley



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.

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Church Nursery Volunteers Needed!



The Mothers of Young Children (MOYC) have re-opened the nursery and need your help! The nursery will be offered every Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. We are in need of 4 Virtus-trained adults (16 years of age and older) and 4 students each week.

Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA4AE2DA7F9C16-47593652-nursery>

Student Volunteers will need the following form signed by a parent/ guardian before they are able to volunteer (please bring signed form to 1st volunteering):

<https://kcsj catholic.org/wp-content/uploads/Minors-Code-of-Ethical-Conduct-updated-June-2022-1.pdf>

FAITH & GRIEF LUNCH
TUESDAY, MARCH 5
12:00-1:00 PM
VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SPEAKER: Jennifer Greene

A Message for Grieving Families

Jenny will share about her initial counseling after her sister took her life; which was a surprise to the therapist (expecting a teen who wasn't getting along with her mom), and how God was working in her life when she didn't even know it.

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,

Learn More & Register



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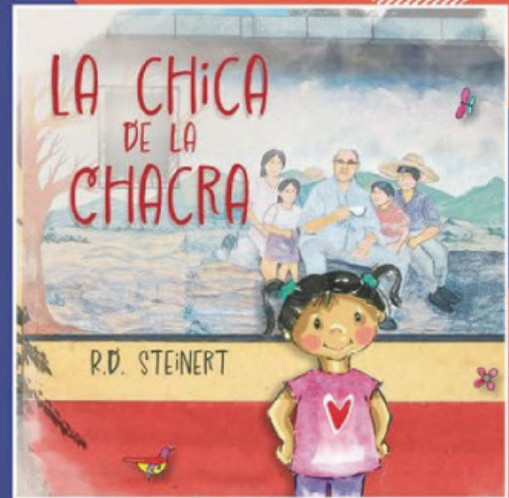
SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



VISITATION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LENTEN FISH FRY DINNER



FRIDAY, MARCH 1 AND FRIDAY, MARCH 22

5:30-7:30 PM TIGHE HALL

COST: \$15 ADULTS, \$10 K-8, \$45 FAMILY, UNDER K FREE.

MENU: FRIED CATFISH, BAKED TILAPIA, FISH TACOS, CHEESE PIZZA, MAC & CHEESE, GREEN BEANS, COLE SLAW, FRENCH FRIES & FRESH-BAKED ROLLS. CASH BAR AVAILABLE.

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.



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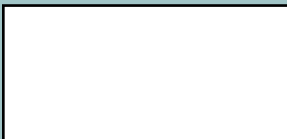
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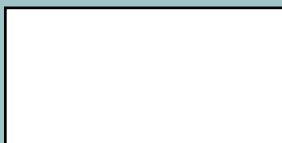



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The worldwide Synod continues. Visitation is pleased to be hosting one of two Diocesan-Wide Listening Sessions. In this interim phase, each diocese is being asked to hold 2-3 new listening sessions focused on the following discussion questions:

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:

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