

# VISITATION PARISH

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### MARCH 3, 2024



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#### 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

### VISITATION SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

School enrollment (grades K-8) for the 2024-2025 academic year at Visitation School is underway. If you are a new family interested in enrolling or an existing school family who have not received the enrollment link, please contact Megan Burdolski at [megan@church.visitation.org](mailto:megan@church.visitation.org) or 816-753-5155 x1305 as soon as possible. Enrollment will close at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, March 26.

### 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:

- March 3 – Don Closson
- March 10 – Teresa Albright
- March 17 – Kristie Larson
- March 24 – Brent Powell

### CONFIRMATION

We meet tonight, Sunday, March 3 at 7:00 pm. This is our last meeting before the retreat; please make every effort to attend. There is a scheduled make-up for Monday night at 7:00 pm. As always, bring your notebooks!!

Schedule Update: **CONFIRMATION RETREAT: 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.



### PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

- ◇ Katherine King & Patrick Brouse
- ◇ Jake Olson
- ◇ Layni Ebers
- ◇ Julianna & Alex Ervin & children, Callahan & Mack
- ◇ Michael Massman & Meredith Sight
- ◇ Joe Geist & Heidi Spitzer

### OUR SYMPATHY

We as a parish extend our sympathy to Sarah Jury and Tom McGee on the death of the death of their mother, Joan McGee. We, as a parish, also mourn the loss of our former pastor, Father Bob Rost and extend our prayers to the Rost family.

## 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

#### Peggy Madden

Earl Adam  
Brian Adams  
Pamela Atherton  
Maggie Quirarte Bates  
Bryan Bownick  
Marianne Carl  
Mary Beth Cicchetti  
Olivia Connealy  
Laura Fitzpatrick  
Bill Fuss  
Brooke Kuechler Harris  
Margaret Howard  
Joe Irwin  
William Jewell  
Erin Kallman  
Peg Kallman  
Kevin Koch  
Bryan Larson  
Jeanne Lendabarker

Scott Martens  
Tim McNamara  
Thom McNamara  
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 Valdeperas, Sr.  
Annabelle Whalen  
Dave Wittrock  
Judy Worth  
Leigh Ann Zeller

### SICK LIST UPDATE

Contact 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,

I've witnessed so much goodness lately. From our celebration of weekend Mass to the stakeholder meetings in mid-February and the Christ Renews His Parish retreats last weekend, our campus has hosted a lot of good gatherings focused on faith, service and the future of our parish. As someone told me during the CRHP weekend, "It's amazing to think of our campus full of people praying and serving this weekend!" Indeed, a lot of good has unfolded recently and has deepened the Lenten spirit of conversion and deeper faith. And as Visitation hosted a diocesan listening session as part of the global Synodal process this weekend, we are also contributing generously to the diocesan and universal church. This campus and this community are a haven for good in the world!



This past week, Fr. Bob Rost, former pastor of Visitation Parish, died after a lengthy illness. We are so grateful for Fr. Rost's visionary, faith-filled leadership. For his service to Visitation, our diocese and so many individuals and families, we give thanks and pray for his peaceful rest in Christ.

Karen Kroh, Superintendent of Schools for our diocese, has met with the School Ministry Team leaders as well as the faculty in the past week and a half, and has received some good direction as we embark on the search for a new Principal. We thank Mary Kallman for her service to our school and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us moving forward. We have a great Search Committee (Lindsey Anderson, Stephen Bowen, Don Lueke, Micah Schloegel, Susan Stanton and Kathleen Wiedeman, along with Karen Kroh and myself), and we will convene in the near future to begin assessing candidates and identifying those to interview. Keep praying as we move forward!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

## 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/10C094AA4AE2DA7F9C1647593652-nursery>

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

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

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.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 5-10

**Tuesday, March 5**  
6:45 am Jean Cummings †  
8:15 am Mario & Kathy Scaglia

**Wednesday, March 6**  
6:45 am Judy Worth  
8:15 am Walter Bowman †

**Thursday, March 7**  
6:45 am Gerard Boyce †

**Friday, March 8**  
8:15 am John O'Malley †

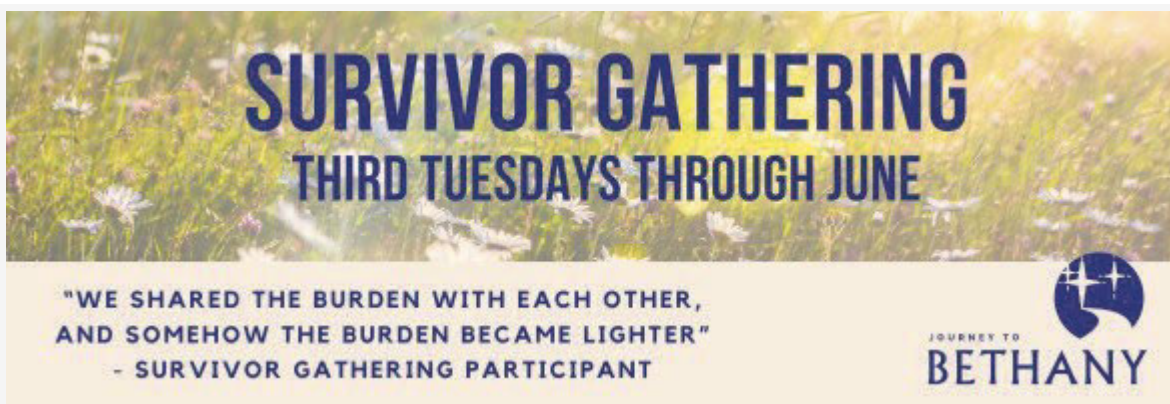
**Saturday, March 9**  
8:15 am John Fitzgerald †  
4:00 pm Thomas McGee Sr. †

**Sunday, March 10**  
8:00 am People of Visitation  
10:30 am Rozann Cedarholm †

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS MARCH 9-10

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	C. Larson sub req K. Ferns J. Flanagan	J. Kobler sub req L. Maginn A. O'Neill	A. Wittrock K. Schilling sub req B. Burns sub req
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## ABOUT TOWN



### JOURNEY TO BETHANY SPRING SURVIVOR GATHERINGS BEGINNING

Journey to Bethany hosts a monthly gathering for survivors and their supporters. This is a safe, welcoming space where survivors can connect with those who share similar experiences. At each gathering we present an activity and tools to help foster peace, hope and healing. Survivors are welcome any time and can invite a support person to join them. Participants share or contribute as much or as little as is comfortable for them.

Journey to Bethany Survivor Gathering | Spring 2024 Session

March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

[www.journeytobethany.org/survivor-gatherings-spring-24/](http://www.journeytobethany.org/survivor-gatherings-spring-24/)

The February and March gatherings will be held at Waldo Library, Meeting Room B.  
Check our website for additional locations.

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# SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

JUST ANOTHER WEEK AT VIS...



Fourth grade recently completed a service project to help support our troops and local veterans. They wrote heartfelt letters that have been sent to our local Blue Star Mothers Chapter and will be included in care packages for our troops.

Many also participated in an after school event where they listened to presenters from St. Michael's Veterans center, a local organization that provides permanent housing for homeless veterans. The students made valentines that were given to the residents and also hosted a generous PB&J drive for the food pantry at St. Michaels. Great job 4th Graders.



ANNUAL "K" TEDDY BEAR DAY!

Kindergarteners celebrated their annual Teddy Bear Day (celebration of 100+ Days of School) by wearing their pajamas and bringing their stuffed bears and participating in "bear activities" – as long as these bears didn't become projectiles, they hung with their student owners all day, even staying the night for a classroom sleepover. But far from sweet, the Kindergarteners discovered how badly these cuddly bears behaved overnight, wrecking and disorganizing the classrooms, writing on the white boards "Bears Rule", mixing up colors, and taking all the books off the shelves. Kudos to our Kindergarten teachers for making their 100+ days of school fun and magical.



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## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

It seemed to be more than a coincidence that my first Saint Vincent de Paul case, after a long hiatus, was an Irish Catholic woman who grew up in my father's parish! I shared with her my family name and found out that she was in the sixth grade class with an uncle that I never knew. He lived to the age of 11 after a diagnosis of leukemia. She shared memories of carrying a statue of Mary in the service they had for him and visiting at my dad's childhood home. Honestly, my dad and his siblings didn't really talk much about my uncle. Perhaps it was more than chance that I was one of the SVDP members sent to meet with her.

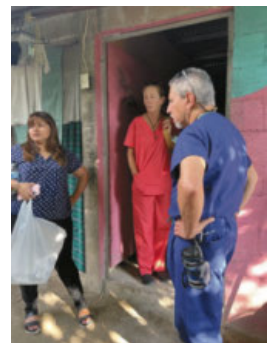
This woman was asking for a small amount of money for her rent. She was not only a victim of a predatory loan but also a scam that allowed someone to steal her social security funds from the prepaid debit card program. She recognized that she had made her own mistakes with her spending. Luckily, she was able to make a connection with our St Vincent de Paul conference at Visitation. We were able to help her with \$279 towards her February rent bill so that she could get a handle on her situation. She expressed her gratitude for the fellowship and the assistance. I expressed gratitude for sharing stories of my uncle and family. This is why I chose to be part of St. Vincent de Paul. To me this is an example of community! - *Shannon Condon*

Please consider making a donation to the Visitation St Vincent de Paul conference so that we can continue to provide emergency assistance for those in our community. If you would like to learn more about or become a member of our conference, please email Paul Burns at [pburns@tarsuscfo.com](mailto:pburns@tarsuscfo.com).

### 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 [jaaucar21@gmail.com](mailto:jaaucar21@gmail.com).



#### SOLIDARITY DELEGATES NEEDED

Delegates will travel to El Salvador to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bsteinert@aol.com).



#### RAISING CHICKENS TO SUPPORT HER FAMILY



Nowadays, in Morazan, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enables Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services project

on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's story of hope.

## FAITH FORMATION

*2024 Parish Books – This year the Faith Formation Team has chosen two books that will shape upcoming events and conversations. Pick up your household's free copy from the narthex or parish office.*

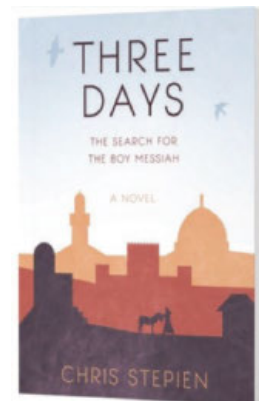
### Three Days: The Search for the Boy Messiah by Chris Stepien

*Why we love this book:*

1. It paints an imaginative and faithful portrait of the Holy Family.
2. It highlights the “Jewishness” of Jesus and the ancient Hebrew traditions in which his family would have participated.
3. Young Jesus’ words are direct quotes from the Hebrew Scriptures, connecting the Old Testament with the New.

*What we are planning:*

- Encouraging households with children to read this book together.
- Podcast episodes with parents and Visitation School children discussing their impressions of the book.
- Field trip to learn about Jewish religious artifacts.



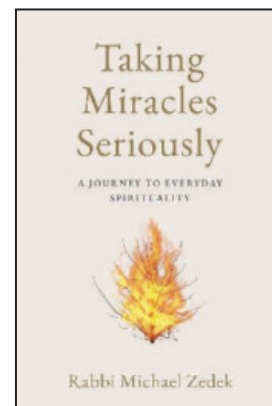
### Taking Miracles Seriously: A Journey into Everyday Spirituality by Michael Zedek

*Why we love this book:*

1. It encourages a spirituality that looks for signs of God all around us.
2. It is humorous and lighthearted while also being spiritually and intellectually challenging.
3. It draws on the words of wisdom teachers throughout the centuries.

*What we are planning:*

- An evening in April with author and local legend, Rabbi Michael Zedek.
- Season 6 Podcast episodes with Rabbi Zedek and other special guests.
- Small Group dinners with book discussions.



## BAPTISM



### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

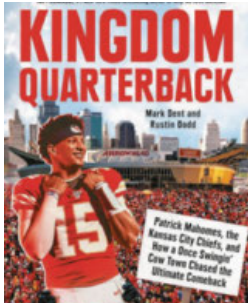
Visitation offers a Baptism Preparation class for new parents six times a year where we prayerfully walk through the Rite of Baptism and learn about its ancient and rich sacramental symbols. The **next class will be Sunday, March 10, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm**. Meet in the Adult Classroom downstairs in Tighe Hall. To learn more, contact Teresa Albright at 816-753-5155 x1306 or [teresa@church.visitation.org](mailto: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.

## RACIAL JUSTICE

The Parish Racial Justice Committee met on February 21. The minutes will be included in next week's bulletin. For now—this is a heads up to consider calendaring two upcoming events:

**April 3**—Alana Young from Young Family Farms in the city's Ivanhoe Neighborhood will be at the parish to speak about her work in the community and how faith has informed her work. This evening is part of the Just Faith: Faith and Racial Healing classes, but it is our habit to invite anyone in the parish to attend these presentations. Please mark your calendars for April 3 in Tighe Hall at 6:30 pm.



**April 30**—RJC will host a one evening book discussion on *Kingdom Quarterback* by Mark Dent and Rustin Dodd. According to the critics, “*Kingdom Quarterback* is a brilliant weave of football and urban sociology, popping with illuminating detail and as smart about Kansas City as it is about the meaning of Patrick Mahomes.” Get the book (at Rainy Day Books or the library) and plan to join the April 30, 7:00 pm discussion in Tighe Hall.

## 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**

**Rachel'sChallenge.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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**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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- [care@cccckc.org](mailto:care@cccckc.org)
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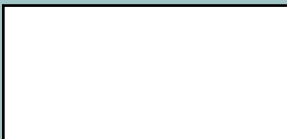
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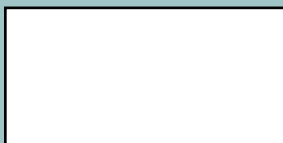



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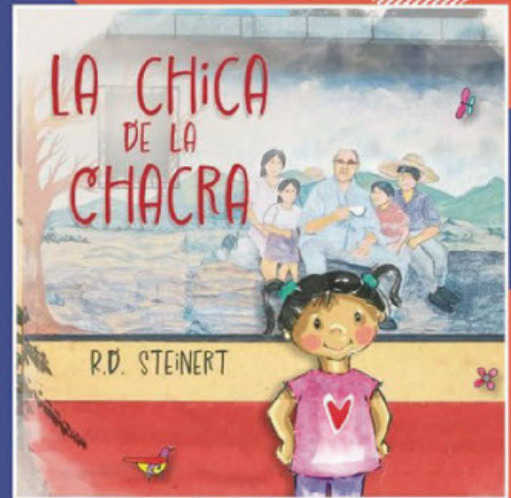
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# MEET THE AUTHOR

**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.

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**FRIDAY, MARCH 22**

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