

# VISITATION PARISH

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MARCH 17, 2024



#### 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 and the Good Friday Collection on March 29 (benefits Christians in the Holy Land).

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

### LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

The season of Lent is a time to open our hearts to God's merciful love. The Sacrament of Penance is a prime way of experiencing that mercy. Our Communal Penance Service is Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 pm.

### HOLY WEEK BEGINS

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. This is the start of the holiest week of our liturgical year. All Masses will begin in the narthex with the solemn blessing of palms, followed by a procession into the nave for Mass. Please try to arrive early for Mass next weekend. **We invite you to dress in red for Mass on Palm Sunday.**

### 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 17 – Kristie Larson

March 24 – Brent Powell

### SCHOOL OF RELIGION

School of Religion is on Spring Break March 18. Classes resume on March 25.

### OUR SYMPATHY

We as a parish extend our sympathy to Shawn Kieffer, on the death of his mother, Rose Kieffer, and to the family of our parishioner, Thomas Curry, who died this week.

**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

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  
Peggy Madden

Scott Martens  
Tim McNamara  
Thom McNamara  
Tricia Melland  
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

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,

Happy St. Patrick's Day weekend! I hope your celebrations are full of fun! Liturgically, the Fifth Sunday of Lent outranks the Feast of St. Patrick this weekend, but I know our St. Patrick's Day festivities will be epic all the same!

Lent is moving quickly now: next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion and the start of Holy Week. I am looking forward to my first Triduum at Visitation, especially because I hear it is so beautiful. The planning is definitely in full swing for these liturgies. Actually it's just about complete, as we will begin rehearsals for those liturgies next week. Thanks to all who are working so hard to plan, and to those who have agreed to participate in the diverse ministries that bring such life to the Triduum.

It has been a very busy couple of months. We've had stakeholder meetings, Christ Renews His Parish and another Synod Listening Session. Our RCIA Elect and Chosen have had a retreat, attended the Rite of Election at the Cathedral, and are ever nearer to complete their initiation into the Church. Confirmation and First Communion preparation are nearing completion, and soon our young people will celebrate those profound Sacraments of Initiation. Pray for them all as they walk in these holy days.

Peace,

Fr. Greg



## WOMEN OF VISITATION



*A handmade rosary makes a beautiful gift for . . .  
First Communion, Mother's Day, Graduation, Just Because*

*Women of Visitation*

### **Rosary Making**

**Tuesday, April 9**

**6:00-9:00 pm**

**Tighe Hall**

Rosary kits are \$40.00. You may choose to personalize your Rosary with a name and/or color of your choice.

**Materials need to be pre-ordered, so please make your reservation by Tuesday, March 26.**

Use the QR code to register & pay online or visit  
<https://tinyurl.com/wovrosary24>.

Trained individuals will be available to help you assemble your rosary.  
Questions? Call Cathy Colburn at 816-809-7173.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 19-24

**Tuesday, March 19**  
6:45 am Gayle Beckers †  
8:15 am Mary Derrell †

**Wednesday, March 20**  
6:45 am Jack Graham  
8:15 am Anne McGee †

**Thursday, March 21**  
6:45 am Leonardo Passantino †

**Friday, March 22**  
8:15 am Thomas Saracini †

**Saturday, March 23**  
8:15 am Martha Beckers †  
4:00 pm DeDe & Jerry Murphy †

**Sunday, March 24**  
8:00 am People of Visitation  
10:30 am Jack Sherman †

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS MARCH 23-24

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	L. Bond L. McPherson S. Munjak-Khoury	W. Lueke A. Hughes D. Colombo	P. Munce N. Greenhalgh E. Orscheln
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Priest in Residence, Fr. Charles Rowe  
**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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**Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011**



## MUSIC MINISTRY



### Organist Hector Olivares *in Concert*

Saturday, April 13 7:30 pm  
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World-renowned organist, Hector Olivares, will showcase our magnificent Lively-Fulcher organ with a program sure to delight all music lovers with works ranging from traditional classical music to modern pop fare.

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the Music Ministry of  
Visitation Parish.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



VISITATION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# LENTEN FISH FRY DINNER



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.

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## SOCIAL CONCERNS



### EMBODYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia?

How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope.



### 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).

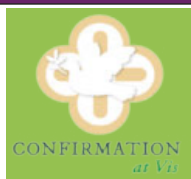
### MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS NEEDED

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

## CONFIRMATION



Please mark your calendars:

- **March 20 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**Communal Reconciliation Service** at Vis - GREAT opportunity to go as a family or candidate/sponsor. We talked

quite a bit about this in the last two meetings. I cannot make this mandatory, but it is strongly encouraged!

- **March 24 at 8:00 am Palm Sunday Mass.** This is mandatory for Confirmandi, but also a GREAT opportunity for families and sponsors to join us.
- **March 24 from 9:30 am - 5:30 pm**  
**Retreat at Precious Blood Renewal Center.** We are taking a bus to the Center and will return no later than 5:30 pm. This is students/team...no sponsors. Permission slips will be sent later this week.

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Great opportunity for sponsor/candidate and family!

- **March 28: 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass**  
\*\*Also need volunteers to help with the feet-washing stations. You don't have to touch feet! Let me know ASAP.

- **March 29: 12:00 Noon Good Friday Liturgy**

- **March 30: 8:00 pm Easter Vigil**  
Again....our faith just makes more sense when we celebrate the whole Triduum. If you have not, this would be a good time to experience it!

- **April 7: 7:00 pm Confirmation Rehearsal**  
**Candidate and sponsor**

\*\*I know there is a conflict with STA's Bags tournament. I am in touch with them and we are trying to minimize the conflict for anyone involved, but the expectation is that all candidates are at rehearsal with their sponsors at 7:00 pm.

**April 10: Confirmation!**



## FAITH FORMATION



### SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, April 17 An Evening with Rabbi Michael Zedek

Rabbi Zedek has been a spiritual leader at Emanuel Congregation in Chicago since 2004. Previously he was the chief executive officer of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati (JFC). Prior to his service at the JFC, Rabbi Zedek was the senior rabbi of Temple B'nai Jehudah in Kansas City, Missouri where he served for many years.

Our Visitation community may remember him as a regular host on KCMO's radio show *Religion on the Line* along with Fr. Pat Rush and former parishioner George

Noonan. A dedicated community activist, scholar and teacher, Rabbi Zedek has received numerous awards including a Fulbright-Hays Grant. He was also honored by the National Conference of Christian and Jews. The Faith Formation Team looks forward to welcoming Rabbi Zedek to Tighe Hall in April.

*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.*

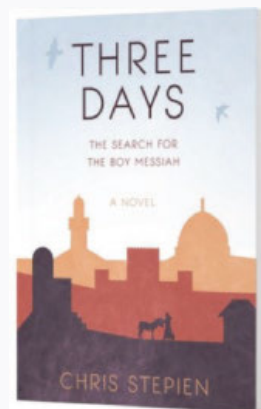
### Three Days: The Search for the Boy Messiah by Chris Stepien

*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.



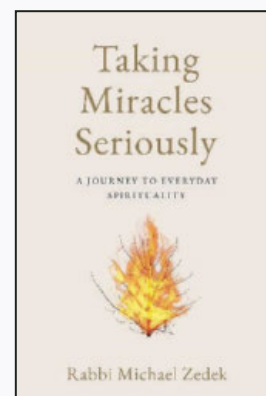
### Taking Miracles Seriously: A Journey into Everyday Spirituality by Michael Zedek

*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.



**SEASON 6 OF OUR VIS-ON-MAIN PODCAST IS HERE!** Host Lorraine Gordon is joined by Rabbi Michael Zedek, a scholar, teacher, community activist and author of our parish book, *Taking Miracles Seriously*. In the first episode, they discuss Rabbi Zedek's background, his calling to Reform Judaism and the motivation for writing *Taking Miracles Seriously*, as well as his hope for its readers. Listen at [www.visionmainkc.com/podcast](http://www.visionmainkc.com/podcast).

## RACIAL JUSTICE

The Visitation Racial Justice Committee (RJC) met on February 21. Members in attendance discussed the following:

- **Cristo Rey Intern Project** - Mary Kallman signed the contract for the 2024 - 25 school year, with the support of Father Haskamp. Nancy Hesse reported that the program continues to support students and staff and is beneficial to the interns. The cost to Visitation is \$29,000 per school year; fundraising efforts are ongoing. *If you would like to make a contribution, please click <https://tinyurl.com/RJIntern>.*
- **RJC Support for School** - Kristin Kratofil and Amanda Adams discussed ways in which we can support cultural arts field trips and stewardship opportunities. Peg Ekerdt will ask Father Terrill Finnell to preside at a Wednesday school Mass.
- **Just Faith Racial Healing Sessions** - Sessions continue with individuals from St. Elizabeth's, Holy Spirit, St. Therese and Visitation. **Alana Young from Young Family Farm will speak on April 3 at 6:30 pm in Tighe Hall**; all are welcome.
- **Educating Ourselves** - RJC will facilitate two book discussions in the coming months, *Kingdom Quarterback* on April 30 and *Fifteen Cents on the Dollar*, including a Rainy Day Books event on June 11 and discussion in Tighe Hall. The committee also discussed hosting film discussions, including *American Fiction*. Stay tuned for more details.

The meeting concluded with members sharing what they have done in recent months to educate themselves and take action toward racial justice.



## PASTORAL CARE

### FAITH & GRIEF LUNCH

**Tuesday, April 2, 12:00 pm -1:00 pm**

VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SPEAKER: Linda Alley

### RememberingGram

Linda Alley will share stories of her paternal grandmother, who lived an amazing life for almost 107 years. Although Gram wouldn't see her own life as exceptional, her love and sass bring a smile to Linda's face and still continue to inspire others to this day.

Lunch presentations and facilitated table conversations 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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## MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN



RSVP to: <https://tinyurl.com/moychop>



### 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://tinyurl.com/moycnursery>

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

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

## VISITATION ATHLETICS

*Annual*

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*Monday, May 6*  
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*Shotgun start*

18-Hole Teams	4-Hole Teams
8:00 AM	10:00 AM

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All teams are foursomes  
Scramble format

### PARTICIPATION

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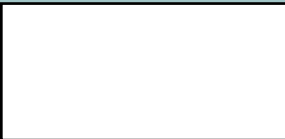
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### Visitation Golden Shamrocks potLuck of the Irish

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## SCHOOL OF RELIGION



School of Religion households gathered for a Lenten presentation about our sister parish in San Salvador. We opened with prayer. Then children listened to parishioners Bob Steinert and Tina Blanck share about their new book and love for the people of Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres. Members of the Madre Committee were present and parents asked questions about how families can support their good work. Children left the presentation with a coloring page drawn by Tina Blanck that highlighted the theme for the evening of "walking with" our brothers and sisters. The evening concluded with a Family Dinner in Tighe Hall.

