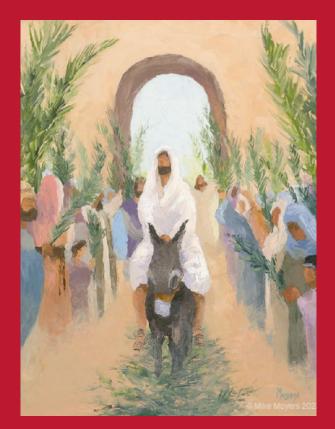
# VISITATION PARISH PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024



## TRIDUUM

**WE** are invited to make it a priority to be **TOGETHER** for the services on these holiest days of our church year.

> HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28 Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm

### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Morning Prayer, 8:15 am Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 12:00 Noon Holy Land Collection

### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Morning Prayer, 8:15 am Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm

### EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Masses at 8:00 am & 10:30 am

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### 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 <u>megan@church.visitation.org</u> 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.

<u>Our discussion facilitators are:</u> March 24 – Brent Powell

### SCHOOL OF RELIGION

School of Religion classes resume tomorrow, Monday, March 25.

### CONFIRMATION - Please mark your calendars

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Great opportunity for sponsor/candidate and family!

- March 28: 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass
- 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!** 

## RACIAL JUSTICE

### Mark Your Calendars and plan to attend!

 Alana Young, Young Family Farm and Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council President
Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 pm, Tighe Hall

• Kingdom Quarterback Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 30th, 7:00 pm, Tighe Hall

## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

#### OUR SYMPATHY

We as a parish community extend our sympathy to Ada Koch, on the death of her husband, Kevin; to Joanne and Tom Comiskey on the death of their son, Ryan; and to Mary Lipari, Annette Rangel, Cheri Perez, Andrew Lipari and Julie Olivas on the death of their husband and father, Anthony Lipari.

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 Iewell Erin Kallman Peg Kallman 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,

If someone wanted to witness and experience the power and beauty of Catholic liturgy, Holy Week would be the time for them to visit. Our use of sign and symbol, spoken and sung word, silence and gesture, reaches its fullest and richest peak. Palms and processions, foot washing and veneration, immersion and anointing highlight the ritual expression of our faith and the Initiation Sacraments we celebrate. The journey to the joyful mystery of Easter is marked by some of the most treasured and impactful liturgies of the year.



I look forward to the sacred days ahead. I've heard so much about Holy Week at Visitation and am honored to celebrate it as a member of this community. I know it involves hours of planning and the generous and faithful service of many parishioners. These liturgies have the power to inspire, comfort, unite and transform and are some of the greatest gifts in the Catholic tradition. I hope you are able to join the celebrations and savor the beauty of these liturgies on the journey to Easter.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## Organist Hector Olivares *ín Concert*

Saturday, April 13 7:30 pm Visitation Church

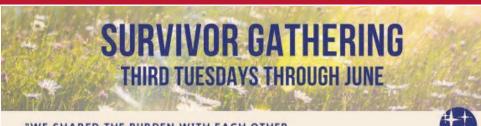
World-renowned organist, Hector Olivares, will showcase our magnificent Lively-Fulcher organ with a program sure to delight all music lovers with works ranging from traditional classical music to modern pop fare.

> Free admission. Free will offering benefits the Music Ministry of Visitation Parish.

## **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



"WE SHARED THE BURDEN WITH EACH OTHER, AND SOMEHOW THE BURDEN BECAME LIGHTER" - SURVIVOR GATHERING PARTICIPANT

BETHAN

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

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BEAUTIFUL **EXPRESSIONS OF** 

April 16, May 21, June 18 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm www.journeytobethany.org/survivor-gatherings-spring-24/

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

For any Visitation R.C.I.A. Alumni, Sponsors, Teams and their households.

> 9:00 AM Mass @ St. Monica 1616 Paseo KCMO

10:15 AM Tour of Christian Art Meet in the Block Lobby

> R.S.V.P. to Teresa Albright teresa@church.visitation.org



Nelso n-Atkins Museum of Art

with docent JoAnn Axtell

## 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.

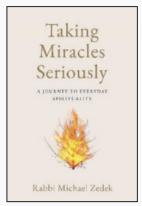
3. It draws on the words of wisdom teachers throughout the centuries. *What we are planning:* 

- 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 second episode focusing on Part One of the book, Rabbi Zedek explores how the commonplace can become an encounter with the miraculous because it embodies an inescapable sacred dimension. Listen at www.visonmainkc.com/podcast.





#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 26-31 A LOOK BACK - PALM SUNDAY 2015

Tuesday, March 26 6:45 am Margaret Petersen † 8:15 am Wilma Christensen †

Wednesday, March 27 6:45 am Elizabeth Gettino Gentry † 8:15 am Chace Brundige †

Thursday, March 28 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29 12:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 30 - Easter Vigil 8:00 pm People of Visitation

Sunday, March 31 8:00 am Jerry Handley † 10:30 am Will Motter †

#### PARISH BOUNDARIES

State Line on the West to Oak St. on the East; 47th Street on the North to Meyer Blvd on the South

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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

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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## FINANCIAL



February Contribution Income exceeded budget by \$34,599 or 10.67%, 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, surpassed budget by \$38,546 primarily due to tuition timing, bringing our Total Operating Monthly Income to a budget surplus to \$73,146.

Parish expenses in February were over budget by \$12,345. This was fueled primarily by higher than anticipated personnel benefits expense. The combined effects of the items discussed above

<b>Contribution Income</b>	\$	358,779 \$	324,179 \$	34,599
Other Income	\$	<u>56,603 \$</u>	<u> 18,057 \$</u>	38,546
Total Operating Income	\$	415,382 \$	342,236 \$	73,146
<b>Operating Expense</b>	\$	454,327 \$	<u>441,983 \$</u>	(12,345)
Net	\$	(38,946) \$	(99,747) \$	60,801
,	Fiscal YTD (July-February)			
		Actual	Budget	Difference
<b>Contribution Income</b>	\$	3,335,786 \$	3,172,456 \$	163,329
Other Income	\$	<u>1,101,077 \$</u>	<u>1,031,542</u> \$	69,535
Total Operating Income	\$	4,436,862 \$	4,203,998 \$	232,864
<b>Operating Expense</b>	\$	<u>3,743,911 \$</u>	<u>3,567,703 \$</u>	(176,208)
Net	\$	692,952 \$	636,295 \$	56,657
	Fiscal YTD This Fiscal YTD Last			
		Year	Year	Difference
<b>Contribution Income</b>	\$	3,335,786 \$	3,161,449 \$	174,337
Other Income	\$	<u>1,101,077 \$</u>	<u>1,603,906 \$</u>	(502,829)
Total Operating Income	\$	4,436,862 \$	4,765,354 \$	(328,492)
Operating Expense	\$	<u>3,743,911</u> \$	<u>3,544,666 \$</u>	(199,245)
Net	\$	692,952 \$	1,220,689 \$	(527,737)

Actual

Month of February 2024

Budget

Difference

generated a parish net budget surplus of \$60,801 for the month of February.

Overall, the same conditions are reflected in the year-to-date financial results. Contribution Income has exceeded budget by \$163,329, or 5.1%. Other income is ahead of budget by 6.74% or \$69,535, leaving an Operating Income Budget surplus of \$232,864. Operating Expenses for the year-to-date, fueled by the January negative variance as well as the overrun in December, has exceeded the budget by \$176,208, or 4.9%, generating a parish net operating budget surplus of \$56,657.

Compared to the prior fiscal year-to-date, Parish Contribution Income for 2023/2024 it has surpassed last year's results by \$174,337, while other income was short by \$502,829 creating a Total Operating Income shortfall of \$328,492. 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 \$199,245 for a net budget shortfall of \$527,737

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.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS



MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of



vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How - like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

#### 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 <u>bsteinert@aol.com</u>.

#### 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.

## SCHOOL

#### SCREEN SANITY PARENT NIGHT

We are the first generation to raise digital natives kids who would rather text than talk. And, let's be honest, it is hard. Screens have seeped into every corner of our kids' lives and many of us are trying to navigate this unpaved parenthood road alone. The upcoming **Screen Sanity Parent Night** will offer practical ways for families to maximize the benefits of technology while minimizing the harmful side effects. Parents will walk away with a SCREEN SANTY

vision of creating screen time boundaries, introducing smart phones, managing screen-hyphen related meltdowns and protecting kids from mature or unsafe content.

Please join us on Thursday, April 4 from 6:30-8:30 pm in Tighe Hall.



SAVE THE DATE! VISITATION FLOWER SALE IS MAY 3-5. PRE-ORDERS COMING SOON!



## **RACIAL JUSTICE**





Cristo Rey interns support student learning at Visitation School. Support this program with your donation at https://tinyurl.com/RJIntern.

## 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: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/moychop">https://tinyurl.com/moychop</a>



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 Virtustrained adults (16 years of age and older) and 4 students each week. Please sign up here: <u>https://tinyurl.com/moycnursery</u>

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):

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



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.

