

# VISITATION PARISH SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 7, 2024



## O U R M I S S I O N

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.

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If you have an older child who wants to volunteer or need more information, contact our VBS co-directors: Tracy Valenti, [terwin308@yahoo.com](mailto:terwin308@yahoo.com) or Nicole Craig, [nicolebcraig@gmail.com](mailto:nicolebcraig@gmail.com).



### VIS-ON-MAIN PODCAST



LISTEN NOW TO THE FIRST 3 EPISODES OF OUR VIS-ON-MAIN PODCAST! Host Lorraine Gordon is joined by Rabbi Michael Zedek, a scholar, teacher, community activist and author of our parish book, *Taking Miracles Seriously*. Listen at [www.visonmainkc.com/podcast](http://www.visonmainkc.com/podcast).

### CONFIRMATION

Special thanks to the Confirmation Ministry Team of Mandy Ketchum, Cathy Colburn, Gigi Dennis, Cecilia Riester and Nic Shump for all of their help this year with planning, meetings and especially all that they did for the retreat!



- Sunday, April 7: 7:00 pm - Confirmation Rehearsal - Candidate and sponsor.
- April 10: Confirmation
- April 14 at 7:00 pm: Circle of Grace Class. See email from Jenny Greene sent on March 25.

### OUR SYMPATHY

We as a parish mourn the death of our parishioner Lisa Sokoloff and we also extend our sympathy to Trisha Coleman on the death of her mother, Judy Worth.

### 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	Theresa 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.
Bryan Larson	Annabelle Whalen
Jeanne Lendabarker	Dave Wittrock
Scott Martens	Leigh Ann Zeller

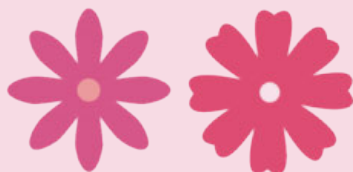
### SICK LIST UPDATE

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: Major Philip Martin, Fort Leavenworth, KS; Major Chris Oppenlander, Hill Air Force Base, UT; Major Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Air Force Base, UT; Master Sergeant Louis A. Perez, Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL.

### FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 9  
On Alert: Team # 8



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## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

It's tempting to think that once Lent, the Triduum and Easter Sunday are finished, things relax liturgically. But the Easter Season has a very dynamic and abundant liturgical life! The Octave of Easter, from Easter Sunday to the Second Sunday of Easter, carries a special solemnity that sets the tone for the rest of the season. Every day of the Octave is a continuation of Easter Sunday and calls us to maintain the same joy with which we celebrated on Easter Day. And moving forward, the Sundays and Weekdays of Easter reconnect us with the impact the Resurrection had on Jesus' disciples and how we experience the same dynamic. I love the readings from the Acts of the Apostles, as they provide a very real snapshot of a people coming to terms with God's saving power revealed in Jesus Christ. As the early church wrestled with the astounding and overwhelming mystery unleashed in the Paschal Mystery, so do we today. We will never fully grasp the height and depth and richness of this mystery, and that's what gives such vitality to the Easter Season.



We also celebrate some significant Sacramental moments in the course of this Season. Confirmation of our young adults is April 10. First Communion for our children is April 28. We have many Baptisms scheduled. And we Baptized, Confirmed and celebrated First Eucharist for three adults at the Easter Vigil and welcomed three more into full communion with the Catholic Church. The Easter Season is indeed a dynamic season full of sacred and life-changing Sacramental celebrations. When better to celebrate our new life in the Risen Lord than now? Pray for our newly-initiated and welcome them warmly when you meet them. And pray for our children and young adults who are preparing for their own significant Sacramental milestones!

Peace - Fr. Greg

## PASTORAL CARE

### FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish community we thank the following Women of Vis Funeral Meal Teams:

- ◇ **Team#9** - Captains Cathy Marx & Charlotte Jett and their team of Chris Alexander, Deborah Bird, Mary Ellen Boozer, Maureen McMeel Carroll, Ruby Kennedy, Nina LaFavor, Julitta Langle, Jolene Lynn, Terry McGhie, Donna Messina, Niccole Radetic, Mary Ann Oswald, Megan Schaefer, Heather Shinn, Theresa Schekirke, Abigail Swafford and Josh Swafford.
- ◇ **Team #12** - Captains Tatia Batz & Paula Banes and their team of Cathi Brain, Pattie Donath, Anne Gagel, Julitta Langle, Jolene Lynn, Stacy Mayer, Katie McGurk, Rhonda Meloy, Holly Mihalovich, Betsy O'Brien, Jennifer O'Hara, Sharon Perry, Karen Rundle, Jane Vaughn and Cathy Zitnik.
- ◇ **Team #6** - Captains Jennie Egan & Amy McKenny and their team of Kristin Beerman, Carol Crowe, Patti Dunlay, Ann Eckels, Jan Fakoury, Carol Fryer, Erica Gaarder, Amy Perry, Ann Hodes, Shawn Keller, Jane Kieffer, Jackie Massman, Maureen McMeel, Sharon Molloy, Barbara Mullane, Karen O'Neill, Nancy Pell and Alison Ward.
- ◇ **Team #11** - Captains Peg Ekerdt and Patty Walsh and their team of Molly Angold, Renae Altenhofen, Colleen Bowen, Pam Bowen, Kristi Calkins, Amanda Chaney, Sharon Derks, Nealey Grosdidier, Buffy Gunter, Matt Gunter, Kara Hoolehan, Kathy Honan, Kelly Lambert, Julie McCann, Patty McMahan, Laurie McLiney, Michelle Pal, Anne Schiavone, Becky Selzer and Heidi Youngs.

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 9-14

**Tuesday, April 9**  
6:45 am Dennis Baumgartner †  
8:15 am Polly Donnelly †

**Wednesday, April 10**  
6:45 am Mary Beth Connor †  
8:15 am Cathy McGee Schuerer †

**Thursday, April 11**  
6:45 am Nicholas Gettino †

**Friday, April 12**  
8:15 am Dominic Passantino †

**Saturday, April 13**  
8:15am Janice Wooderson †  
4:00 pm Valerie Roach †

**Sunday, April 14**  
8:00 am People of Visitation  
10:30 am The Wittman Family

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS APRIL 6-7

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Your Visitation Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who attended our annual Lenten fish fry dinners this season. Though the calendar only allowed for two events, they were both very successful. Each Lent our community gathers at these events and they have become a parish favorite for all ages, from little ones to older ones.

In 2023 your Visitation Knights of Columbus donated over \$22,000 to our parish and dozens of organizations in our local community. Supporting everything from special needs children, veterans, homeless, vocations, seminarians and many other causes, we wish to represent the aspirations of our council and our entire parish. None of this would have been possible without your support of events like these.

If you are interested in joining our team and being a part of a local mens organization dedicated to making a difference locally, please feel free to contact by text, phone or email, Bob Steinert 816-729-2748 or

[bsteinert@aol.com](mailto:bsteinert@aol.com)



# SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN

The Easter season is a sacred and special time at Visitation. Together our parish community came out in abundance, and we celebrated the Paschal Mystery in communion with each other. A reminder that the presence of God's goodness is among us and our families.



NEW this year, the MOYC (Mothers of young children) hosted "Hop into Holy Week" complete with cookies, a special story, Easter egg hunt and visit from the Easter Bunny.



## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

The Visitation Refugee Assistance Committee (VRAC) met in March to begin planning for 2024. We will again partner with Della Lamb to welcome a new family in June and accompany them for six months after move-in as they acclimate to their new home in Kansas City. During April, we will gather household items and furniture needed for the family's home, finish preparations in May and will receive our match with a family around June 1.



Starting today and continuing throughout April, there are several ways to participate in this year's mission: A Signup Genius has been created with the list of household item needs. To sign up, please scan the QR code below to access the list or look for the link on the parish website.

We are looking for the following gently used furniture: two loveseats, a simple dining table with chairs, one queen bedframe, two twin bed frames, two small dressers or chest of drawers for a bedroom, one coffee table and side table, and three bedside tables. If you have any of these items you would like to donate, please email Mike and Julie Morrard at [jgmorrard@yahoo.com](mailto:jgmorrard@yahoo.com) or text them at 913-558-8825.

Della asks that mattresses be purchased new, and there are additional needs that arise once we have a match. If you would like to make a financial donation, please direct it to Karen Miller in the parish office.

Thank you to so many who gave their volunteer time and donations to help in the past two years, and to those who will help this year. Your kindness and compassion are the heart of this important mission.

Please continue to watch the bulletin for news. We will be reaching out for help from the Visitation Community for cleaning and move-in help, as well as asking for volunteers to assist with the family's transportation and other needs as they settle in to their new home in Kansas City.

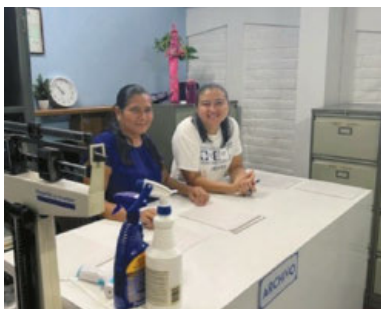


### SISTER PARISH SOLIDARITY DELEGATES NEEDED

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).



## RACIAL JUSTICE

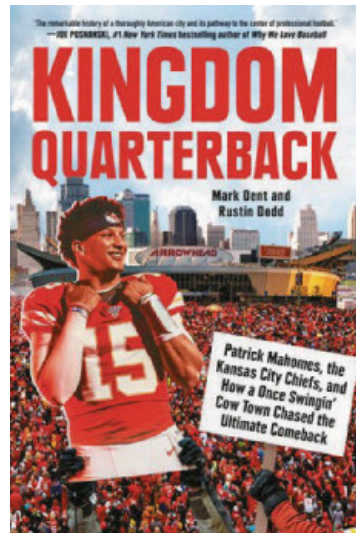


Join the parish Racial Justice Committee on **Tuesday, April 30 at 7:00 pm in Tighe Hall** for a discussion of *Kingdom Quarterback: Patrick Mahomes, the Kansas City Chiefs, and How a Once Swingin' Cow Town Chased the Ultimate Comeback*, written by KC-area natives Mark Dent and Rustin Dodd.

The book describes the history of Kansas City and the history of the Kansas City Chiefs in alternating chapters—eventually telling the story of Patrick Mahomes, his arrival in the city and what that means to the Chiefs and to the city.

Some part of the story are familiar: Patrick Mahomes has led a team to win two Super Bowls and competed in another, and has helped turn the Kansas City Chiefs from famed playoff failures into Super Bowl champions, all the while winning the hearts of the city with his on and off the field presence.

The book also explores how the city's urban development created lovely neighborhoods that largely left out people of color. It's been a long road attempting to move past the scars of segregation and overcome the city's flyover reputation, but the authors help tell the story of a city poised to have a national impact. **Start your reading now, or attend without reading the book; the discussion promises to be rich either way.**



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## Statement of the Missouri Catholic Conference on the Abortion Initiative Petition

The Catholic Church supports and defends society's most vulnerable, especially women and children, through accompaniment, social services, and material assistance.

A misleading proposed amendment to the Missouri Constitution suggests that a "right to an abortion" is needed to protect women, while the amendment could actually put women at risk and endanger preborn children. This ballot initiative would legalize abortions in this state and remove long standing health and safety standards for women. In addition, this initiative does nothing to reduce or eliminate the underlying social causes for abortion and does not further a true culture of life in the state.

Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2024 ballot. **We encourage all Catholics and people of good will to not sign any petition that would put this amendment on the ballot.**

The Catholic Church in Missouri will continue to provide spiritual and material support to expectant mothers and their families through our parishes and ministries, and to advocate on their behalf and on behalf of their preborn children. For those women suffering from the pain of an abortion, the Church will continue to offer true healing and hope through its Post Abortive Healing Ministries. We ask all to help us in these efforts to safeguard the right to life.

We look forward to the day when every child, born and unborn, has the love and support needed to thrive and reach his or her full potential. Let us pray for a greater recognition of the gift of each and every human life in our society.

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

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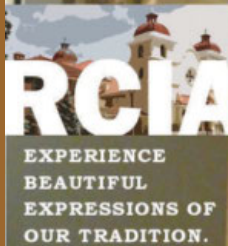
9:00 AM

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  
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## MUSIC MINISTRY



Organist Hector Olivares  
*in Concert*

Saturday, April 13 7:30 pm  
Visitation Church

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