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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

SOR FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSALS

are scheduled for April 15 and 22 during class **time.** At least one parent is required to attend one of

these rehearsals. If a parent is not available for either, then a godparent must attend in their place.

ROSARY FOR THE SICK

IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY IS HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL AT 8:00 PM.

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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.

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

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William Iewell Erin Kallman Peg Kallman Bryan Larson Ieanne Lendabarker

Scott Martens

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Special Intention Jeannie Sullivan Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.

Annabelle Whalen Dave Wittrock Leigh Ann Zeller

FAITH FORMATION PARISH BOOKS

Pick up your household's free copies of *Three Days* and *Taking Miracles Seriously* from the narthex or parish office.



BLOOD DRIVE

Visitation Parish Thursday, May 9th 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Tighe Hall

Book your appointment today at www.savealifenow.org/group, enter Group Code: VH.

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 # 1 On Alert: Team # 2



SAVE THE DATE!

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS SPRING FLING BRUNCH **TUESDAY, MAY 7 FOLLOWING 8:15 AM MASS** R.S.V.P. TO 816-816-753-7422

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

As announced recently, we have hired Dr. Melissa Wagner as Principal of Visitation School beginning in the 2024-25 academic year. Melissa has been an educator for 24 years, the last 14 of which she has spent at Holy Cross in Overland Park. For four years now, she has been the Principal of Holy Cross and has led the school there very well. We are pleased to welcome her to Visitation this weekend, where she will speak at Masses and be present at hospitality following. I hope you get the opportunity to meet Melissa and her family and welcome them to Visitation. We are so fortunate that she felt called here!



Since I announced in my Easter Pastor's Corner that I'm going to Italy at the end of April, so many of you have offered your good wishes and blessings for the journey. I'm grateful for the opportunity to do this, as I've never been to Italy and am really looking forward to it. Thank you for your gracious and generous words, and for your suggestions of places to visit, foods to eat and things to read before going! It always helps to hear the real guidance from experienced travelers!

In the mean time, enjoy the Easter Season and the arrival of Spring! Go Royals!

Fr. Greg

SCHOOL



SPREAD THE WORD

The best way to make our sale successful is to spread the word! Please send the flower sale order link, visitationsales.com to your friends, family, neighbors and anyone who loves flowers via email!







Online Pre-Sale

April 1 - 29

Garden Party May 3: 4:00 - 7:00pm

Flower Sale

May 3: 3:00pm - 7:00pm

May 4: 9:00am - 5:00pm

May 5: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Pre-Sale Order Pick-Up

May 3: 3:00pm - 6:30pm

May 4: 9:00am - 4:00pm

THE GARDEN SHOP

The Visitation Flower Sale is a long-standing tradition and fundraiser for the Visitation School. The Garden Shop will be filled with an assortment of plants, flower varieties, planters, and veggies/herbs exclusive to the Garden Shop, making your gardens and outdoor planters complete. Come checkout these exclusive offerings the weekend of the sale.





MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 16-21

Tuesday, April 16 6:45 am Maria Chalk † 8:15 am Jack Graham

Wednesday, April 17 6:45 am Danny Farrell † 8:15 am Elaine Braun †

Thursday, April 18 6:45 am Beatrice Santner †

Friday, April 19 8:15 am Martha Beckers †

Saturday, April 20 8:15am Fr. Richard Carney † 4:00 pm Jerry Handley †

Sunday, April 21 8:00 am People of Visitation 10:30 am Richard Knopke †

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Church Nursery Volunteers Needed!

The **M**others **o**f **Y**oung 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://kcsjcatholic.org/wpcontent/uploads/Minors-Code-of-Ethical-Conduct-updated-June-2022-1.pdf



PARISH BOUNDARIES

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

PARISH OFFICE, Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Greene 5141 Main St, Kansas City, MO 64112 Sacram Phone 816-753-7422 Fax 816-753-5505 to begin Web Site www.visitation.org

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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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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 Morrand at igmorrand@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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Here is a story from a family the SVDP team recently assisted.

"You guys helped save our sanity. My girlfriend and I were on the verge of eviction, however, thanks to your generosity we were able to keep our home, everything we have worked hard to maintain and most importantly stay together. Especially because our anniversary is this month. Now we are back on our feet and able. So thank you for not letting us carry that weight alone."

If you are interested in learning more about SVDP, please contact Paul Burns at <u>paul.burns@tarsus.pro</u> and thank you for supporting the good work they do.

COMMUNITY GARDEN BEDS

Your help is needed on Saturday, April 20 at 9:30 am

It is that time of year again and your help is needed to move compost in the community garden bed! All are welcome to participate in preparing our garden this year. Please bring a shovel and/or a wheelbarrow if you have them available. For questions please reach out to Alison Dudley at alisondudleykc@gmail.com or Tina Mateski at tina.mateski@bclplaw.com.



RACIAL JUSTICE

Alana Young Henry joined twenty-one parishioners and Just Faith participants on Wednesday, April 3 to discuss the ways in which her work and faith coincide. As the executive director of the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council and farm manager of her family's urban farm, Young Family Farms, Ms. Henry sees service and connection as a common thread of her work and noted the value and differing gifts of each person.

Ms. Henry offered a summary of the long history of the Ivanhoe neighborhood, noting the impact of gang warfare in the 1980s and 90s and fragmentation caused by the construction of 71 highway as challenges. Through prayer walks, relationships with police and other community action, the neighborhood has battled these challenges, and continues to work toward helping residents fight food, income, transportation and health insecurity. She explained how Young Family Farm works to provide free produce to residents in need, and how valuable it is for us to have a connection to the earth and God's creation.

In speaking about racial justice, Ms. Henry noted that thinking about racial justice as simply justice can be less overwhelming. She thoughtfully stated "We know the truth – He loves all of us." She challenged us to consider how we fit into this complex puzzle of problems to solve and reminded us to consider the small ripple effects of our small actions. She mentioned a book she was currently reading as a support for times of overwhelm: Karen Walrond's *The Lightmaker's Manifesto: How to Work for Change Without Losing Your Joy*.

When asked how we can support her work, Ms. Henry invited us to visit Young Family Farm, 3819 Wayne Avenue, with the market open from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, likely starting in early June. She stated any support effort begins with relationship.

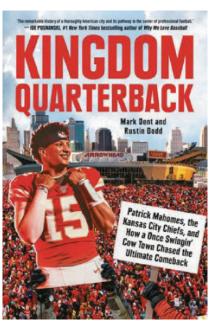
JOIN THE PARISH RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 30 AT 7:00 PM in Tighe Hall for a discussion of <u>Kingdom Quarterback</u>: Patrick Mahomes, the Kansas City Chiefs, and How a Once Swingin' Cow Town Chased the Ultimate Comeback, written by KC-area natives Mark Dent and Rustin Dodd.

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 three 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.



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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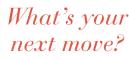


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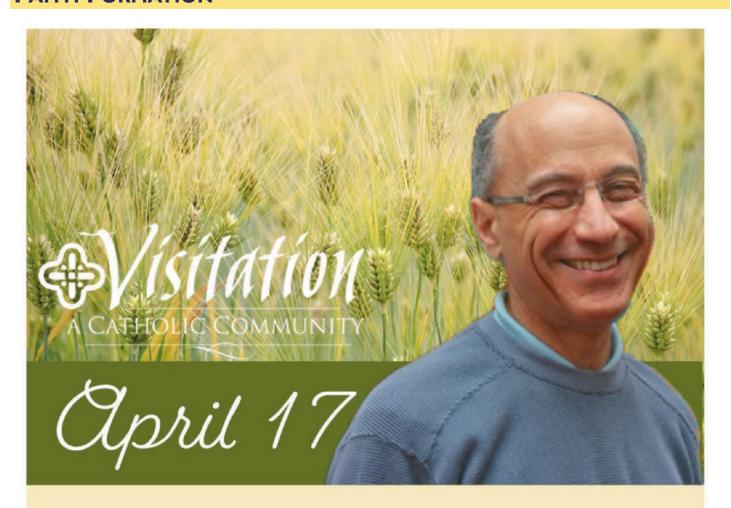
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