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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 21, 2024



OUR MISSION

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 lifelong 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.

M A S S E S

Sunday Masses

Saturday..... 4:00 pm
Sunday..... 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 pm

Weekday Masses (St. Joseph Chapel)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.....6:45 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday..... 8:15 am
Saturday..... 8:15 am

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT CONFIRMATION IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5 AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

Are you a baptized, adult Catholic who made your First Communion as a child but was never Confirmed in the Catholic Church? If you would like to prepare for this Sacrament, please contact Teresa Albright in the parish office by May 5.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

The next Sunday SOR class is on May 5. Opening prayer in the St. Joseph Chapel at 9:45 am.



BLOOD DRIVE

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

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**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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REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam	Tim McNamara
Brian Adams	Thom McNamara
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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 # 1
On Alert: Team # 2

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

It was great to have our new Principal, Dr. Melissa Wagner, here with us last weekend. She brought such energy to the Masses and many of you welcomed her warmly at Hospitality. As we are suddenly nearing the end of the academic year, we give thanks for the leadership of Mary Kallman and send her with our blessings to her future endeavors. And we anticipate a great 2024-25 school year as Dr. Wagner assumes the role of Principal! Thanks to our Search Committee once again for helping to identify Melissa as our next Principal. Susan Stanton, Stephen Bowen, Lindsey Anderson, Kathleen Wiedeman, Micah Schloegel and Don Lueke, we are grateful to you! Thanks to our teachers, administration and staff for such hard work and dedication to the ministry of Visitation School. Thanks to so many school parent volunteers for your above-and-beyond leadership, year in and year out.



We celebrate Grandparents' Day this Friday and look forward to welcoming so many cherished VIP's to the School Mass on Friday, April 26. And Sunday we celebrate First Communion! There is so much vitality at this time of year: Sacramental milestones, graduations, weddings, the end of the school year. The Easter Season and the arrival of spring awaken abundant good news and activity! We have much to celebrate. I also want to let you know that we've had some attempted theft of wine from the Sacristy during and outside of Mass. I know this is nothing new, but we are locking the Sacristy from now on. Those who need keys have access to them, but we are trying to secure things a bit more. Other security measures are being discussed and we will keep you posted as things develop. It's unfortunate, but we want to do everything we can to keep our community safe!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

Visitation Golden Shamrocks

Spring Fling Brunch



Tuesday, May 7 following 8:15 am Mass

**Join us as we celebrate the season of spring
with food, friends, fellowship & fun!**

RSVP to 816-753-7422

*Free will offering will benefit the work of the
Visitation Refugee Assistance Committee*



SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT

In preparation for their First Eucharist, our second graders participated in a retreat dedicated to this significant sacrament. Guided by teachers, faculty members, parishioners, and parent volunteers, the students dedicated part of their school day to deepen their understanding of the Eucharist's importance. Organized into groups, they engaged in various activities including Jesus-themed yoga, crafting crosses, participating in a foot-washing ritual, baking unleavened bread for communion, musical sessions, exploring the sacristy with Mrs. Kallman, listening to stories, and taking a tour of the church. Let's keep these children in our prayers as they continue their journey towards their First Holy Communion later this month.



HECTOR OLIVERA PERFORMS...

Our third-grade students were treated to a special exploration of organ music as they had the privilege of experiencing a performance by acclaimed organist Hector Olivera on our beautiful parish organ.

FINANCIAL

March Contribution Income exceeded budget by \$68,323 or 24.67%, 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 \$20,741 primarily due to tuition timing, bringing our Total Operating Monthly income to a budget surplus to \$89,064.

Parish expenses in March were over budget by \$37,300. This was fueled primarily by higher than anticipated facility expenses and personnel benefits. The combined effects of the items discussed above generated a Parish Net budget surplus of \$51,764 for the month of March.

Overall, the same conditions are reflected in the year-to-date financial results.

Contribution Income has exceed budget by \$231,652, or 6.7%. Other income is ahead of budget by 8.53% or \$90,276, leaving an

Operating Income Budget surplus of \$321,928. Operating Expenses for the year-to-date, fueled by the March negative variance above, as well as the overrun in February, now exceed budget by \$213,508, or 5.3%, generating a parish net operating budget surplus of \$108,420.

Compared to the prior fiscal year-to-date, Parish Contribution Income for 2023-2024 surpassed last year's results by \$239,380, while other income was short by \$475,117 creating a Total Operating Income shortfall of \$235,737. 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 \$219,467 for a net budget shortfall of \$455,204.

	Month of March 2024		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 345,304	\$ 276,981	\$ 68,323
Other Income	\$ 47,711	\$ 26,970	\$ 20,741
Total Operating Income	\$ 393,015	\$ 303,951	\$ 89,064
Operating Expense	\$ 466,903	\$ 429,603	\$ (37,300)
Net	\$ (73,889)	\$ (125,652)	\$ 51,764

	Fiscal YTD (July-March)		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 3,681,090	\$ 3,449,437	\$ 231,652
Other Income	\$ 1,148,787	\$ 1,058,511	\$ 90,276
Total Operating Income	\$ 4,829,877	\$ 4,507,949	\$ 321,928
Operating Expense	\$ 4,210,814	\$ 3,997,306	\$ (213,508)
Net	\$ 619,063	\$ 510,643	\$ 108,420

	Fiscal YTD This Year	Fiscal YTD Last Year	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 3,681,090	\$ 3,441,709	\$ 239,380
Other Income	\$ 1,148,787	\$ 1,623,905	\$ (475,117)
Total Operating Income	\$ 4,829,877	\$ 5,065,614	\$ (235,737)
Operating Expense	\$ 4,210,814	\$ 3,991,347	\$ (219,467)
Net	\$ 619,063	\$ 1,074,267	\$ (455,204)

SCHOOL



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 23-29

Tuesday, April 23
6:45 am Noreen Reidy †
8:15 am Katherine Beckers †

Wednesday, April 24
6:45 am Mae Brown †
8:15 am Florence Farley †

Thursday, April 25
6:45 am Robert Hughes †

Friday, April 26
8:15 am Ed Welch †

Saturday, April 27
8:15 am John Fitzgerald †
4:00 pm Visitation 1st Communion Recipients

Sunday, April 28
8:00 am Bill Greim †
10:30 am People of Visitation

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE APRIL 28-29

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R. Steinert	E. Johnson	S. Mayer

THEATRE AT VIS

THEATRE AT VIS ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR THE 2024 SUMMER MUSICAL! SHOWDATES: JULY 25-28

AUDITION DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 28

WHERE: VISITATION SCHOOL

TIME: current 5th-7th graders - 5:00 pm
current 8th-12th graders - 7:00 pm

During these time frames, auditioners will sing their rehearsed song, learn and perform a dance, and read from a script. Please dress appropriately for dancing.

Callback auditions will be the following week as needed.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:

- ALL AUDITIONERS need to prepare 32 measures of an age appropriate song of your choice (and provide backup track or sheet music).
- Bring a list of evening and vacation conflicts for June through July.
- After casting and rehearsal schedule is set, no changes can be made to conflicts for July 14 - July 28 (tech week and the week prior).
- Fill out the audition form:



SOCIAL CONCERNS

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

Your help is still needed! If you are willing to purchase items to help establish a new home for the next family we will be working with, please click on the QR code below or reach out to Mike and Julie Morrand at jgmorrand@yahoo.com or text them at 913-558-8825.



Mattresses must be new and there are additional needs that will arise once we have a match. If you would like to make a financial donation, please direct it to Karen Miller in the office. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide.



EARTH DAY 2024 - VISITATION - JOIN THE CELEBRATION

Earth Day 2024 will be celebrated April 22 throughout the world by over a billion people in 190 countries. Earth Day is the largest recognized civic event of this kind globally. Here's how you can track what's happening this year and some ways in which you can be involved.

- Earth Day was first celebrated in the US in 1970.
- The theme this year is **“The Planet vs Plastics.”** The goal for dialogue and action is to **reduce single use plastics by 60% by 2040.**
- **Catholic Climate Covenant (CCC)** is an environmental group that links together major Catholic organizations like diocese and parishes to carry out activities fostering integral ecology and caring for the earth as our common home.
- **Climate Council KC** has information and different ways to participate listed on their website at [Climate Council \(climategkc.org\)](http://ClimateCouncil.org). This website features a directory of local resources and also six online educational programs on basic topics like lifestyle, food, energy, transportation, clothing and your own yard.
- **Diocese of Kansas City-St Joseph** is in the process of putting together a 1-year environmental plan to promote the integral ecology espoused by Pope Francis and to facilitate specific activities that lessen the carbon footprint of our lives.

That said, what might a Visitation parishioner do to celebrate Earth Day 2024? Continue to do whatever you do in your family life to conserve energy, reuse and recycle material resources, and simplify your consumer practices. **Earth Day 2024 would be an opportunity** to spend some time in self-education, looking over the three web sites mentioned and learning more about what is happening in both civic and Catholic circles, responding to the urgent need for greater attention and action to care for the earth itself. Enjoy and celebrate Earth Day 2024 with Earthday.org, Climategkc.org and Catholicclimatecovenant.org. You can make it a special day and a vibrant way to practice your faith.

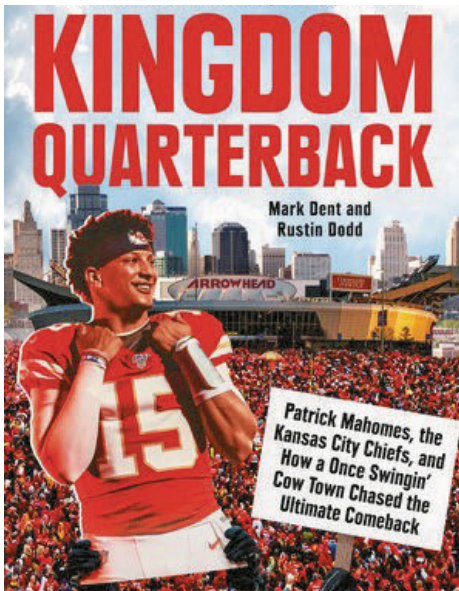
FEED THE HUNGRY

WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION for Redemptorist Social Services

Next week's food collection benefits Redemptorist Social Services Center, one of the largest food pantries in Jackson County. They have been serving the poor and elderly in our community for almost 30 years. They help their clients address basic needs ranging from providing food, clothing, utility and medical needs to legal assistance, transportation and senior services. Food assistance is available through their food pantry open Monday through Friday. They are grateful for any food they receive, but they also have a huge need for hygiene items such as toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper and shampoo.

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 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.



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

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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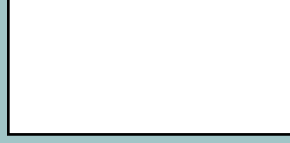


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FAITH FORMATION

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:

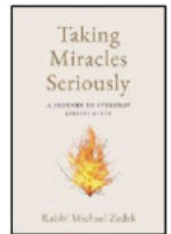
1. It paints an imaginative and faithful portrait of the Holy Family.
2. It highlights the “Jewishness” of Jesus and the ancient Hebrew traditions in which his family would have participated.
3. Young Jesus’ words are direct quotes from the Hebrew Scriptures, connecting the Old Testament with the New.



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.



RCIA

Mystagogy (n.) – the final, and ongoing period of the RCIA process. After reception into the church at Easter, this period invites new Catholics to continue reflecting and learning more about the mysteries of faith and their membership in the Body of Christ.



SCENES FROM OUR MYSTAGOGY MORNING ON APRIL 14.

RCIA alumni, sponsors and team members enjoyed a nice Sunday morning experiencing the beautiful expressions of our Catholic tradition together by worshipping with the community at St. Monica's before touring Christian art at the Nelson-Atkins with docents JoAnn Axtell and Marty Dakan.

