VISITATION PARISH FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 7, 2024



Last month, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the dedication of Visitation's current church. This photo was taken when construction workers were setting the dome on the church.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

VISITING MISSIONARY

Fr. Terence Kersch, CSB, a Basilian Missionary Priest, will be in our parish next weekend, July 13-14, to ask for your support of the Basilian Fathers' work in Mexico and Colombia.

There will be a second collection following communion to help the Basilian Fathers' Latin American apostolate. Your support helps to deliver the Sacraments and the Gospel, along with food, clothing, and medical services to the impoverished people of San Lorenzo in Tehuacán, Mexico, as well as Bogota and Medellin in Colombia. To donate to the Basilian Fathers Missions, please make gifts payable to Visitation Parish with 'mission appeal' noted on the memo line. With your support, may the Basilian Fathers continue to educate and evangelize in the Basilian tradition for years to come in Mexico and Colombia.

NATIONAL PASTORAL MUSICIANS CONFERENCE AT VISITATION!

Visitation is pleased to host pastoral musicians from throughout the United States this week as part of the National Pastoral Musicians annual convention in Kansas City. Visitation's



magnificent Lively-Fulcher organ and beautiful worship space will be featured as part of a preconvention Organ Crawl/Liturgical Space Tour. Director of Liturgy & Music Alejandro Manso is part of the organizing committee for the event; he and Fr. Greg will also participate in a panel discussion during the convention.

THE 2024 GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

will be celebrated on August 25 at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception by Bishop Johnston. Please contact Joni at 816-753-7422 in the parish office if you are celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2024.

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Monica Silva and Michael McClanahan, who were married here on June 29.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam
Pamela Atherton
Marianne Carl
Mary Beth Cicchetti
Joanne Comiskey
Laura Fitzpatrick
Bill Fuss
Brooke Kuechler Harris
Margaret Howard
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
Erin Kallman
Peg Kallman
Bryan Larson

Jeanne Lendabarker
Scott Martens
Tim McNamara
Thom McNamara
Tricia Melland
Peggy Pruitt
Ellie Rose
Kathy Scaglia
Barbara Schulte
Aimee Sesler
Sandra Sharp
Special Intention
Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Dave Wittrock

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 # 6 On Alert: Team # 7

GREETER TRAINING

We will be having training for new greeters on Sunday, July 14 after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses. For those who are interested in this ministry, please email Janet Ridder at janet@church.visitation.org. If this training time does not work for you - please reach out so we know of your interest.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

I told you a few weeks ago that I was doing some rearranging of my office this summer, just to make things feel more like home. And I promised some photos. So here you go:







My office is the Pastor's Suite in the old rectory, which consists of several nice rooms. There's even a fireplace, as many of you probably know. I got rid of the large desk and replaced it with a library table I own. I put my computer on a sofa table, then added a round table of mine for working on projects that require some space. I kept the wingback chairs at the fireplace, along with the nice desk chair that was here when I arrived. In the smaller room off the main office, I added a chaise lounge that was given as a going away gift last summer, then included a small sofa table to accommodate some favorite religious art. I'm proud to say that I haven't spent anything to make these changes! That's the best kind of update, one that incorporates what you already own.

Summer has had its lulls for work like this, but I've sure had some busy weeks as well. One of the highlights of the summer is the arrival of Melissa Wagner, our new Principal! It's been great to welcome Melissa with all her energy and great ideas. Along with her, I am very excited about the school year ahead. In the meantime, savor these summer days!

Peace - Fr. Greg

ABOUT TOWN







DRIVING FOR HOPE GOLF TOURNAMENT – BENEFITTING CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Charities invite you to join them on July 15 at Lakewood Oaks Golf Course. Purchase a team of four and invite your priest to join you! More information to come: https://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/drivingforhope/.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JULY 2-7

Tuesday, July 2 6:45 am Dorothy Nestor † 8:15 am James Roy †

Wednesday, July 3 6:45 am Valerie Caffrey † 8:15 am Nate Borders †

Thursday, July 4 – Independence Day 9:00 am Our Country

> Friday, July 5 8:15 am Tony Quirarte Sr. †

Saturday, July 6 8:15am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres 4:00 pm Jean Cummings †

> Sunday, July 7 8:00 am Michael McIntosh † 10:30 am People of Visitation

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Priest in Residence, Fr. Charles Rowe **BULLETIN DEADLINE Noon Monday**

| | MINISTRY SCHEDULE JULY 13-14 | | | | | |
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| Ŋ | 4:00 PM | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM | | | |
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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

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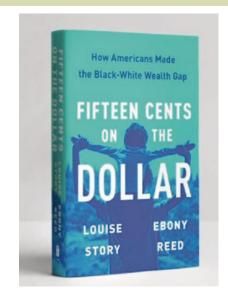
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RACIAL JUSTICE



Members of the Visitation Racial Justice Committee attended a Rainy Day Books discussion of *Fifteen Cents on the Dollar: How Americans Made the Black-White Wealth Gap*. Co-author Ebony Reed, a Kansas City resident, answered questions from audience members and *Kansas City Star moderator Vahe Gregorian*.

Reed noted audiences are often surprised to learn the Federal Reserve statistic that Black American wealth is fifteen cents on the dollar of white American wealth. Citing the difference between income and wealth, Reed shared how someone's current income might be equal, but their wealth is



measured as their net worth in savings, investment and ownership, which is often influenced by generational factors.

Reed and her co-author Louise Story conducted 400 interviews with individuals whose lives have been Influenced by this wealth gap. Some of these interviews illustrate efforts to end this wealth gap. "When people read this book, I hope they will be touched by the stories of the people." One of these stories detailed the impact of the unevenly applied GI Bill for Black veterans returning from World War II. Reed noted that if fairly applied, the GI Bill could have created 400,000 Black homeowners in our economy, but in reality, fewer than 3% of Black veterans were able to capitalize on this benefit due to a "spider web" of discrimination, redlining and misinformation.



An overarching theme throughout the book, according to Reed, is the choice of "money over morals." Despite the heavy content conveyed in the book, Reed emphasized hope, specifically the hope that individuals reading the book will be moved and equipped with facts to take action.

BAPTISM

Baptism Preparation Class for New Parents July 21 from 11:30 am- 1:30 pm in St. Joseph Chapel

(immediately following the 10:30 am Mass)

We will prayerfully walk through the Rite of Baptism for infants/children. All are welcome! The purpose of this class is to:

- Explain the meaning behind the baptism rituals and symbols,
- To remind parents of their own Baptism and participation in the Body of Christ and
- To discuss what it means to raise a child in the Church.

If you have questions please email Teresa Albright at teresa@church.visitation.org.

FAITH FORMATION



THE VISITATION FAITH FORMATION PRESENTS

Sunday, July 14, 2024
12:30 p.m. Tour of Judaica
Temple B'nai Jehudah 12320 Nall Ave. OPKS

The collection includes historical objects spanning centuries and continents and is among the largest and most diverse collections of its kind in the United States.

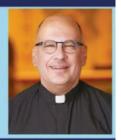


Space is limited. Only 6 spots still available. Contact Teresa Albright in the parish office or at Teresa@church.visitation.org.

- O Can't join the tour on July 14? Contact Teresa to be put on a waiting list for the next scheduled tour in August.
- Or, do you have a group of 10-15 family, friends, Scouts or Small Group members interested in the tour? Let the Faith Formation Team facilitate this opportunity for you!

Here is what Fr. Greg had to say about the tour...

"I was inspired by the extent and the beauty of the collection, and the significant role of artistic expression in Jewish spirituality. I also appreciate more deeply how our own Catholic spirituality has roots in the Jewish tradition, using concrete signs, symbols and other visuals to embody and communicate the invisible mystery of faith. The diversity of this collection underlines how Jewish faith is integrated into every aspect of life, something we as Catholics also promote, believe and cherish."



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SOCIAL CONCERNS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

One City Café next on Thursday, July 11 or 25 from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Please reach out to Bill Staggs for details at 816-304-3264 or willstaggs48@gmail.com.

Morning Glory Ministries - serve breakfast to those in need! Visitation has four spots reserved on Friday, July 19. Volunteers need to arrive by 6:30 am and are finished with clean up by 8:30 am! Contact Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org to reserve your spot.

Community Garden- Great family service opportunity! Please join our gardeners as they tend to the summer garden. Volunteers should arrive by 9:30 am and can stay as long as they are able. Any assistance you can provide is helpful! The garden is in full swing with spring planting having been completed. We need regular teams of people for watering and tilling. If you are interested in helping with our community garden at St. Francis Xavier, please contact Alison Dudley at 816-914-3528 or alisondudleykc@gmail.com.

SISTER PARISH

JULY IS MADRE MONTH!

We celebrate Madre in July in honor of our parishioner and friend to Madre, Margaret Giblin. At the age of 83, Margaret visited our sister parish in El Salvador—Santa Maria, Madre De Los Pobres. Her goal was to express her love to the children of Madre. She spent much of the seven days rocking and singing to the children of the parish pre-school. Margaret died on November 11, 2010, four months after celebrating her 104th birthday on July 21. Margaret was a faithful advocate for our brothers and sisters, especially the children of Madre.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO SUPPORT OUR SISTER PARISH.

In 1988, our parish held a vote and agreed to enter into a sister parish relationship with Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres. Over thirty years later, that friendship has continued to grow! Whether you have been able to travel on a delegation, participate in the sponsorship program or have contributed in some other way, your generosity has made a difference to this wonderful community. Please consider making a special



Fr. Norman Rotert and Margaret Giblin during construction of the new church.

gift this month. Here are some of the ways your money makes a difference: CAPI- the early childhood education center, the sponsorship program, medical and solidarity delegations, the medical and dental clinic and medical delegations, solidarity delegations and annual financial support, including providing water filters and regular contributions for needed supplies and capital improvements.

Send your donations to the church office by July 31 or go to our parish website at www.visitation.org to donate.

Here are a few words from a new parishioner about her recent trip to El Salvador as part of the Solidarity Delegation:

Being new to the parish, I was delighted to learn that we have a "sister" parish in El Salvador that serves the poor; literally their parish is, 'Mary, Mother of the Poorest.' I expressed interest in joining the committee and learned of an upcoming delegation trip. The opportunity to visit this parish, celebrate daily Mass and hear our Visitation parish being prayed over during Eucharistic prayer moved me to tears. They are so grateful for our love and support up here in KCMO; they pray for us daily, showering us with love from afar. Visiting their parish was like meeting the family I never knew I had. They loved me from the moment I was introduced to them. We ate together, prayed together and celebrated together for 5 days, and I can't wait to go back!

Meeting with the Sponsorship Team at Maria Madre de los Pobres was very informative and moving for me. While raising my children, we always had a photo of our sponsored child on the refrigerator and delighted when the quarterly or monthly letter would show up with drawings and updates of their families and educational progress. When the student graduated, we would promptly seek another to love and support from across the globe. Having the opportunity to visit the office and meet the staff that coordinate sponsorships and process the letters from the children was one of the highlights of my trip! While we were in the office, a parent stopped by to pick up her family's monthly stipend, and it was very humbling to see her gratitude for what many would consider a very meager amount. The staff work tirelessly to see that every child has a sponsor and receives the best education available, and every act is done with love for their community and honor for our Mother, Mary. Iov May

Save the Date for our Annual Tacos for Madre Dinner on Sunday, July 28 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

Sponsors who pay their sponsorship fee twice a year, your first annual installment is due in July.



NURSERY AVAILABLE THIS WEEK!



Every Sunday at 10:30 mass

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If you are a virtus-trained adult or a student who would like to volunteer in the nursery this summer, please sign up here. Volunteers needed!
Must be Virtus trained

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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.





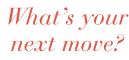


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