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SEPTEMBER 8, 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.

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



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

OUR SYMPATHY

We, as a parish extend our sympathy to Michael and Mary Etta O'Neill on the death of their daughter, Mairicait.

ROSARY FOR THE SICK

RESUMING IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY
EVERY WEDNESDAY IN ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL
AT 5:30 PM. PLEASE JOIN US IN THE CHAPEL OR
ON FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Michele Desnoes	Peg Kallman
Earl Adam	Bryan Larson
Pamela Atherton	Jeanne Lendabarker
Bill Blank, Sr.	Scott Martens
Leslie Burke	Tim McNamara
Marianne Carl	Tricia Melland
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Jen O'Neill
Kay Dierks	Peggy Pruitt
Susan Erwin	Ellie Rose
Laura Fitzpatrick	Kathy Scaglia
Bill Fuss	Barbara Schulte
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Aimee Sesler
Margaret Howard	Sandra Sharp
Joe Irwin	Special Intention
William Jewell	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Erin Kallman	Dave Wittrock

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.

MILITARY

The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Lieutenant Colonel Cade Keenan, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti; 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 # 12 (Batz/Banes)
On Alert: Team # 1 (Bergner/Palmer)



FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish community we thank the following Women of Vis Funeral Meal Teams: Team #11: Captains Peg Ekerdt & Patty Walsh and their team of Molly Angold, Renae Altenhofen, Colleen Bowen, Pam Bowen, Kristi Calkins, Amanda Chaney, Sharon Derks, Nealey Grosdidier, Buffy Gunter, Brooke Harris, Judy Hartner, Kara Hoolehan, Kathy Honan, Kelly Lambert, Julie McCann, Patty McMahan, Laurie McLiney, Michelle Pal, Anne Schiavone and Becky Selzer; and Team #12: Captains Tatia Batz and Paula Banes and their team of Cathi Brain, Pattie Donath, Ann 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

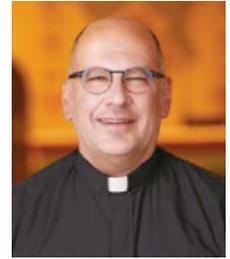
Morning Glory Ministries - Volunteers needed to prepare and serve breakfast on the first Thursday of each month! Volunteers arrive by 6:30 am and will be finished with clean up by 8:15 am! If you are interested, please email karen@church.visitation.org to reserve you spot or feel free to call the parish office.

One City Café next on **Thursdays, September 12 & 26** from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. Please reach out to Bill Staggs for details at Bill Staggs at 816-304-3264 or willstaggs48@gmail.com.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

September is Hunger Awareness Month. The cross of hunger is often hidden in our culture, but it is a very real cross for children, youth and adults. As a people rooted in the Gospel, we recognize our call to meet people in need with an abundance of care and resources. As one of the Corporal Works of Mercy, feeding the hungry is a call to stand in solidarity and address systemic causes of hunger. At each weekend Mass, all are invited to bring food donations forward to support local food pantries and to recognize the common hunger we share at the Eucharistic table.



On Wednesday, September 11, our Hunger Banquet is an invitation to pray together, share a meal and learn more about local efforts to address hunger here in Kansas City. Jenn Olson, Volunteer Coordinator for Pete's Garden, will join us to share the story of the good work her organization does. Dedicated to less food waste and more family meals, Pete's Garden is a local organization that makes a difference and invites our support. I hope you can join us for the Hunger Banquet. It's a great gathering every year marked by the faith, hope and love of the Visitation Community.

Peace - Fr. Greg

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH!



Hunger Banquet

A light meal will be served & a free will offering will benefit Pete's Garden

RSVP: 816-753-7422



Pete's Garden is a food rescue committed to less food waste and more family meals.

**Guest Speaker: Jenn Olson,
Volunteer Coordinator**

**September 11, 6:00 pm
Tighe Hall**



SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

Help us fill our basket each weekend in September!

Donations will benefit four neighboring food pantries:
St. Francis Xavier, Bishop Sullivan Center (Troost location),
Guardian Angels & Redemptorist.

Young children are invited to participate and bring donations to the basket on the predella during the collection each weekend in September.



MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 10-15

Tuesday, September 10
6:45 am Arlene Malter
8:15 am Sue Meyers †

Wednesday, September 11
6:45 am Charles Svoboda †
8:15 am Mac Brown †

Thursday, September 12
6:45 am Joe McFarland †

Friday, September 13
8:15 am Mary Cecilia Kuhnlein †

Saturday, September 14
8:15am Santa Marie Madre de los Pobres
4:00 pm People of Visitation

Sunday, September 15
8:00 am Martha Beckers †
10:30 am Joan McGee †

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 14-15

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

R. Spadafore
C. Thompson
C. Tietjen

A. O'Neill
G. Bowen
D. Colombo

M. Hagenhoff
T. Hagenhoff
M. Filing

A. Eckels
K. Hughes
S. Kearns **sub req.**
K. Reichman

G. Bauman
T. Coppinger
V. Coppinger
T. Egan

A. Bergner
D. Devine
Jennifer Goeke
J. Johnson

M. Rice
M. Shannon **sub req.**
G. Smith

A. McDonald
J. McGee
J. Miller

K. Maginn
T. Mayer
S. McCray

Amy Thompson
Addie Thompson
D. Tietjen
M. Tietjen

S. Miller
A. Paczkowski
R. Paczkowski
H. Shinn

T. McCray
J. Olivias
D. Valenti
K. Van Asdale

M. Thompson

K. Brown

D. Schoening

M. Eckels
L. Schibig
M.J. Thompson

C. Easley
K. Keller
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R. Lang
J. Mateski
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D. Laird

P. Ekerdt

S. Mayer

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FAITH FORMATION



Saturday, October 5, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.

Shawnee Mission Park

7900 Renner Road, Shawnee, KS 66219—SHELTER 10

"This Day offers individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live." - Pope Francis on the Establishment of the Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 2015

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

SCAN to Sign-up
-OR- call 753-7422

All ages & abilities are welcome!

Shelter area includes parking, bathrooms and paved sidewalks

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass for Creation with Fr. Greg Haskamp

NEW

10:00 a.m. Hike/Nature Walk

3 mile loop dirt hiking trail

-OR- paved walking/biking trail

to nearby inclusive playground, dog park and more...

SCHOOL

SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

THANK YOU VIS FAMS FOR
VOLUNTEERING AT KC IRISH FEST

Another fantastic Kansas City Irish Fest is in the books! A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Visitation School families who generously volunteered their time staffing the beverage tent. The Kansas City Irish Fest is a celebration of Celtic pride, dedicated to showcasing the culture, music, character, and history of Ireland and the Irish community in Kansas City.

We're thrilled to share that all funds raised at the Visitation beverage tent will benefit our wonderful specials teachers. A special shoutout to our talented Art teacher, Dan Regan, and our students for creating the charming cow art that adorned the tent.

We also want to extend our deepest gratitude to Leslie and Dan Burke for chairing this successful fundraiser for Visitation. Your support and dedication are greatly appreciated!



CHICK-FIL-A DAY SUCCESS!

Our first Chick-fil-A Day of the school year was a hit, bringing plenty of smiles and delicious meals. We're excited to announce that more Chick-fil-A Days are planned for the 2024-2025 school year, visit www.VisEats.com for more dates. All funds raised support the PTO and school initiatives. Fundraising has never tasted so good!

RACIAL JUSTICE

Members of the parish Racial Justice Committee met August 28: Linda Hughes, Lorraine Gordon, David Bruegging, Jan Fakoury, Karen Miller, Ruby Kennedy, Larry Guillot, Mandy Ketchum, Katie Levi, Dianne VanBallas, Nancy Hesse, Bobbi Johnson, Carl Circo and Peg Ekerdt.



Part of the mission of this group is to continue to raise awareness - our own and those with whom we pray each week, on the issues of racial justice. Notes from the August meeting:

Book Discussions 2024-25—We want to offer the parish an opportunity to read and discuss six different works of fiction or non-fiction that address the topic of race. The group considered an overview of each proposed book and settled on choosing six for the coming year. Jan Fakoury suggested one of the six might be featured in a movie night—for a book that is now a film. Mandy Ketchum suggested and the committee agreed that Linda, Karen and Peg make the decision on the six. (Stay tuned—more to come.)

Field Trip Update—Nancy Hesse and Dianne VanBallas (school faculty) said that field trip decisions are starting to be made. One of the hopes of the RJC was collaboration with those who plan the field trips. That hope remains.

Cristo Rey interns started the week of August 26. In week one, the interns worked with Nancy Hesse, who coordinates the program for the parish and the school. Nancy is working to schedule students with teachers. RJC discussed helping with the PTO effort that has given the interns Christmas and graduation gifts each year.

Voter Registration—On our behalf, Katie Levi met with local official/Vis parishioner Shawn Kieffer. Shawn said that poll workers are needed and need to attend training. Jan Fakoury will share application with anyone who wants to do this.

Just Faith—Karen Miller, Linda Hughes and Peg Ekerdt set a 2024-25 schedule for Just Faith with the hope to offer the sessions to faculty as well as the larger parish. The sessions will be held every two weeks starting Wednesday, January 29 and concluding May 7, with the possibility of both a 4:00 pm and a 7:00 pm class. Katie Levi highlighted a **September 19 fund raiser** for Heartland Center and will send info to the team. Jan spoke about Willa's Books and Vinyl (black-owned book store on Troost) needing volunteer help; she will update us with more information.

Next meeting (ZOOM) is September 25. If you would like to be part of the RJC, please email Peg Ekerdt at peggyekerd@gmail.com or Linda Hughes at lchteach20@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

Last week, we got some great news from Della Lamb! The Visitation Community has been matched with a family arriving in mid-September.

We will co-sponsor the Mutangala family, a Congolese married couple and their two young boys. The older boy is six years old, and the baby was born in February of this year.

We are told they will arrive on **September 13**. Della will notify us when they have secured housing for the family, then we can schedule the move.

If anyone wants to join our group of driving volunteers to assist the family with medical appointment transportation, etc., please contact Mike and Julie Morrard at jgmorrard@yahoo.com or 913-558-8825.

Please check upcoming bulletins for more information. Many thanks to those who have supported this year's mission and please continue to pray for this beautiful family as they make their way to Kansas City.

PASTORAL CARE

FAITH & GRIEF LUNCH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024
12:00-1:00 PM



SPEAKER: Michelle Buzzard

Feeling My Feelings

Michelle lost her brother,
her dad and her husband,
all under the age of 40.

Lunch presentations and facilitated table conversations provide 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 Road.

Learn More & Register



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CATHOLIC AUTHOR STUDY

ANGELA ALAIMO O'DONNELL

FLANNERY O'CONNOR



The Chosen's Jonathan Roumie, speaking at the National Eucharistic Congress, wore a tee-shirt emblazoned with Flannery O'Connor's famous retort, "If it's just a symbol, the hell with it." Last fall actor and director Ethan Hawke released *Wildcat*, his biopic of Flannery O'Connor, with Maya, his daughter, playing the author herself. Flannery O'Connor endures. Her stories reveal her bedrock Catholic faith even as her characters shock, frustrate, amuse and mystify us. The mysteries of God's gifted opportunities of grace, conversion, and redemption are her core concerns; her native, "Christ-haunted" rural South is her vividly depicted landscape. Join an exploration of this extremely consequential author and devout Catholic in six

90-minute sessions offered by Lorraine Gordon, former Visitation podcast host and veteran literature teacher. Six successive Tuesdays, mid-day starting on September 24 from 10:30 am to noon; or six successive Wednesday evenings, starting on September 25, from 7:00-8:30 pm at Visitation Church. If interested, please email lorrainegordon116@gmail.com.



ABOUT TOWN

Registration for the *Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Uncorked!*
Wine & Whiskey tasting on Thursday, October 10 is now open! Mark your calendars!

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Thursday, October 10 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
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Details and registration:
Uncorked! | October 2024 | Sisters of St. Joseph STL & KC (csjstl.org)

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DIocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph - MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Anyone who has been touched by suicide is invited to join together for Mass and prayer.

- ◆ During the Mass, attendees will be invited to place a rose in a memorial for each person they are remembering. Roses will be provided.

WHEN: Friday, September 13 at 6:30 pm.

WHERE: The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 11th & Broadway.

Please scan the code to RSVP so we can ensure there are enough roses for those being remembered.



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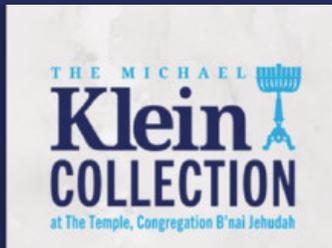
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FAITH FORMATION

THE VISITATION FAITH FORMATION TEAM PRESENTS



Sunday Tour, September 15 at 1:00 pm.
Temple B'nai Jehudah 12320 Nall Ave.
Overland Park, KS

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. Call the parish office to sign-up for either date. Or email Teresa Albright at Teresa@church.visitation.org.

Do you have a group of 10-15 family, friends, Scouts or Lent Small Group members interested in the tour? Choose a date and time and let the Faith Formation Team facilitate this opportunity for you!



CARE FOR THE COMMON HOME



VISITATION CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME DISCUSSION IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26!

Please plan to attend to hear from Brian Roewe, National Catholic Reporter (NCR) environment correspondent and Visitation parishioner; Chelsea Vrobil, Diocese KCSJ Stewardship of Creation Ministry Committee; and Larry Guillot, Visitation parishioner and Care of our Common Home team leader. They will share insight into Pope Francis'

encyclical letter, *Laudao Si*, and the resulting initiative by Bishop Johnston for the Diocese of Kansas City, St. Joseph. You won't want to miss this informative discussion.

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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MEDICINE FOR MADRE



Our medical delegation will be leaving for El Salvador on October 5 and will be carrying over-the-counter medicine to assist the health clinic. Donations of the following would be appreciated:

- Vitamins for children & adults (no gummies, please)
- Acetaminophen 500 mg (adult)
- Children's Acetaminophen (no liquids)
- Aspirin 81 mg
- Benadryl 25 mg (tablets only)
- Magnesium tablets
- Toothbrushes for children & adults



Donations may be brought to the narthex or parish office on or before September 28.



The 10th annual Ride For Madre fund raising event will take place Friday afternoon, September 13. This year's event will raise money for our sister parish to reopen the essential Senior Center. The center provides much needed food, services and even entertainment for the aging population which are most often women whose families can not help them.

The ride will kick off from Crane Brewery in Raytown, with 20 mile riders leaving at 1:00 pm and 10 mile riders leaving at 2:00 pm. All riders will return to Crane Brewery at 3:00 pm for festivities.

Donations can be made to church, please designate Ride For Madre, or on our GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/6ef1a5de>

Potential riders may contact Bob Steinert, 816-729-2748, or Sam Otto, 816-589-1233, by phone or text. Thank you for your many years of generous support.