

VISITATION PARISH  
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 22, 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 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



### BISHOP'S RECOGNITION AWARD



Every other year, our diocese recognizes outstanding volunteers with the Bishop's Recognition Award. This year, Visitation was pleased to honor Barb Truta and Sandie McCray. Both of these ladies have given generously of their time and talent to our parish over many

years. Bishop Johnston celebrated all diocesan recipients at a special Mass last weekend. Congratulations Barb & Sandie!



### CONFIRMATION - UPDATED SCHEDULE

Attention 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students not attending Catholic grade school:

(10<sup>th</sup> graders will be a later date).

#### Parent Information Meeting

(for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders not attending Vis)

- Monday, September 23 at 6:30 pm in Tighe Hall.
- Sunday, September 29 at 4:00 pm in Tighe Hall

*Come start the Confirmation process by joining us for Pizza and games.*

*Any questions?*

*Call Jenny Greene at 816-753-5155 x1309.*

### CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

The Christmas In October event is on **Saturday, October 5**. We will work from **8:00 am until about 3:30 pm**. We will be leaving the job site promptly at 4:00 pm. This year we'll be doing gutter replacement, window replacement, window glass repair, some carpentry on porch steps and railings, yard cleanup and painting. All tools needed will be supplied. Please send volunteer name, email and basic skill level to Ken Conroy, at [kjmconroy1@gmail.com](mailto:kjmconroy1@gmail.com) or 816-398-1301. Volunteers need to be 16 or older.

### ACCESSIBLE PARKING

Over the past few months at larger funerals and fuller Masses, our staff have heard from individuals seeking accessible parking that the spots in both the church and school lots are full. The reports indicate that the cars parked in those spots do not have license plates or hang tags designating the need for accessible parking. We have also seen cars parked in the striped spaces for unloading/loading a wheelchair next to accessible spots rendering those spots useless. Please help those in our parish in need of these spaces by choosing another parking spot if you do not need the accessible parking.

## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

### ROSARY FOR THE SICK

WEDNESDAY IN ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL  
AT 5:30 PM. PLEASE JOIN US IN THE CHAPEL OR  
ON FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM.

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

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
Michele Desnoes	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
Peg Kallman	

### 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.

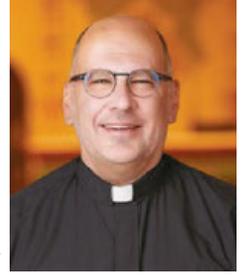
### FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

**On Deck:** Team # 1 (Bergner/Palmer)  
**On Alert:** Team # 3 (Burns/Franke/Fowler)

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you were able to hear the good news last weekend at Masses that great, steady progress is happening on our capital campaign and building project. As I mentioned in my Pastor's Corner over the summer, Phase I of our project received approval from Bishop Johnston and the Diocesan Building Commission. Shortly thereafter, I shared that we had hired Newkirk Novak for the construction side. They have begun attending meetings of the Building Committee and are working with Hollis & Miller Architects to project costs for Phase I. Terry & Lindsey Anderson have agreed to chair the campaign, and along with Rozanne Prather, our campaign counsel, are meeting with the campaign steering committee. In the near future, we will be working with the city and neighborhood to get the necessary permits, so as to keep the project moving forward with good momentum. There are exciting days ahead!



As our Fiesta approaches on Sunday, October 6, please invite family, neighbors and friends. As Visitation is such a strong, positive and life-giving presence in our neighborhood, the Fiesta is an opportunity to celebrate and cement this identity. Parishioner or not, Catholic or not, invite anyone you would like!

Peace - Fr. Greg

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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On September 27, the church celebrates the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul. Known for his charitable work during his lifetime among the poor and marginalized, St. Vincent de Paul's legacy lives on in the many works of service that continue to be performed in his name. Here, at Visitation, we have a St. Vincent de Paul conference dedicated to serving our local neighbors in need. Our parish members meet face-to-face with our community to offer rent, utility, food and other financial relief, bringing peace and hope through each interaction.

We invite you to join us at a monthly meeting where we share our successes, discuss how we can best help others, and come together in Christ's love. We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Debi Sicoli at [debi@strausy.com](mailto:debi@strausy.com)

## PRAYER VIGIL

### PRAYER VIGIL FOR MARCELLUS WILLIAMS



The State of Missouri plans to execute Marcellus Williams on Tuesday, September 24, at 6:00 pm. As our Catholic Catechism tells us, "the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person", and the Church works with determination for its abolition world-wide." (Catechism sec. 2267.)

Mr. Williams is under sentence of death for a 1998 murder. There is significant evidence that he is innocent, but that has not yet persuaded the courts.

A vigil will be held for Mr. Williams on September 24 beginning at 5:45 pm in the St. Joseph Chapel. All are invited to attend. If you are not able to attend, please pray for Mr. Williams, his family, the murder victim Felicia Gayle and her family, Mr. Williams's legal team, the state's legal team, and the prison employees who will be required to carry out the execution. You can also call Governor Parson's office at 573-751-3222 to register your opposition to the execution.

## MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 24-29

**Tuesday, September 24**  
6:45 am Mary Cecilia Kuhnlein †  
8:15 am Peter Edsall †

**Wednesday, September 25**  
6:45 am Kathleen Polsinelli †  
8:15 am Mac Brown †

**Thursday, September 26**  
6:45 am Michael Messina †

**Friday, September 27**  
8:15 am Ted Wiedeman †

**Saturday, September 28**  
8:15am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres  
4:00 pm People of Visitation

**Sunday, September 29**  
8:00 am Louise Meyers  
10:30 am Lysle Gordon †

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 28-29

4:00 PM                      8:00 AM                      10:30 AM

ALTA R SER VERS	L. Bond C. Dimond J. Flanagan	C. Thompson C. Larson J. Kobler	A. Wittrock K. Schilling P. Munce
	Jeff Crowe, Jr. M. Garrett S. Garrett K. Hughes M. Innes S. Kearns R. Moran S. Otto A. Peratt D. Pucci A. Sonnenberg	P. Clarke T. Coppinger V. Coppinger P. Fanning L. Hughes K. Larson R. Larson A. Leimora M. Lising J. McGee C. Schorgl	A. McDonald L. McLiney L. Meyers G. O'Brien K. Osbern M. Roach B. Roewe A. Smith C. Spaeth D. Valenti K. Van Asdale
	M. Heckman-Crowe	M. McCann	E. Carlyle
	S. Barone K. Keller <b>sub req</b> C. Maggiorotto	J. Grego M. Vrabac <b>NOT FILLED</b>	K. Kelly J. Swafford <b>NOT FILLED</b>
SACR.	C. Ruiz	J. Reboulet	J. Roach

## REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

### NEWS FROM THE VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

We were blessed by the news this last week that the Mutangala family's flights were rescheduled and the family will be arriving the first week of October. If there are no more changes, we will plan to prepare the family's apartment on October 5.



The Mutangala family is 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.

Because of the generosity of the Visitation Community, we have all the furniture and household items Della requests for the family. Thank you so much for your incredible response for this mission.

Visitation will be co-sponsoring the Mutangalas for the next six months, and we will post news in future bulletins. Please pray for the safe arrival of the family.

If anyone wants to join our group of driving volunteers to assist the family with medical appointment transportation, etc., please contact Mike and Julie Morrand at [jgmorrand@yahoo.com](mailto:jgmorrand@yahoo.com) or 913-558-8825.

*Our role in life is to bring the light of our own souls to the dim places around us.*

*- Joan Chittister*

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# SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

## 6TH GRADERS HONOR & REMEMBER...

Last week, our 6th graders led a poignant commemoration of the 23rd anniversary of 9/11. During the school mass, they waved flags and rang bells as students entered the Narthex, creating moments of solidarity and respect for everyone present. Fr. Greg blessed a "Survivor Tree," which will be planted on campus as a living symbol of resilience, survival, and hope. This tree was funded by contributions from our Red/White/Blue out-of-uniform day.

The 6th graders also crafted model towers from popsicle sticks, decorated by fellow students, and were inspired by the worldwide "Remember the Sky" campaign. This initiative, tied to a book they are all reading, honors the clear blue sky that graced New York City and the nation on the morning of 9/11. Through their prayers and projects, our 6th graders helped us remember and reflect on this significant day with hope and reverence.



## RACIAL JUSTICE



Part of the Racial Justice Committee's mission is devoted to educating ourselves, and to that end, RJC members will facilitate book discussions and documentary viewing over the coming months.



Mark your calendars for the first event in the series, a viewing of *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. Based on *Equal Justice Initiative* founder and author Bryan Stevenson's [book](#) detailing his work to confront injustice in the legal system, *Just Mercy* is a relevant reminder of the work our consciences call us to complete.

October 8 - *Just Mercy* - 7:00 pm, Tighe Hall

Stay tuned for more information about the following discussions:

- ◆ November 13 - *First Ladies* by Heather Terrell & Victoria Christopher Murray, facilitated by Mary Ellen DeCoursey & Karen Miller.
- ◆ February 11 - *Beloved* by Toni Morrison, facilitated by Lorraine Gordon.
- ◆ April 8 - *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult, facilitated by Amanda Adams & Peg Ekerdt.
- ◆ June 10 - *Facing Georgetown's History: A Reader on Slavery, Memory & Reconciliation*, facilitated by David Bruegging & Linda Hughes.
- ◆ July 16 - Watch *Origin*, based on Isabel Wilkerson's book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*.

## FAITH FORMATION

5th Annual  
**Season of Creation**  
**Hike**

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

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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...

Presented by the Visitation Faith Formation Team [www.visionmainkc.com](http://www.visionmainkc.com)

## GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

### NEW THEATRE OUTING

We have reserved several tables for the New Theatre Restaurant matinee of *Family Murder*, starring Sally Struthers, on **Wednesday, November 6**. The doors will open at 11:15 am, lunch served at 11:50 am and the show begins at 1:00 pm. Interested Golden Shamrocks members should contact Megan Burdolski, 816-753-5155 x1305 or [megan@church.visitation.org](mailto:megan@church.visitation.org) to reserve their ticket *no later than Friday, October 4*. Ticket cost is \$38.25, payable to Visitation.



**GOLDEN SHAMROCKS**  
*Harvest Luncheon*  
Thursday, October 10 12:00 Noon Tighe Hall  
Join us for a Thanksgiving-inspired lunch  
and an informative program.  
RSVP to the parish office: 816-753-7422

## CATHOLIC AUTHOR STUDY

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, midday 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](mailto:lorrainegordon116@gmail.com).

## CARE FOR THE COMMON HOME

### VISITATION CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME DISCUSSION THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 6:00 PM IN TIGHE HALL!

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.



# 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
- Ace Bandage Wrap



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

## HUNGER AWARENESS

### 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.*



## FINANCIAL

August Contribution Income fell short of budget by only \$24 or 0.01%, 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 the budget by \$85,724 - primarily due to a generous donation to the school, bringing our Total Operating Monthly income to a budget surplus to \$85,700.

Parish expenses in August were under budget by \$60,758. This was fueled mainly by timing payroll since hourly employees for the school did not start until the second half of the month. Other areas under budget include facility expenses and social concerns payouts to other organizations. The combined effects of the items discussed above generated a Parish Net budget surplus of \$146,457 for the month of August.

For the year-to-date, Contribution Income is behind budget by \$5,947, or 1.2%. Other income is behind budget by 35.6% or \$314,507, due to timing of the contribution made by PTO that had to be booked in last fiscal year leaving an Operating Income Budget shortfall of \$320,454. Operating Expenses for the year-to-date, are under budget by \$120,225, or 12.0%, generating a parish net operating budget shortfall of \$200,225.

Compared to the prior fiscal year-to-date, Parish Contribution Income for 2024/2025 fell short of last year's results by only \$299, while other income was short by \$11,115 creating a Total Operating Income shortfall of \$118,415. Parish Expenses were lower than last year by \$35,905 for a net budget shortfall of \$82,509.

Thank you for your continued support.



Isaac Uzcanga  
Visitation Business Manager

### Month of August 2024

	Actual	Budget	Difference
<b>Contribution Income</b>	\$ 257,731	\$ 257,755	\$ (24)
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 552,976	\$ 467,252	\$ 85,724
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	\$ 810,707	\$ 725,007	\$ 85,700
<b>Operating Expense</b>	\$ 474,094	\$ 534,851	\$ 60,758
<b>Net</b>	\$ 336,613	\$ 190,156	\$ 146,457

### Fiscal YTD (July-August)

	Actual	Budget	Difference
<b>Contribution Income</b>	\$ 497,243	\$ 503,190	\$ (5,947)
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 569,350	\$ 883,856	\$ (314,507)
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	\$ 1,066,593	\$ 1,387,046	\$ (320,454)
<b>Operating Expense</b>	\$ 883,268	\$ 1,003,497	\$ 120,229
<b>Net</b>	\$ 183,325	\$ 383,550	\$ (200,225)

	Fiscal YTD This Year	Fiscal YTD Last Year	Difference
<b>Contribution Income</b>	\$ 497,243	\$ 497,542	\$ (299)
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 569,350	\$ 687,465	\$ (118,115)
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	\$ 1,066,593	\$ 1,185,007	\$ (118,414)
<b>Operating Expense</b>	\$ 883,268	\$ 919,173	\$ 35,905
<b>Net</b>	\$ 183,325	\$ 265,833	\$ (82,509)

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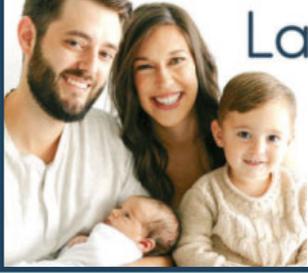
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**WHY:** Part of the parish staff's seasonal efforts to raise awareness on issues pertaining to our faith. In October, we will focus on our "Right & Responsibility" to engage in the political process.

**WHEN:** Sundays Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Oct. 27 (9:15 - 10:15 am)

**WHERE:** Tighe Hall, Media Classroom

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