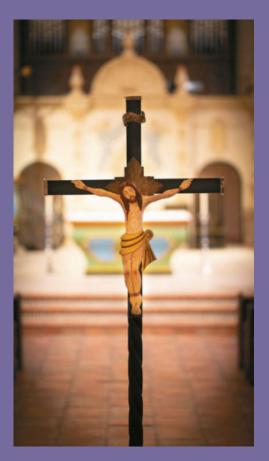
VISITATION PARISH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 16, 2025



THE SEASON OF LENT

- Pray ~ Our St. Joseph and Blessed Sacrament chapels, and our church nave are open during the day for personal prayer. After the weekday 8:15 am Mass, the Rosary is prayed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. On Wednesday, there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the St. Joseph Chapel from 9:00 am 6:00 pm. Catholics are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter. Our Parish Communal Penance Service is Wednesday, April 9 at 6:00 pm.
- **Fast and abstain** ~ Persons between the ages of 18 and 59 are asked to keep a simple fast (one full meal plus two smaller meals that together do not equal one full meal and no snacking) on Good Friday. Persons over the age of 14 are asked to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays of Lent.
- # Give Alms ~ Opportunities for generosity include: Rice Bowl (benefits Catholic Relief Services) throughout the season; Catholic Relief Services Collection (overseas emergency aid) on the March 30 weekend; and the Good Friday Collection on April 18 (benefits Christians in the Holy Land).

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

There will be an EM training at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, March 31 at 6:30 pm. If you would like to attend this training, please email Alejandro at alejandro@church.visitation.org by March 23.

CONFIRMATION THANK YOU

Thank you to Steve Engler who toured our candidates and their sponsors through the theology and history of our beautiful church last week!



SAVE THE DATE! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 28-31!

ENROLLMENT

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Enrollment for the 2025-26 academic year at Visitation School closes at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 25. Current school families enrolling after that date will be assessed a late fee. If you need to enroll and have not yet received an enrollment link, please contact Megan Burdolski at 816-753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org.

WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

OUR SYMPATHY

We mourn the loss of our parishioner, Dave Fenley; and offer prayers and sympathy to Sharon Derks on the death of her husband, Ted Derks.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN ADORATION WHICH IS OFFERED EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL FROM 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

THE ROSARY FOR THE SICK WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELD IN THE ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL AT 5:30 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR THOSE ON THE PARISH PRAYER LIST.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Kristin Hever Earl Adam Pamela Atherton Bill Blanck, Sr. Jerry Calkins Marianne Carl Mary Beth Cicchetti Kav Dierks Whit Emanuels **Bill Fuss** Brooke Kuechler Harris Margaret Howard Joe Irwin William Jewell Brvan Larson Jeanne Lendabarker Jolene Lynn

Scott Martens Tim McNamara Tricia Melland Jen O'Neill Peggy Pruitt Laine Riehle Ellie Rose Kathy Scaglia Gary Schafer Barbara Schulte Aimee Sesler Jack Selzer andra Sharp Danny Smith Special Intention Salvador Valldeperas, Sr. Dave Wittrock

MILITARY

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.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS
On Deck : Team # 6
On Alert : Team # 7

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

It's Sunday night as I write this, and my mom and I just finished watching a couple of YouTube videos by a hiker named Harmen Hoek. He's an avid hiker (a professional, I believe) who journeys all across the globe to hike in beautiful and exotic places. I'm a subscriber to his channel, as every journey offers something new. Tonight we watched a video of a hike in New Zealand, and another of his hike on the John Muir Trail in California.



Watching one of his videos is a great way to meditate. He hikes alone (most of the time)

for several days or weeks, he says nothing and captures incredible vistas and close-ups of natural wonders. He really allows the beauty around him to sing, tell a story or reveal a transcendent peace. As I watched, I prayed. No words, just quiet, beauty and harmony.

The journey of Lent takes us from the desert to the mountaintop. It's not an easy journey. It does require strength and perseverance. But the journey has so much to teach, so much to reveal, so much to offer. In a spirit of wonder, awe and trust, we proceed as pilgrims of hope.

Peace,

Fr. Greg



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 18).
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911.
3. If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULE MARCH 22-23 MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 18-23 4:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM SERVERS B. Murray C. Bock J. Lynch Tuesday, March 18 J. Tuttle D. Kobler K. Lynch ALTAR 6:45 am Maria Chalk † J. Kobler M. Mishler B. Braselton 8:15 am Judy Vincent † K. Banes K. Reichman K. Esslinger Wednesday, March 19 L. Reichman P. Banes M. Florez 6:45 am Kathy Baron † P. Clarke E. Florez B. Roewe 8:15 am Thomas Curry † C. Roewe C. Jackson A. Florez EΜs M. Shannon K. Levi sub req. C. Fryer Thursday, March 20 G. Smith S. Miller J. Goeke 6:45 am Kevin Koch † A. Sonnenberg S. Otto J. Goeke G. Herrenbruck K. Taylor C. Schorgl Friday, March 21 M. Tietjen sub req. H. Shinn J. Johnson 8:15 am Kathleen Tripp † D. Tietjen K. Strauss T. McCray Saturday, March 22 L. Waters M. Widmer S. McCray LECTOR 8:15 am Msgr. McDonald † G. Starman S. Derks L. Keens 4:00 pm Ryan Comiskey † P. Levi P. Dunlay K. Kellv Sunday, March 23 A. Peratt M. Vrabac R. Lang sub req. UsH 8:00 am People of Visitation 10:30 am Brian O'Rourke † D. Pucci B. Truta P. Ekerdt

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

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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 2024/25

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RACIAL JUSTICE

VIS RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE CALENDAR EVENTS FOR LENT 2025

Thanks to all who took time to peruse the Book Cart that the parish Racial Justice committee (RJC) hosted in the narthex during the month of February. Thanks as well to RJC team member, Jan Fakoury, who created the cart.

For those who checked out books from our Black History Month book cart, you can return them to the church office when you're finished with them.

Also, please note that these books are always, year round, available in the

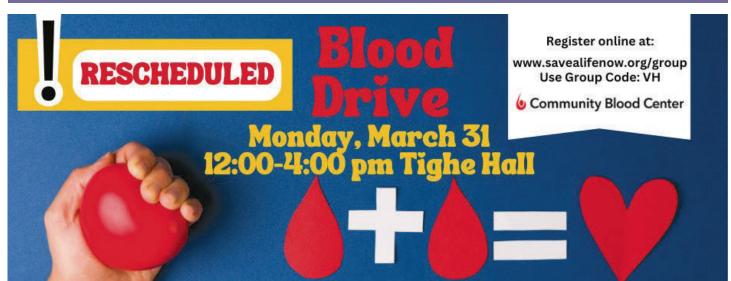
church library. Great for learning, sharing and looking at the world from a different perspective!

Join us on March 25 fo 7:00 pm in Tighe Hall. facilitate. If anyone would like to please contact Linda Ha

Join us on March 25 for the book discussion of Jodi Picoult's <u>Small Great Things</u> at 7:00 pm in Tighe Hall. RJC members Amanda Adams and Peg Ekerdt will facilitate.

If anyone would like to know more about Vis RJC or to join our monthly meeting, please contact Linda Hughes at lchteach20@gmail.com or Peg Ekerdt at peggyekerdt@gmail.com. We welcome new ideas and parishioners always to this work of justice.

BLOOD DRIVE





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



FRIDAYS, MARCH 28, APRIL 4 & APRIL 11 5:30-7:30 PM TIGHE HALL COST: \$15 ADULTS, \$10 K-8, \$45 FAMILY, UNDER K FREE.

MENU: FRIED CATFISH, BAKED TILAPIA, FISH TACOS, CHEESE PIZZA, MAC & CHEESE, GREEN BEANS, COLE SLAW, FRENCH FRIES & FRESH-BAKED ROLLS. CASH BAR AVAILABLE.

PASTORAL CARE



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Monday, March 17 12:00 Noon Tighe Hall

Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share - meat & beverages provided by the parish. After lunch, we will fill Easter eggs for the Visitation MOYC Hop into Holy Week. In lieu of our free-will offering, please bring a bag of small wrapped candy that will fit inside Easter eggs. RSVP to 816-753-7422.

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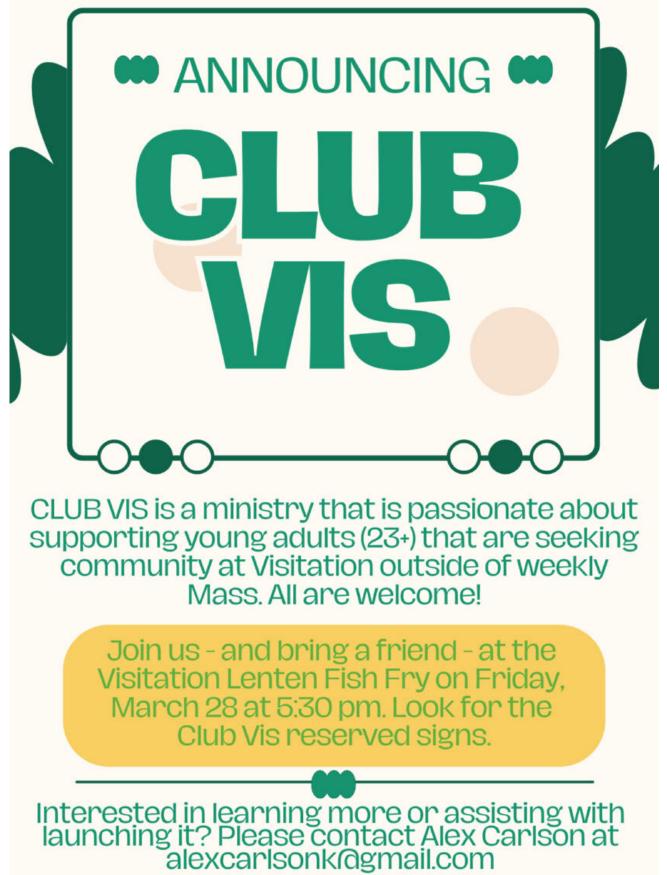
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SCHOOL

SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

CELEBRATING OUR HONOR ROLL STARS!

A huge congratulations to our incredible 5-8th grade students who made it onto the Principal's Honor Roll for both the first and second quarters! Your dedication and hard work have truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of your achievements. Keep shining and continue to strive for excellence!

VISITATION SPELLING BEE CHAMP Shines at Scripps Regional Bee

A big round of applause to Meredith Gunter our Visitation Spelling Bee champion, who went on to represent us at the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee! Out of 36 competitors, she soared to round 6, with just 8 left standing. We're incredibly proud of her perseverance and outstanding performance. Congratulations on such a remarkable achievement!

INSPIRATION FROM THE A KC CHIEF!

We were thrilled to welcome Justin Reid from the Kansas City Chiefs to our school! He shared inspiring words with our 6-8th grade students, encouraging them to trust the process and work hard on their journey toward success. Remember, it's not just the destination that matters — it's the growth and lessons learned along the way!







SOCIAL CONCERNS

CRS RICE BOWL

Thank you to those who chose to take rice bowls this year and participate in the annual almsgiving campaign. The great news is that our allocation of rice bowls are gone, the bad news is the need for support of this program is greater than ever! If you are able and willing to help, please donate directly to <u>support.crs.org</u>.



MEDICAL DELEGATION

Save the date! The next medical delegation is scheduled for October 4-11. If you are a medical provider and are interested in participating in this delegation, please reach out to Julie Aucar at <u>jaaucar21@gmail.com</u> or 217-552-2465. Even if you are retired or haven't been working, your skills could still be relevant to our sister parish clinic! Please call Julie for more details!

VISITATION APPRECIATION

FROM THE DON BOSCO CENTER

I want to personally thank you and the Visitation Church community for your generous in-kind donation of toys and housewares in December 2024 for our English as a Second Language Holiday Shop. Your generosity helped make this time of year extra special for our students. Your ongoing support makes you true mission champions!



Thanks to you, our students were able to shop for their families, their homes and themselves completely free of charge. Many of our students are new to our country and are struggling to make ends meet. Having our Holiday Shop accessible to them provides a sense of relief in addition to bringing joy to their loved ones. We truly could not host the Holiday Shop without you.

I hope you will be able to join us for an in-person event, tour or volunteer opportunity this year. But in the meantime, you are always welcome to call me with any questions about our services or concerns about our clients.

In Gratitude,

Mo Orpin Executive Director



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Congratulations to our newly Elect and Candidates who celebrated the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Bishop Johnston at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday.



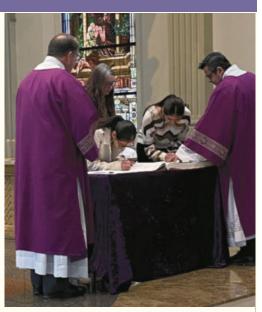
Our adult elect and candidates with their sponsors.



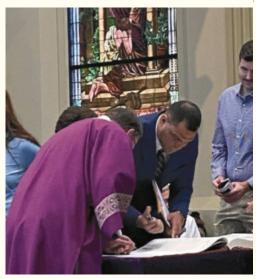
Godparents affirming the newly elected.



Sponsors encouraging candidates for full communion.



Our two young Elects of God signing in the Book of names.



Elect of God signing in the book of names.



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