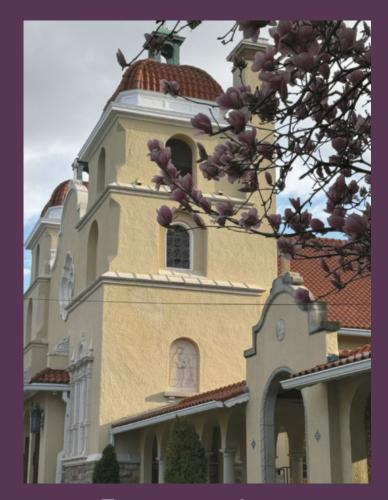
VISITATION PARISH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 30, 2025



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



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Join us for our communal Penance Service on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:00 pm.



FAITH & GRIEF JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 2 IN TIGHE HALL AT 12:00 NOON FOR SPEAKER DEBORAH SHOUSE—STAYING CONNECTED BEYOND DEATH.



Grieving the death of her adult daughter, Deborah follows her therapist's suggestion to seek healing by writing letters to her girl. Her post-death correspondence with her daughter has made a huge difference in her grief journey.

 Visit faithandgrief.org or scan the QR code to RSVP for an upcoming gathering and to learn more about all Faith & Grief programs.



- Lunch presentations and facilitated table conversations can provide a safe place to listen, remember, and pray together.
- You may share your story, as you are comfortable.
- A complimentary lunch is provided for persons who pre-register (free-will offerings welcomed).

OUR SYMPATHY

The parish offers prayers and sympathy to Joe Fredrick and Sean Bradshaw on the death of their wife and mother, Marilyn Fredrick; and to Kathy Honan on the death of her husband, Richard.

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

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

Scott Martens Tim McNamara Tricia Melland Ien O'Neill Peggy Pruitt Laine Riehle Ellie Rose Kathy Scaglia Gary Schafer Barbara Schulte Aimee Sesler **Jack Selzer** Sandra Sharp Kathy Sims 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

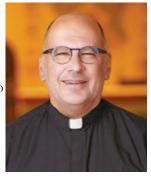
On Deck: Team # 6
On Alert: Team # 7

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

A bold and exciting endeavor is underway at Visitation: a top-to-bottom much-needed renovation of Visitation School, plus the addition of an innovative Maker Space! We invite you to keep up to date on the progress of the campaign as our community unites to advance the school's first major capital improvements in 25 years!

We do this to sustain Visitation's longest enduring ministry: forming and educating students as strong, compassionate followers of Christ. As a parish, we want to ensure



that maintenance and repairs, energy efficiency, technology and security needs are met. A renewed Visitation School enhances our parish and school marketability to future families and students. This effort will also ensure that the surrounding neighborhood of which Visitation Church and School are long-standing anchors, continues to be a stable and vibrant community. Ultimately this work will create an environment and culture that fosters our Catholic faith and connection to community, academic excellence and service to others.

The campaign is led by Chairs Terry and Lindsey Anderson, Honorary Co-Chairs Dr. Tom and Virginia Coppinger and Mark and Amy Thompson. The Steering Committee includes Megan Burdolski, Fr. Greg Haskamp, Matt Krull, Don Lueke, Sally Sallee, Dr. Melissa Wagner and campaign counsel Rozanne Prather.

This endeavor will take all of us! Together, our time, talents and treasure will see us through a successful campaign and a growing, spirit-filled community. We welcome your involvement as we seek to engage parishioners, school families, and greater community. Volunteer opportunities include:

- A Prayer Committee: dedicated to praying for the success of our campaign.
- Parish & School Gifts: this committee ensures that everyone is offered an opportunity to support the campaign with a financial gift.
- Campaign Events: help with implementing campaign gatherings.
- * Stewardship: individuals dedicated to sharing gratitude with all who support the campaign through time, talent and treasure.

Thanks for your consideration! Please connect with Director of Stewardship, Megan Burdolski, to lend a helping hand: megan@church.visitation.org or 816-381-6911.





MINISTRY SCHEDULE APRIL 5-6 MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 1-6 4:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM SERVERS B. Anderson sub rea. G. Bowen B. Braselton Tuesday, April 1 L. Bond D. Kobler H. Braselton 6:45 am Jim Seigfreid † ALTAR C. Dimond J. Kobler C. Carney 8:15 am Larry Hughes † J. Evett P. Banes A. Bergner Wednesday, April 2 P. Fanning P. Clarke B. Jones 6:45 am Aaron Pouche † F. Lester C. Jackson T. McGhie 8:15 am Mary Dee Bradley † M. O'Neill E. McCann J. McPherson Thursday, April 3 A. O'Toole J. McCann S. O'Neill 6:45 am Kathleen Tripp † M. Rice M. McCann C. Powers Friday, April 4 K. Taylor A. McDonald M. Roach 8:15 am Tricia Thompson † B. Roewe M.J. Thompson J. Miller A. Thompson A. Paczkowski C. Roewe Saturday, April 5 M. Thompson B. Palmer A. Smith 8:15am Sister Parish H. Shinn L. Waters N. Spachman 4:00 pm People of Visitation LECTOR K. Brown T. Fanning N. Shump Sunday, April 6 8:00 am Robert Stumpff † M. Evett T. Colburn R. Lang 10:30 am The Wittman Family S. Ikari M. Vrabac J. Mateski T. Mayer sub req. **NOT FILLED NOT FILLED** J. Rebman J. Palmer S. Mayer

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Priest in Residence, Fr. Charles Rowe

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

As the work of the parish Racial Justice Committee continues, the group focused at the March 19 meeting on planning participation in the March 26 school Mass. Evaluation of the presence of the RJC bookcart available in the narthex throughout February, and an update on the February 9 Just Faith Racial Healing 8-week session that is currently underway with 16 participants meeting every other week. That current session will wrap on May 7 with speaker Terri Barnes addressing the group as well as VIS RJC, and Just Faith alumni. Finally the group began to discuss support for its Cristo Rey intern program as four CR interns serve

in the school again this year. More to come on that program in coming weeks.

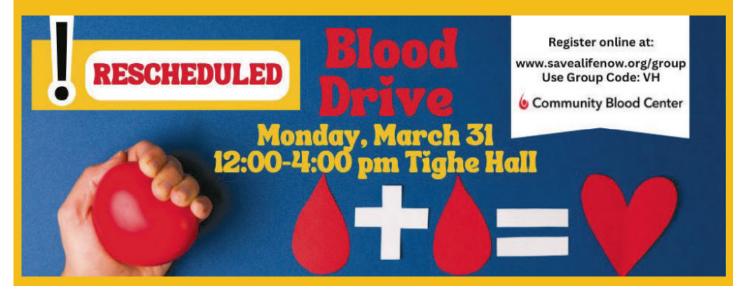
In all, the parish RJC has for the past five years found its vision and mission in the US Catholic Bishops' document, Open Wide Our Hearts—An Enduring Call to Love—A pastoral letter against racism: "We instruct our priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters, lay leaders, our parish staffs and all the faithful to endeavor to be missionary disciples carrying forth the message of fraternal charity and human dignity. We ask them to fight the evil of racism by educating themselves, reflecting on their personal thoughts and actions, listening to the experience of those who have been affected by racism and by developing and supporting programs that help repair the damages caused by racial discrimination."

We remain committed to finding ways to carry out the vision. Linda Hughes and Peg Ekerdt—VIS RJC co-chairs

BLOOD DRIVE

Blood Emergency

As of Tuesday, March 18, our local blood supply has dropped to a critical 3-4 day level—well below the ideal 7-10 day inventory. Several factors have contributed to this decline—including disruptions from winter storms, the normal seasonal spring break dip and fewer school-based blood drives. In February alone, the Community Blood Center collected nearly 2,000 fewer donations than needed to keep up with hospital demand. If you are eligible and available, please consider donating at our March 31 Blood Drive.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

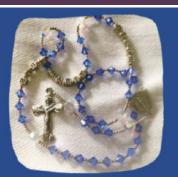


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Materials need to be pre-ordered, so please make your reservation by Tuesday, April 8.

Use the QR code to register & pay online or visit https://tinyurl.com/wovrosary25

Trained individuals will be available to help you assemble your rosary. Questions? Call the parish office at 816-753-7422.



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 for more information.



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FINANCIAL

February Financial Summary Month of February 2025							
			Actual		Budget	Ι	Difference
Contribution Income In February, Contribution Income fell below budget expectations by \$15,024 (4.14%). This shortfall was primarily due to timing differences in parishioner giving patterns.	Contribution Income	\$	347,827	\$	362,851	\$	(15,024)
	Other Income	\$	25,390	\$	29,686	\$	(4,296)
	Total Operating Income	\$	373,217	\$	392,537	\$	(19,320)
	Operating Expense	\$	478,970	\$	489,889	\$	10,919
	Net	\$	(105,753)	\$	(97,352)	\$	(8,401)
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Other Income		Fiscal YTD (July-February)					
Other Income - which includes program/ activity fees, fundraising, school tuition & fees and grants was under budget by \$4,296. The primary reason was a timing difference in school tuition payments that are expected to be received at a later date.			Actual		Budget		Difference
	Contribution Income	\$	3,506,759	\$	3,373,652	\$	133,107
	Other Income	\$	1,225,853	\$	1,278,656	\$	(52,804)
	Total Operating Income	\$	4,732,612	\$	4,652,308	\$	80,303
	Operating Expense	\$	4,227,340	\$	4,056,688	\$	(170,653)
	Net	\$	505,271	\$	595,621	\$	(90,349)
		Fiscal YTD This Fiscal YTD Last					
Operating Income The combination of these income shortfalls resulted in an Operating Income deficit of \$19,320 for February.		Year Year			Difference		
	Contribution Income	\$	3,506,759	\$	3,335,786	\$	170,973
	Other Income	\$	1,225,853	\$	1,101,077	\$	124,776
	Total Operating Income	\$	4,732,612	\$	4,436,862	\$	295,749
Parish Expenses	Operating Expense	\$	4,227,340	\$	3,769,007	\$	(458,334)
Parish expenses were under budget by	Net	\$	505,271	\$	667,856	\$	(162,584)

Parish expenses were under budget by \$10,919, specifically due to timing in

payments designated through our Commitment to the Poor.

Overall February Net

Due to these variances, the Parish's overall net budget for February reflected a shortfall of \$8,401.

Year-to-Date (YTD) Financial Summary

Contribution and Other Income

Contribution Income is ahead of budget by \$133,107 (3.9%). Other Income is behind budget expectations by \$52,804. Together, the difference result in an Operating Income Budget surplus of \$80,303 for the year-to-date.

Operating Expenses

Operating expenses are over budget by \$170,653 (4.21%), leading to a Parish Net Operating Budget shortfall of \$90,349.

Comparison to Prior Fiscal Year

Parish Contribution Income for FY 2024/2025 is \$170,973 lower than the same period last year. Other Income surpassed last year's results by \$124,776. This has resulted in a Total Operating Income surplus of \$295,749. However, with Parish Expenses being \$458,334 higher than last year, our net budget shortfall stands at \$162,584.

Thank you for your continued support.

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 **support.crs.org**. Return rice bowls to the narthex by April 27.

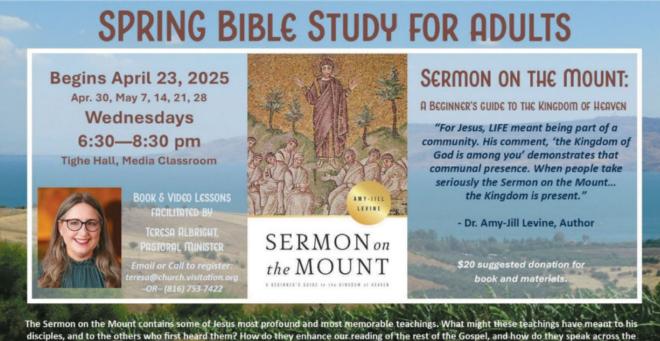


MEDICAL DELEGATION

Save the date! The next medical delegation to our sister parish in El Salvador 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 jaaucar21@gmail.com 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!

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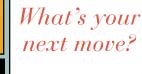
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Additionally, the new laptops for our staff have arrived! We're in the process of getting them ready and will have them up and running in the next week or two. It's truly rewarding to be able to provide the resources that will help maximize success for both students and staff.

A big thank you to all our generous donors for making this possible. The kids are already finding creative ways to use the smartboards, and we're excited to see all the possibilities ahead!





