VISITATION PARISH FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT APRIL 6, 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 and the Good Friday Collection on April 18 (benefits Christians in the Holy Land).

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEAR RED NEXT WEEKEND FOR PALM SUNDAY!

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

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



CONFIRMATION HIGH SCHOOL - APRIL

Sunday, April 6 - Candidates in Tighe Hall, 7:00 pm.

Sunday, April 13 - Retreat/Candidates*

*Will start with 8:00 am Mass at Visitation. Candidates will then load the bus to head to Precious Blood Retreat Center and head back to Vis by 5:00 pm. Lunch/snacks provided. Please encourage your candidate to invite sponsors to 8:00 am Mass.

Sunday, April 27-REHEARSAL Candidates and Sponsors - 5:00 Mass; rehearsal following.
Wednesday, April 30 - CONFIRMATION at 7:00 pm in the Church. Sponsors/candidates in assigned pew by 6:45 pm!!

VIS/SFX JUNIOR HIGH - APRIL

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES-Both in times and locations

Sunday, April 6 - 4:00-5:30 pm, Candidates in Tighe Hall Sunday, April 13 - 4:00-5:30 pm, Candidates ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**

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(Candidates and sponsors to be IN PEW by 6:45pm.)

WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Caroline Birt and Zak Akagi, who were married on March 25.

OUR SYMPATHY

The parish extends our sympathy to Steve Morse on the death of his father, Albert Morse.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN ADORATION WHICH IS OFFERED EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL FROM 9:00 AM- 5:00 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

Megan Hoefer Bob Lystad Earl Adam Pamela Atherton Bill Blanck, Sr. Jerry Calkins Marianne Carl Mary Beth Cicchetti Kav Dierks Whit Emanuels **Bill Fuss** Brooke Kuechler Harris Kristin Heyer Margaret Howard Joe Irwin William Jewell Bryan 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 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 group of parishioners and I recently started a Music Club, very similar to a Book Club. Each month, one of us chooses an album. We spend the ensuing weeks listening to that album, then get together to discuss our thoughts and reactions. It's a great opportunity to share music and be exposed to new stuff, and to talk about music's influence in our lives.

I made the first pick and went with Los Lobos' excellent *Kiko* from 1992. It's an album that I bought because of good reviews after it came out, and I was not disappointed.

Great songs abound, along with solid playing, singing and production. I love the textures on the album: acoustic and electric guitar, accordion, percussion, banjo and plenty of open space as well. It's an album I highly recommend.

Our group had a great evening when we got together to discuss *Kiko*. We talked about the album and its songs, but quickly started to make other connections: bands, songs, concerts that we loved. It was a great reminder, as one of the group said, of the profound role music plays in our lives and its power to bring us together.

Peace, Fr. Greg

SISTER PARISH



Visitation Grand Knight, Bob Steinert was given a spotlight in the Knights of Columbus Magazine, The Mariner for his years of service to the community of La Chacra in El Salvador including clean water initiatives and his children's book, *La Chica de la Chacra.* The beautiful book includes neighborhood graphics beautifully illustrated by fellow parishioner, Tina Blanck. For each book



purchased, one is donated to the children in El Salvador. Congratulations on the well-deserved recognition, Bob!

MEDICAL DELEGATION

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 <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!

RICE BOWL



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Thank you for your generosity to the Rice Bowl Lenten collection this year. Please remember to bring your donations to the parish office or to the narthex by April 27!



MASS INTENTIONS	4:00 PM	MINISTRY SCHEDUL	E APRIL 12-13		
APRIL 8-13		8:00 AM	10:30 AM		
Tuesday, April 86:45 am Robbie Legg †8:15 am Tim Scholl †	Sienna Anderson	Catherine Bock	Audrey Wittrock		
	Brett Anderson	David Colombo	Kenton Westervelt		
	Emily Hall	Griffin Bowen	Meredith Gunter		
Wednesday, April 96:45 am George McLiney †8:15 am Pat Keens †Thursday, April 106:45 am Cathy McGee Scheurer †	Jennifer Call	Peg Clarke	Amanda Adams		
	Keith Connor	Jennifer Colombo	Angela Bergner		
	Kevin Connor	Tom Coppinger	Dan Dubrava		
	Ann Coppage	Virginia Coppinger	Kelly Esslinger		
	Ann Eckels	Daniel Devine	Angela Florez		
	Addie O'Toole	Jodi Dickmeyer	Elizabeth Florez		
Friday, April 11 8:15 am Nicholas Gettino †	Mary Jeanne Tho Mark Thompson Amy Thompson	Joseph Grego Cary Jackson	Mike Florez Carol Fryer Jennifer Goeke		
Saturday, April 12	Karen Van Asdale	e Fran Lester	Joe Goeke		
8:15am Judy Worth †	Lisa Waters	Heather Shinn	Buddy Jones		
4:00 pm Dominic Passantino †	LECTORS TBD	LECTORS TBD	LECTORS TBD		
Sunday, April 13 8:00 am Protection of the Unborn 10:30 am People of Visitation	Stephanie Barone Dan Burke Patty Dunlay David Laird	e Casey Keller Kevin Keller NOT FILLED Barbara Truta	Kyle Kelly Raleigh Lang Keri Maginn John Reboulet		
PARISH OFFICE, Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM 5141 Main St, Kansas City, MO 64112 Phone 816-753-7422 Fax 816-753-5505 Web Site www.visitation.org PARISH STAFF 816-753-5155 x# Pastor, Fr. Greg Haskamp x1302, frgreg@church.visitation.org Pastoral Associate, Jennifer Greene x1309, jennifer@church.visitation.org Pastoral Associate, Karen Miller x1308, karen@church.visitation.org Pastoral Associate, Teresa Albright x1306, teresa@church.visitation.org		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 Stephen Bowen Kristie Larson Bill Donath Melissa Lising Jim Erlacker Steve O'Neill Mary Gigliotti Katie Wendel Fr. Greg Haskamp Kathleen Wiedeman Megan Burdolski, Staff School Office			
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RACIAL JUSTICE



The Visitation Racial Justice Committee (RJC) was invited to lead the March 26 school Mass. RJC members participated by serving as lectors, eucharistic ministers and helping bring up the gifts. RJC member Mandy Ketchum spoke about the virtue of the month, courage. She noted that courage grows the more you use it, and that using courage empowers

you to use it again and again. Additionally, Mandy asserted that individuals and groups choose courage not because it is easy, but because it is right. Committee members appreciated the opportunity to share the liturgy with the school community.







FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

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On behalf of the parish community we thank the Women of Vis Funeral Meal Team #9, Captains Cathy Marx and Charlotte Jett with Chris Alexander, Betsy Berdelle, Deborah Bird, Maureen McMeel Carroll, Kathy Hughes, LaNora Hughes, Ruby Kennedy, Julitta Langle, Jolene Lynn, Terry McGhie, Donna Messina, Mary Ann Oswald, Niccole Radetic, Megan Schaefer, Heather Shinn, Theresa Schekirke, Abigail Curry Swafford, Josh Swafford. We also offer a belated thank you to Bev Niehus and Peg Ekerdt.

We also thank the Women of Vis Funeral Meal Team #7: Captains Mary Catherine Newman and Christy Hartner with Angela Accurso, Kristan Ammatelli, Melissa Batz, Pam Bowen, Gina Canino, Cathy Colburn, Ginger Hertenstein, Katie Levi, Barbara Mashburn, Carrie McCausland, Louise Meyers, AnnBeth Mulloy, Jeanne Musgrave, Jennifer Olson, Jody Olson, Rosalyn Osborn, Christin Steffano, Katherine Taylor and Kristina Thompson.

FAITH FORMATION

ALL ARE WELCOME in this group! A weekly opportunity for faith and fellowship throughout the Lenten season. Hosted by Members of the Faith Formation Team For more information, email Teresa@visitation.org

BETWEEN TWO MASSES | 9:15-10:15 A.M.

SUNDAYS, BEGINNING MARCH 9, 2025

RETREAT ROOM

SPRING BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

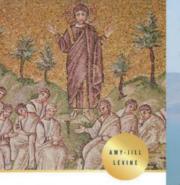
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Begins April 23, 2025 Apr. 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28 Wednesdays 6:30—8:30 pm Tighe Hall, Media Classroom



BOOK & VIDEO LESSONS FACILITATED BY TERESA ALBRIGHT, PASTORAL MINISTER Email or Call to register:

teresa@church.visitation.org –OR– (816) 753-7422



SERMON on the MOUNT

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A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

"For Jesus, LIFE meant being part of a community. His comment, 'the Kingdom of God is among you' demonstrates that communal presence. When people take seriously the Sermon on the Mount... the Kingdom is present."

- Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Author

\$20 suggested donation for book and materials.

The Sermon on the Mount contains some of Jesus most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples, and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



CLUB VIS

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CLUB VIS is a ministry that is passionate about supporting young adults (23+) that are seeking community at Visitation outside of weekly Mass. All are welcome!

Interested in learning more or assisting with launching it? Please contact Alex Carlson at alexcarlsonk@gmail.com

Join us for coffee and fellowship on Sunday, April 13 at Mildred's on Main following the 10:30 am Mass.

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN



THANK YOU TO VISITATION

FROM JOURNEY TO NEW LIFE

To whom this may concern,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$900 to Journey to New Life. Your contribution allows us to continue to serve ' individuals impacted by incarceration to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives within a supportive community.



Since our founding in 2013, Journey to New Life has empowered nearly 6,000 individuals to break the cycle of reincarceration, overcome reentry barriers and build stable lives. We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to have a second chance and our comprehensive programs make that possible by providing a safe and supportive environment that fosters recovery, resilience and reintegration.

On behalf of the Journey to New Life Board of Directors, the staff and the clients we serve, thank you for your kindness and compassion

Sincerely, Julie McDowell Director of Development



Dear Visitation Church,

Thank you for your generous donation to Seton Center. Your support is greatly appreciated and plays a vital role in empowering individuals and families in our community.

Your contribution of \$4,800 in 2024 enabled us to provide essential services and programs that address the needs of those who rely on us for assistance. With your help we can provide food, clothing, rent/utility assistance and dental care for the most vulnerable members in our community.

We are truly grateful for your commitment to Seton Center and the community we serve. Your generosity reflects a shared vision of compassion and community building.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and for being an integral part of our mission.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Staphanie Scott Director of Development Seton Center

ABOUT TOWN

EAD TO READ

Become a Reading Mentor

Help a student learn to read during your lunch hour!

Go to leadtoreadkc.org to apply and learn more.



Lead to Read KC is recruiting volunteers to read once a week for 30 minutes over your lunch hour with students in high-need elementary schools.

We are starting new classes at Foreign Language Academy in the Kansas City, MO school district and Truman Elementary in the Hickman Mills school district.

We need volunteers at other schools too. It's the easiest, most meaningful volunteer opportunity in the city.



WOMEN OF VISITATION



A handmade rosary makes a beautiful gift for . . . First Communion, Mother's Day, Graduation, Just Because

Women of Visitation **Rosary Making**Tuesday, April 22 6:00-9:00 pm

Tighe Hall

Rosary kits are \$40.00. You may choose to personalize your Rosary with a name and/or color of your choice.

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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You're invited to celebrate HOLLY AVERATE AND A VISITATION

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 17

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18

8:15 am Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 19

8:15 am Morning Prayer 8:00 pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20

8:00 am Easter Mass 10:30 am Easter Mass