VISITATION PARISH THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 4, 2025



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

THOMAS ANDERSON JR. **TAYLOR ANGOLD** NINA BORGONZI **OLIVER BURGESS** SAVANNAH CLARKSON **BRIGHTON COBERLY** MARYANA CRAIG DOMINIC DENNY OSCAR DIMOND EAMON FOLEY CARTER FRYE JASPER GERTKEN THERESA GREENHALGH BENJAMIN GROMOWSKY LANEY HALL OSCAR HAMID **IOSEPH HUDGENS** MARGARET LANE ELOUISE LILLIS **ADDYSON MANDL** ANNABELLE MANSO

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



SHARED VISION: A COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN FOR A RENEWED VISITATION SCHOOL

vibrant anchor in the neighborhood and community. On the weekend of **May 31-June 1**, our parish will officially launch the Shared VISion Campaign for a renewed Visitation School. We're excited to share more about the future of our school and the improvements that will support 21st Century Learning and academic excellence.

Why is it important to renovate Visitation School?

- To sustain Visitation's longest enduring ministry: forming and educating students as strong, compassionate followers of Christ.
- To ensure that maintenance and repairs, energy efficiency, technology and security needs are met. A renewed Visitation School also enhances our parish and school marketability to future families and students.
- To ensure that the surrounding neighborhood of which Visitation Church and School are long-standing anchors, continues to be a stable and vibrant community.
- To join in building an environment and culture that fosters our Catholic faith and connection to community, academic excellence and service to others.

Who's leading the campaign?

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

WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to James Meyers & Rachel Miller; and to Jake Bergner & Emma Epley, who were married here on April 26.

BAPTISM

Last weekend, we welcomed Jamie Elizabeth Albeck, daughter of Abilgail Albeck, to her new life in Christ through the saving waters of baptism.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam Pamela Atherton Bill Blanck, Sr. **Jerry Calkins** Marianne Carl Mary Beth Cicchetti Kay Dierks Whit Emanuels Susan Erwin **Bill Fuss** Brooke Kuechler Harris Kristin Hever Megan Hoefer Margaret Howard loe Irwin William Jewell Bryan Larson Jeanne Lendabarker Jolene Lynn

Bob Lystad Scott Martens Tim McNamara Tricia Melland Ien O'Neill Peggy Pruitt Laine Riehle Ellie Rose Kathy Scaglia Gary Schafer Barbara Schulte Aimee Sesler Sandra Sharp Kathy Sims Danny Smith Special Intention Salvador Valldeperas, Sr. Dave Wittrock

SICK LIST

Please call Jenny Greene at 816-753-5155 x1309 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 any additional support if needed.

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 # 12 On Alert: Team # 6

Want to learn more about the exciting renovations and new features? Join us for Mass the weekend of May 31-June 1. And watch your email & this bulletin for several opportunities to come and learn more about the planned improvements and our Shared VISion Campaign. We're excited to share what's in store and the ways you can be a part of our faith-filled legacy.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

Over the last several weeks we have held a few more informational events about our Shared VISion campaign. We've focused on sharing the plans with school families and lead givers, and have highlighted how this renovated facility will promote and support a renewed vision for education and faith formation at Visitation School. Rest assured, everyone will receive an invitation to such an event, as Visitation School is one of the core ministries of our parish and will certainly require the support of everyone. In the next couple of months, you will hear a lot more about this Shared VISion, receive an invitation to an informational event and will be invited to make a pledge at the end of June.



These are significant days for our church as the College of Cardinals will soon convene in Rome for the Conclave. As we journey through this Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope, we nurture that spirit in prayer and practice, trusting the Holy Spirit to animate and guide church leaders in choosing our next Pope.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

SOCIAL CONCERNS

MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Do you want to learn more about the public policy work being done by the MCC? Go to <u>www.mocatholic.org</u> to see a list of priorities! You can also choose to receive text alerts on issues you are passionate about.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Visitation supports the organizations below through yearly Emergency Assistance support and Community Grants. We also reserve spots for parishioners to serve together. So, we have a place for you, whether you prefer mornings or evenings!

• Morning Glory Ministries

Volunteer on the first Thursday of each month to serve breakfast to those in need! The next opportunity is June 5! Contact Kristi Wakat at <u>kristi773@gmail.com</u> to reserve your spot.

• One City Café

Volunteer to serve dinner to those in need on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month! The next opportunity to serve is May 8 or May 22. Contact Bill Staggs to reserve your spot at 816-304-3264 or <u>willstaggs48@gmail.com</u>.

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

MOTHER'S REFUGE

The mission of Mother's Refuge is to shelter and educate homeless, pregnant, and parenting young women by providing comprehensive services that empower them to make successful decisions for themselves and their babies. Programs offered include: Maternity Home, Transitional Living Program, and Aftercare Programs.

There are many ways for families to get involved through mentoring, hosting bracelet-making parties or volunteering as a group! To learn more, contact Shayla Baxter at Shayla@MothersRefuge.org.

MASS INTENTIONS		MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MAY10-11, 2025		
MAY 4 - MAY 11	SERVERS	4:00 рм	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Tuesday, May 6 6:45 am Terezinha Lima de Oliveira † 8:15 am Beatrice Santer †	E Ms ALTAR	R. Spadafore S. Munjak-Khoury E. Taylor	M. Gromowsky D. Colombo E. Cessor	J. Hanks M. Hagenhoff N. Greenhalgh
Wednesday, May 7 6:45 am George McLiney † 8:15 am Anthony Juarez †		J. Call A. Eckels sub req. R. Larson K. Larson	G. Bauman P. Clarke J. Colombo V. Coppinger	B. Adams A. Florez E. Florez M. Florez
Thursday, May 8 6:45 am Dominic Passantino †		A. O'Toole M. Rice	L. Gromowsky L. Hughes	G. Herrenbruck J. Johnson
Friday, May 9 8:15 am Kathy Koslowsky †		C. Ruiz M. Shannon G. Smith	K. Levi C. Maple J. McGee	K. Maginn T. Mayer L. McLiney
Saturday, May 10 8:15am Sister Parish		D. Valenti L. Waters	A. Paczkowski sub req. C. Schorgl	L. Meyers G. O'Brien
4:00 pm Protection of the Unborn Sunday, May 11	LECTORS	S. Derks B. Winget	M.Thompson	N. Shump
8:00 amTim Scholl † 10:30 am People of Visitation †	Ushers	C. Maggiorotto W. Maggiorotto	P. Levi M. Vrabac	M. Benvenuti S. Benvenuti
	SACR. L	D. Pucci	E. Johnson	S. Mayer sub req.

PARISH BOUNDARIES

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

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

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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

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	

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Principal, Dr. Melissa Wagner x3140 Secretary, Bridget Winget x3136

St. Vincent De Paul Help Line 816-753-9061

Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 816-812-2500 Victim Assistance Coordinator, Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

RACIAL JUSTICE



In 2021, Visitation's Racial Justice Committee began a collaborative initiative – parish and school working together – to bring four Cristo Rey High School Interns to work at Visitation School.

Each year we review the initiative and in recent weeks, we have heard good things that we think you should hear as well. Each week for the next few weeks we will share insights of teachers, parents and parishioners who have supported this Cristo Rey Intern parish collaborative effort.

In meeting with the eight Visitation teachers who work with the interns, each of them renewed their commitment to this collaboration. Specifically, first grade teacher, Chrystal Johnson said "The Cristo Rey Interns have been a true blessing this school year. I have enjoyed getting to know them and appreciate their dedication to helping Visitation. They have helped me with organization, grading and hanging art projects. That is just to name a few of the many projects they have provided support for me and for my students. The young women interns have expressed their interests in pursuing education as a career and have been incredible partners in helping the students. I have had them read to the students, review flash cards and provide extra support during difficult lessons. Just having them as an extra pair of hands is beneficial. It is a wonderful partnership benefiting Visitation, Cristo Rey and most importantly the kids! I am so thankful for all the generous volunteers and donors that make this program a possibility."

JUST FAITH SPEAKER - MAY 7, 6:30 PM, TIGHE HALL

Terri E. Barnes will speak to Just Faith participants and Racial Justice Committee members on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 pm in Tighe Hall. All are welcome.

Ms. Barnes has extensive, long-term involvement in racial justice initiatives in Kansas City, including founding The Nia Project to support the success of Black girls and women, serving as board chair for the W.E.B. DuBois Learning Center, chairing the Mayor's Commission on Reparations and serving as an advisory member of the KC Race Project. Ms. Barnes will discuss how her faith informs her racial justice work.



ABOUT TOWN

COUNSELING AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spring is here and new life abounds. If you are looking to bring new life into your relationships with others or with God, consider counseling or Spiritual Direction. Fr. Garry Richmeier is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, providing family, marriage and individual counseling, as well as Spiritual Direction. He has offices in Liberty and in midtown KC, and accepts donations in lieu of set fees. For more information or to schedule an initial visit, contact Fr. Garry at 816-415-2998 (no text) or garrycpps@gmail.com

PASTORAL CARE



FAITH & GRIEF

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 AT 12:00 NOON IN TIGHE HALL Speaker: Marcia Tammeus - A Reflection - Three Losses due to Cancer (father, sister and brother-in-law)

Cancer is not kind. Many of us have experienced loss due to this disease. The saving grace for me was being able to say goodbye with the hope of a peaceful death for each of them.

I learned a lot from these experiences as my family did our best to walk alongside them. I returned to Vermont often to do just that, whenever possible.

Visit faithandgrief.org or scan the QR code to RSVP for a gathering and learn more about all our grief programs online and In-person.



Faith & Grief Roundtables Planned

All Roundtables are presented virtually. The link for the event will be sent to those who register. Watch the Faith & Grief website each month for further information.www.faithandgrief.

ABOUT TOWN

REDEMPTORIST- PRESENTATION ON BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER

On Monday, June 9 at 7:00 pm, **Redemptorist will host Fr. Don Wolf**, a priest from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, who will **speak about Blessed Stanley Rother. Fr. Rother was martyred in 1981 in Guatemala** where he was serving as a missionary in Santiago Atitlan. In 2015, the Vatican formally recognized him as a martyr. He was beatified in 2017 in Oklahoma City. Blessed Stanley Rother is the first martyr from the United States and the first U.S.-born priest to be beatified. Fr. Wolf is a cousin to Blessed Stanley Rother and will speak in the Garden Room at Redemptorist.

ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



PASTORAL CARE

PASTORAL CARE OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

We are looking for people who are interested in the care of our parishioners who may be homebound, in the hospital, need a phone call or a card. Please prayerfully consider joining any of these ministries that reflect your gifts.

Ministries in pastoral care include:

Funeral Meal Teams - helping provide food or serving assistance for a funeral.

Helping Hands - providing a meal for a family in need

Seasons of Joy - It's in the name! We celebrate Christmas and Easter by providing baskets to our older, homebound or vulnerable parishioners.

Prayer Shawls - Using your skills as someone who knits or crochets to craft beautiful shawls or lap blankets as comfort for a parishioner during challenging times.

Contact the parish or jennifer@church.visitation.org for further information or to join one of these teams.

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

Visitation Golden Shamrocks

Spring Fling Brunch Tuesday, May 6 following 8:15 am Mass



Join us as we celebrate the season of spring with faith, food, fellowship & friends!

RSVP to 816-753-7422

Visitation Summer outing. COULDED TOUR of the National Museum of Toys/Miniatures Wednesday, June 25 10:30 am Tickets: \$6.00 per person - cash or check payable to Visitation

Contact Megan Burdolski at 816-381-6911 or megan@visitation.org to reserve your spot.

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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.

SCHOOL

SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

FLOWER DAY SUCCESS & MAY STEWARDSHIP

What a joyful and heartwarming weekend! Our annual Flower Sale was in full bloom, filled with smiles, community spirit, and fundraising success. A huge thank you to our incredible Flower Sale Chairs, Morgan Welsh and Laura Gromowsky, as well as all the dedicated parent volunteers who helped sell, load, and raise funds in support of our school. We couldn't have done it without you!

Running alongside the sale was our beloved May Day Spring Stewardship Project—and it was a blooming success! Students and parents teamed up to pot over 120 flowers and create heartfelt cards, which were then delivered to our wonderful Vis neighbors. Thank you to our Stewardship Liaisons, Kristin Osbern and Ann Coppage, and to every child and parent who helped spread a little extra sunshine in the community.

We also want to highlight the meaningful work of our first-grade students, who assembled CARE Kits for children at Children's Mercy Hospital. These kits, filled with crayons, coloring books, fidget toys, mini cars, stickers, and special cards, brought smiles and comfort to young patients. A special thank you to Beth Lowry for organizing this thoughtful initiative.

It was a true celebration of community, compassion, and the Visitation spirit. Thank you to everyone who made it possible!





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