

# VISITATION PARISH

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### AUGUST 3, 2025



#### 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.

#### MASSES

##### 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



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY



### REGISTER FOR PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN 4.0 WORKSHOP ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 FROM 6:30 - 9:30 PM IN TIGHE HALL

*You need this course! There are so many opportunities to volunteer at the school or the parish. If you want to volunteer with children - this includes helping with lunches, being a room mom or dad, volunteering in the nursery, with school of religion or Vacation Bible School, etc., this workshop is required. Please read the information here*

*completely:* The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph REQUIRES all parish and school employees and volunteers who work with children (school and childcare volunteers, coaches, chaperones, SOR teachers, youth ministers, sacristans and Confirmation leaders) to take this workshop, register for a background check, sign an Ethics and Integrity in Ministry statement, take an on-line Mandated Reporter course and sign the Mandated Reporter acknowledgement. If you plan to volunteer with children in the parish or the school, please complete these requirements. Register online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Click on registration, then select the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO. You may expect to spend 2 hours completing this process. If you have any questions, please call Janet Ridder at 816-381-6910.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED

The Visitation Athletic Committee is currently seeking interested volunteers to coach girls volleyball, including non-parent coaches for the upper grades, for the upcoming season. The season runs from mid-August to mid-November. If you are interested in volleyball, and enjoy working with kids, please consider this very rewarding opportunity. Please contact Jodi Dickmeyer at [jodi.schreurs@gmail.com](mailto:jodi.schreurs@gmail.com) or 402-990-6035 for more information.



## PRAYING FOR OTHERS HELPS US STAY CONNECTED TO GOD AND TO ONE ANOTHER.

### ROSARY FOR THE SICK - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Individuals or couples are needed to lead the Rosary each Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm in the St. Joseph Chapel. Contact Jeff Mohajir at 913-219-8076 or email him at [jmohajir@mohajir.com](mailto:jmohajir@mohajir.com) with questions. Click on the link below to sign up!

<https://tinyurl.com/visrosary>

### ADORATION

All are welcome to participate in adoration which is offered every Wednesday in the St. Joseph Chapel from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm.

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

#### Mary Ann Oswald

Earl Adam  
Pamela Atherton  
Bill Blanck, Sr.  
Marianne Carl  
Kay Dierks  
Whit Emanuels  
Bill Fuss  
Brooke Kuechler Harris  
Kristin Heyer  
Megan Hoefer  
Margaret Howard  
Joe Irwin  
William Jewell  
Rick Kochuyt  
Bryan Larson  
Jeanne Lendabarker  
Jake Lynch

Jolene Lynn  
Bob Lystad  
Scott Martens  
Joe McLiney  
Thom McNamara  
Tricia Melland  
Virginia Moffett  
Jen O'Neill  
Mary Etta O'Neill  
Peggy Pruitt  
Ellie Rose  
Kathy Scaglia  
Gary Schafer  
Barbara Schulte  
Aimee Sesler  
Sandra Sharp  
Kathy Sims  
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,

The liturgy begins with gathering. Some have said the gathering begins when we have the intention to attend Mass at a specific place at a specific time. Others have said it begins as we are getting ready at home. We also say it begins as we walk or drive to the church, enter the building, greet others and make our way to a pew. It must be a beautiful view from above as people converge on a place with the intention of gathering and praying. Some of us ponder the readings of the day before Mass - all week or when we sit in our pew. We might also review the week past or the week ahead, or identify an intention for our prayer. It's also good to engage the senses and pay attention to other people as they arrive. It could be a time to identify someone for whom we want to pray. We might identify the crosses of our lives, or the many reasons to give thanks. I'm always inspired and astounded at the countercultural act of this gathering. We're not gathering for a movie or a concert. We're not convening for entertainment. We will become one body, united in Christ, eager to pray with one voice to give thanks. This is with people we don't know, people we may not like and people with whom we disagree. It's also assembling with family, friends and like-minded neighbors. Such an assembly doesn't happen in many places or contexts.

We arrive ready to participate: to sing, to pray, to bring our lives in all their glory and all their complexity. We are taught to participate fully, consciously and actively, to bring a vital, impactful presence to the gathering. It occurred to me several years ago that we are there to help each other pray, to encourage and motivate by our example, our posture, our voice, our silence, our sincerity. We have the privilege and responsibility to help each other pray, or at least not hinder. Abstaining from our phones, watches, distracting behaviors and words enables our neighbors to pray and enter into the sacred action more effectively. This gathering is sacred work in which diverse and disparate lives are drawn together in Christ. Where two or three are gathered, Christ is present.

We gather formally in song, joining our voices in praise of God. The Gathering Song tells a story, points to the Scriptures of the day and unites us. It sets a tone for all that follows and is most effective when everyone sings together. It's a way we each make ourselves known and present. And the song is composed as a coherent whole, each verse articulating a central theme. It takes a few extra minutes to sing every verse, but it's richer and more complete in my experience if we let the fullness of a song unfold. As the song is sung, Servers, Lector and Presider process to the Altar. This movement really reflects what we are all doing, going up to the Altar, led by the Processional Cross and the mystery of Christ crucified. Gathered around the Altar, it becomes the focal point of the Mass. We bow to it, the Presider kisses it and we direct our focus there.

As the Presider moves to the Presider's Chair and the song concludes, we make the Sign of Cross, reminding us of our Baptismal identity in Christ. The Presider speaks the words, the Assembly responds "Amen." And thus begins a dialogue, the call and response that is one of the hallmarks of Catholic worship: participation. There is no audience. There are no spectators. We are all participants. We all have a role: words to speak and sing, gestures to make, attentiveness to bring. The standard of full, conscious, active participation is a high bar for each of us to honor. We are really present to one another and to God, who is really present to us. As are the saints and all our beloved dead. We are gathered across time and space to participate in the mystery that imbues every moment of our lives: dying and rising in Christ. As one body, with one voice, we become a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

We proceed to the Penitential Rite, seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Whether through the sung or spoken dialogue of the Kyrie ("Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy") or the unison of the Confiteor ("I confess to almighty God..."), we acknowledge sin, broken relationship, failure, but confess it so to bring it to the light of mercy. The reconciliation effected in the Penitential Rite frees us to be one, unites

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## PASTOR'S CORNER, CONTINUED

us around the Altar. What a profound witness: with our disparate lives, with all our joys and sufferings and failures, with our diversity of hopes and endeavors, we are reconciled with God and neighbor. We are living proof that communal reconciliation is possible! God's vision for our world and the human family still has its time. With joy we go forward singing the hymn of God's glory! The Gloria is always best sung, though spoken is allowed (as at daily Mass). We sing with the Angels of God's glorious power, wisdom, peace and eternal kindness. It is the hymn of a hopeful people who feel close to God, who recognize God on their side, and who can only proclaim "Glory to God!"

As the Gloria concludes, we are collected with the Presider's Words "Let Us Pray." With one heart and mind, we collect all our prayers. *The Roman Missal* (the book from which prayers at the Chair and Altar are read), tells us at this point to "Pause for Silent Prayer." There's a holy quality to intentional, communal silence. We not only speak and sing together. We listen together. God speaks. Each heart speaks. Grace abounds in the silence if we listen. The Presider speaks the words of the Opening Prayer, traditionally called The Collect. It typically references the Scriptural themes of the day or of the liturgical season, and thus sets the stage for The Liturgy of the Word.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

## PASTORAL CARE



  
**Faith & Grief**<sup>SM</sup>  
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### **FAITH & GRIEF GATHERINGS in Tighe Hall**

*Wednesday, August 6, at 12:00 Noon*

*Speaker: Dan Devine - Lessons Learned  
from Michele and FTD*

Dan will share the insights he learned about grief and unconditional love during his journey alongside Michele as she navigated Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD).

***NEW!*** *Faith & Grief Online  
Caregiver Support Gathering*

*Fourth Monday of each month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm.*

*Register on the Faith and Grief website. Join this  
monthly offering online for sharing experiences,  
encouragement and support from others who  
understand can make a difference.*

**Register at [www.faithandgrief.org](http://www.faithandgrief.org).**

## CONFIRMATION

### **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation Date for High School and SOR 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> graders:

**Saturday, January 24 at 10:30 am at the Cathedral.**

This means we will have all the formation in the fall. Programming will begin mid-August; please look for the mailed invite sent to your student.

**Registration is open on our website for both SOR students and high school students.**

Students attending Visitation School will receive information directly from the school. Please keep checking here and the website for updates.

### **NEEDED-Volunteers to help with the Confirmation Ministry Team.**

These volunteers will be a presence at Confirmation meetings, help with planning meetings and assist with day-long retreat. All volunteers will need to be Virtus trained. Please contact Jenny Greene at [jennifer@visitation.org](mailto:jennifer@visitation.org) or 816-753-5155 x1309 if interested.





## MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 5-10

### Tuesday, August 5

6:45 am Michael Messina †

8:15 am Bill Nelson †

### Wednesday, August 6

6:45 am Jimmy Eddy †

8:15 am Martha Beckers †

### Thursday, August 7

6:45 am Joseph Donnelly †

### Friday, August 8

8:15 am Mae Brown †

### Saturday, August 9

8:15am Michele Chollet †

4:00 pm People of Visitation

### Sunday, August 10

8:00 am Thomas Beckers †

10:30 am Tim Scholl †

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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE – AUGUST 9-10

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
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C. Brain D. Bruegging P. Ekerdt sub req. S. Garrett M. Garrett M. Lising D. Pucci L. Reichman K. Reichman A. Sonnenberg L. Waters	P. Banes K. Banes D. Devine S. Hughes C. Jackson A. McDonald A. Paczkowski B. Palmer J. Palmer C. Schorgl M. Widmer	G. Bauman G. Herrenbruck K. Maginn C. Maple sub req. T. Mayer T. McGhie sub req. A. O'Toole K. Osbern G. Smith N. Spachman K. Strauss
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C. Maggiorotto W. Maggiorotto sub req.	C. Keller K. Keller	K. Kelly J. Mateski
C. Ruiz	E. Johnson	S. Mayer

## DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH

# Golden Anniversary

Cathedral of the  
Immaculate Conception  
Sunday, September 28

11:00 AM

Reception to follow  
in Fr. Donnelly Hall



Bishop Johnston will preside at the mass honoring the Golden Wedding couples. A card and gift will be presented to each couple. The event is for the couples and their immediate family (limit of 10). The celebration includes those couples whose 50th Wedding Anniversary falls between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025

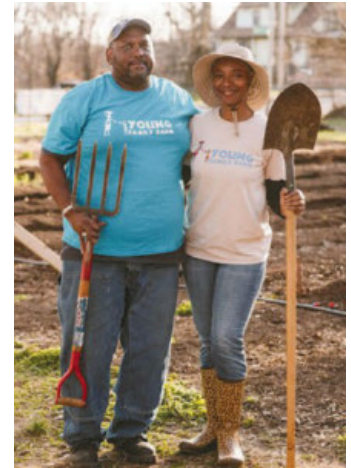
## RACIAL JUSTICE



Visiting farmer's markets is a great weekend activity; in these last weeks of summer, consider supporting Black farmers by visiting Young Family Farm and the Ivanhoe Farmer's Market.

### YOUNG FAMILY FARM

Located at 3819 Wayne Avenue, Young Family Farm is open from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm on Saturdays. Follow Young Family Farm on social media (@youngfamilyfarmkc) to get the most updated information on produce and promotions. There are group volunteer opportunities in the spring and fall as well.

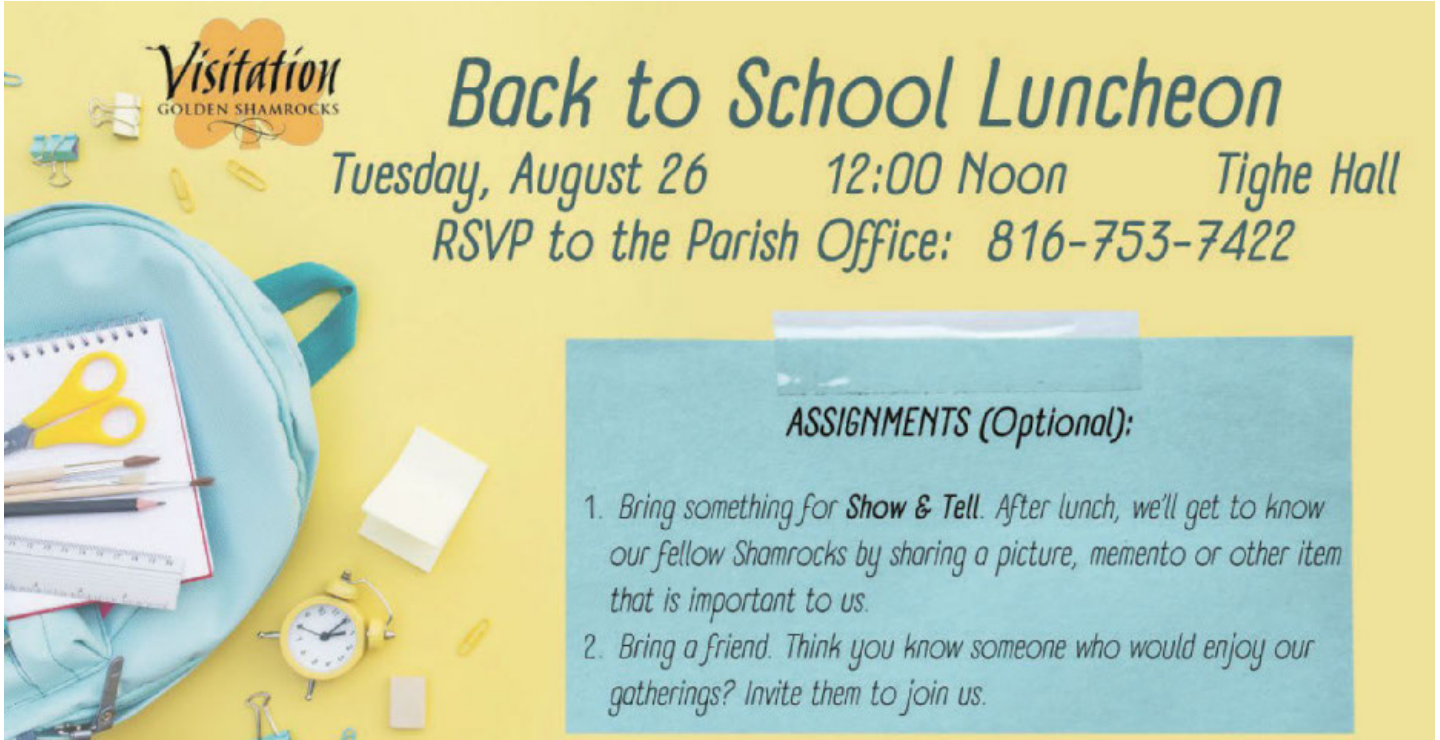


### IVANHOE FARMER'S MARKET

Located at 3700 Woodland Avenue, Ivanhoe Farmer's Market is open the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Follow them on social media @ivanhoefarmersmarketkcmo. Consider also following the activities of the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council's work by visiting their website, [incthrives.org](http://incthrives.org) and signing up for their newsletter and/or filling out a volunteer application.



## GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

A graphic for a "Back to School Luncheon" event. The background is yellow with school supplies like a blue backpack, a yellow alarm clock, a ruler, and a pair of scissors. The text is in a mix of fonts and colors. The Visitation Golden Shamrocks logo is in the top left. The event title "Back to School Luncheon" is in a large, dark blue font. The date and time "Tuesday, August 26 12:00 Noon" and the location "Tighe Hall" are in a dark blue font. The RSVP information "RSVP to the Parish Office: 816-753-7422" is in a dark blue font. A light blue box contains the optional assignments in a cursive font.

**Visitation**  
GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

# Back to School Luncheon

Tuesday, August 26 12:00 Noon Tighe Hall

RSVP to the Parish Office: 816-753-7422

**ASSIGNMENTS (Optional):**

1. Bring something for **Show & Tell**. After lunch, we'll get to know our fellow Shamrocks by sharing a picture, memento or other item that is important to us.
2. Bring a friend. Think you know someone who would enjoy our gatherings? Invite them to join us.

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), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 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, 816-213-6024 or [ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:ombudsman@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 816-714-2357 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



# FAITH FORMATION

## SAVE THE DATES!

September 2 – O.C.I.A. begins. Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

September 17 – Kickoff Supper Series event on Catholic Social Teaching with Fr. Greg Haskamp and Steve Engler.

September 22 – School of Religion begins. Mondays, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

October 4 – 6th Annual Season of Creation Hike + Mass



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

## CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 2.

OCIA or the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the way that those interested in the Catholic Church learn about the faith and join our community. The process traces its roots back to the earliest days of Christian communities.

*The process is for . . .*

- Those never baptized who want to learn more about Catholicism.
- Those baptized in another Christian Church who want to learn more about becoming Catholic, or
- Those already baptized as a Catholic but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.

Currently scheduling “Inquirer Interviews” through August. Contact Teresa Albright in the parish office at [teresa@visitation.org](mailto:teresa@visitation.org).



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## SOCIAL CONCERNS



### SISTER PARISH

The 11th annual Ride For Madre will be on **Friday, August 22**. We'd love to have you join us as a rider or supporter. The ride

will take place in the **late afternoon**. Here's the tentative schedule:

- **20-mile ride** – starting around 3:00 pm
- **10-mile ride** – starting around 4:00 pm

Both rides will end with a celebration at **Crane Brewery in Raytown** at approximately **5:00 pm**.

Your support in the past has generated over \$80,000 for our sister parish and has meant so much. We would truly appreciate your support again this year. You can donate on the online giving tab of the parish website or with a check payable to Visitation (put Ride For Madre in the comments).

### TEAM LEADER NEEDED

Visitation has been invited to adopt a street in Kansas City and we need a team leader! The responsibility includes: attending training, leading a team three times per year to clean up a chosen area near our neighborhood and submit a report to the KC Metropolitan Crime Commission. If you are interested in taking on this important role, please contact Karen Miller at 816-381-6914.

## MINISTRIES

### GREETERS NEEDED!



We need volunteers to greet at Masses. All ages are welcome - individuals, couples & families. Interested?

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT:

**GREETER TRAINING**

Sundays– August 10 and October 26  
9:15 - 10:00 am—meet in the narthex.

RSVP to [janet@visitation.org](mailto:janet@visitation.org)

## ABOUT TOWN

### KC MOTHERS IN CHARGE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Every week, volunteers from (KC MIC) make phone calls to families who are grieving the violent loss of a loved one. These families need support and you can help. Do you have the compassion to listen and offer comfort to those in need? If so, this may be the right volunteer opportunity for you. Phone calls are made Monday - Friday, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Volunteer shifts typically last two hours. If you are interested in supporting the important mission of KC Mothers in Charge, please email [latrice.murry@kcmothersincharge.org](mailto:latrice.murry@kcmothersincharge.org).



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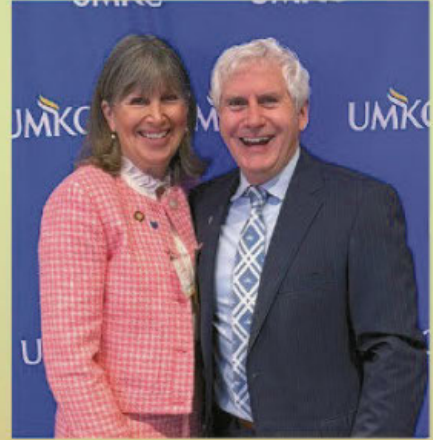
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## BLOOD DRIVE



### Blood Drive

Wednesday, August 27 1:00-6:00 pm  
Tighe Hall

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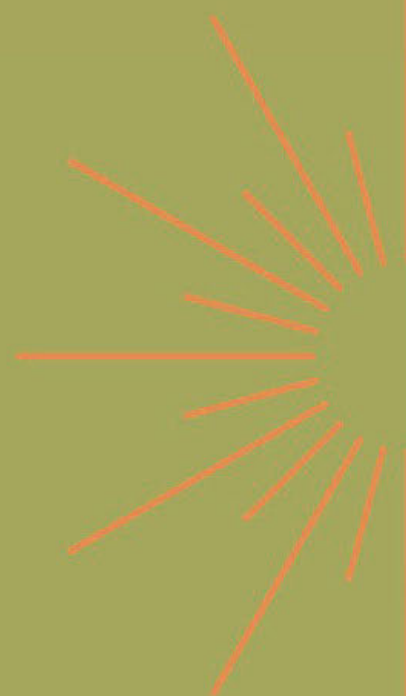
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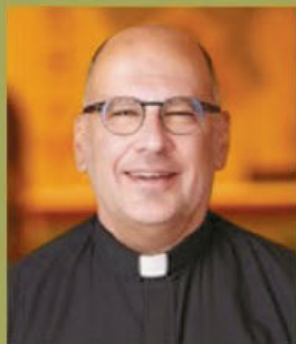
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