

VISITATION PARISH

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 31, 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

LABOR DAY

The parish will be closed on Monday, September 1 in celebration of Labor Day. Please join us for Mass at 9:00 am in St. Joseph Chapel.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

- Alyssa & Johnny Vargas; children, Sebastian, Santiago & Ana Sofia
- Mary Robertson

SPECIAL COLLECTION – HOLY LAND

Bishop Johnston and the Church in the United States are encouraging parishes to take up a special collection to support the work of CNEWA and CRS to alleviate the suffering of the people in the Holy Land.

Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Near East Welfare Association are two agencies of our Church that are assisting those in need. The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is there providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through local Church partners to provide food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies, and care for people's emotional well-being.

Visitation will be collecting funds for this endeavor from August 20 - September 10, 2025. You may donate electronically using the QR code (at right) or via check payable to Visitation with *Holy Land* in the memo line.



SYMPATHY

The parish extends our sympathy to Monsignor Bradley Offutt, on the death of his father, Raymond Stephen Offutt.

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 with questions. Visit the link below to sign up!

<https://tinyurl.com/visrosary>

ADORATION

All are welcome to participate in adoration on Wednesdays in the St. Joseph Chapel, 9:00 am–6:00 pm.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam	Joe McLiney
Pamela Atherton	Thom McNamara
Bill Blanck, Sr.	Tricia Melland
Marianne Carl	Virginia Moffett
Kay Dierks	Jen O'Neill
Bill Fuss	Mary Etta O'Neill
Ed Growney	Mary Ann Oswald
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Peggy Pruitt
Kristin Heyer	Ellie Rose
Megan Hoefer	Kathy Scaglia
Margaret Howard	Gary Schafer
Joe Irwin	Barbara Schulte
William Jewell	Aimee Sesler
Bryan Larson	Sandra Sharp
Jeanne Lendabarker	Kathy Sims
Jake Lynch	Special Intention
Jolene Lynn	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Bob Lystad	Dave Wittrock
Scott Martens	

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

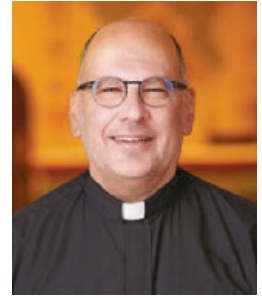
On Deck: Team # 9

On Alert: Team # 12

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Sau Nguyen is visiting our parish this weekend as part of the diocesan Missionary Plan of Cooperation. Fr. Sau is a Scalabrinian stationed here in Kansas City at Holy Rosary Parish. He asks our prayerful and financial support for the holy work the Scalabrinians do on behalf of immigrants, migrants and refugees around the world. Several of the staff and I met with Fr. Sau and enjoyed his kindness, faith and humor.



Fr. Sau's presence allows me a weekend off and the opportunity to travel to California. Another priest of the diocese and I, along with my brother who lives in California, will spend a week in the small coastal town of Gualala. We stayed in this town and in this same home last year, and it was such a wonderful place that I felt called back! Any time spent at the Pacific Ocean is quality time for me. Holy time!

We concluded the Homily series on the Mass last weekend. It was a good, if sometimes challenging, experience for me to prepare these homilies, as it's a different way of preaching. But I really enjoyed it and learned plenty myself. From what many have told me, there is a desire for continued opportunities to learn more about the Mass. I can say I only scratched the surface of the theology and celebration. There's plenty more to talk about, reflect upon and discuss. The parish and school staff and I will continue to talk about ways we can continue and expand these opportunities!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

VISITATION CHOIR

COME TRY US OUT! THE VISITATION CHOIR STARTS BACK UP IN SEPTEMBER!

The Visitation Choir is open for additional singers! Have you ever considered the possibility of singing with us!?

Too intimidated? Don't be! The Visitation choir has a vast range of singers: we have professional singers, talented amateurs, as well as people who simply love to sing - some of whom read music well, and some who are learning - and we need ALL of them. If you can match pitch and want to be a part of something beautiful and special, then singing with us should be something to consider—gentlemen, that includes you too. As the choir returns from summer hiatus, consider sharing your voice to beautify our Sunday liturgies. You can even try it out to see if it's a good fit. Reach out to Alejandro at alejandro@visitation.org if interested!



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
AT 7 PM

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Please join us for our Visitation MOYC kick off party to meet and mingle with other moms of young children. Hear about all of our MOYC events to come throughout the year. Shop Vis MOYC merchandise and register to join the Visitation MOYC crew!



Vis MOYC Kick-Off Event

MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 1-7

Monday, September 1
9:00 am American Workers & their
Contributions

Tuesday, September 2
6:45 am Michael Messina †
8:15 am Jean Cummings †

Wednesday, September 3
6:45 am Charles Silva †
8:15 am Irene Seigfreid †

Thursday, September 4
6:45 am Mae Brown †

Friday, September 5
8:15 am Margaret Sonnenberg †

Saturday, September 6
8:15am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres
4:00 pm John Eckels †

Sunday, September 7
8:00 am The Malter Family
10:30 am People of Visitation

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 6-7

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
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E. Carlyle sub req. K. Brown	B. Winget M. Benvenuti	NOT FILLED
C. Maggiorotto W. Maggiorotto NOT FILLED	T. Colburn C. Schorgl NOT FILLED	Matt Gunter K. Kelly J. Swafford
J. Rebman	E. Johnson	J. Roach

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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 be-
come Catholic. Teresa Albright

PARISH COUNCIL 2024/25

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Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph
Independent Ombudsman, 816-213-6024
Victim Assistance Coordinator, Michelle Graff
816-714-2357

SOCIAL CONCERNS



Catholic in Recovery

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY provides healing from addictions and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as

we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass, liturgical themes and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayers. Confidentiality is protected. We welcome those recovering from alcohol addiction. Beginning on September 2, meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Adult Meeting Room (formerly the 3rd K classroom). For more information or with questions, contact Karen in the parish office at 816-381-6914.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The Saint Vincent de Paul lines are very busy with 211 referrals for rent and utility assistance as many community resources are stretched thin.

Recently, a blended family, with 8 with children (ages 1 to 9) asked for help with rent. The young mother works full-time at a healthcare facility, while her partner, a forklift driver, lost his job. They asked for prayers as he prepared for a job interview and assistance with rent to avoid eviction. Because of your support, we were able to assist them and 14 other families this summer. Every time you give, someone in the greater Kansas City area in need is given new hope and help. Thank you! Your donations do make a difference! Use your SVDP envelope and drop in weekend collection or put a check made out to St. Vincent de Paul in the weekend collection. If you have questions about St. Vincent de Paul or want to become part of the team, please contact Debi Sicoli at debi@strausy.com or John Reboulet at jrebou01@gmail.com.

HUNGER FOR JUSTICE BANQUET



The Social Concerns Ministry Team invites you to save the Date: Thursday, September 25, 6:00-7:30 pm for the Hunger for Justice Banquet, where Kris Wade, Executive Director of the Justice Project and member of the US Justice Department Coalition Against Human Trafficking, will share her insight and experience combating human trafficking in Missouri and beyond. Most recently, she traveled to Rome to present to an international trafficking committee. Plan to enjoy a light meal and have a thoughtful conversation. A free-will offering will be accepted for the Justice Project. RSVP to Joni in the parish office at joni@visitation.org or 816-753-7422.

TEAM LEADER NEEDED

Visitation has been invited to adopt a street in Kansas City and we need a team leader! The responsibilities include: attending training, leading a team three times per year to clean up a chosen area near our neighborhood and submitting 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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

TWO IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PARISHIONERS!

MORNING GLORY MINISTRIES - 6:30 AM - 8:30 AM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

My name is Kristi Wakat, and I have been volunteering at the Morning Glory Cafe for several months. This ministry takes place in the basement of the Diocesan building in downtown KC. They serve breakfast to homeless people Monday through Friday. Visitation Parish has agreed to provide volunteers for this ministry on the first Thursday morning of each month. We arrive at 6:30 am and finish by 8:30 am. Typically, 100-150 guests are served each morning. The atmosphere is warm and welcoming, with an emphasis on serving guests with kindness and respect. I have found this volunteer opportunity to be very rewarding. If you have any questions about this ministry or would like to volunteer, please feel free to contact me at kristi773@gmail.com or 815-791-2021. The next volunteer opportunity is Thursday, September 4.

ONE CITY CAFÉ - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11

Your help is needed! On Thursday September 11, Visitation is in charge of serving at Once City Café and we need 10 volunteers to ensure a smooth serving experience. If you have never gone but have considered it, now is your time to try it! If it has been a while since you've gone, we need you back! Please contact Bill Skaggs at 816-304-3264 or email him at rcthread@yahoo.com.

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- Folding canes

Donations are due by September 26th and should be placed in the basket located in the narthex.

Financial contributions will be gladly accepted; note that the funds are for the medical mission.

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. 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 for more information.

RACIAL JUSTICE



Eleven participants gathered in Tighe Hall on Saturday, August 23 for the Just Faith opening retreat. Focusing on prayer, connection and discernment, the retreat introduced the Epistle of James and its emphasis on faith that requires action. The group discussed the first chapter of *The New Jim Crow Organizing Guide*, specifically the four roles that exist in creating a movement: helpers, organizers, advocates and rebels. At the first session, participants will engage in a racial wealth gap simulation.

SAVE THESE DATES

Tuesday, September 9, 6:00 pm Arrupe Hall, Rockhurst University or via Zoom

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Controversy, American Public Square Event, find more at <https://americanpublicsquare.org/event/dei-controversy/>.

Wednesday, September 17, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Racial Justice Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 16, 6:30 pm, St. Monica Catholic Church

Continuing the Conversation on Racism and Our Faith, featuring Ebony Reed, author of *Fifteen Cents on the Dollar*.

Saturday, November 1, Independence Boulevard Christian Church

Racial Justice Summit featuring Reverend William Lamar IV, pastor of the Metropolitan AME Church in Washington D.C.

Tuesday, November 8, 7:00 pm, Tighe Hall, Visitation

The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row book discussion, led by Mary Gigliotti & Jan Fakoury

Tuesday, December 2

Just Faith Final Speaker

CONFIRMATION

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Confirmation Date for High School and SOR 6, 7 and 8th graders:

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

This means we will have all the formation in the fall.

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. **High School registration closes on September 6.**

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 or 816-753-5155 x1309 if interested.



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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Are you celebrating your 50th anniversary between January 1 and December 31, 2025? Bishop Johnston will preside at the Mass honoring the Golden Wedding couples on Sunday, September 28 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am. Reception to follow in Fr. Donnelly Hall. This event is for the couples and their immediate family (limit of 10). Please contact Joni in the parish office at 816-753-7422 if you are one of these couples!

PASTORALE CARE

FAITH & GRIEF
GATHERINGS in Tighe Hall
Wednesday, September 3,
at 12:00 Noon



Speaker: Bill Tammeus- Lessons Learned from the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks: When a catastrophe

causes a whole nation to grieve, those affected more personally by the disaster are always impacted by stages of grief. Bill will describe how that reality affected him and his extended family.

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.

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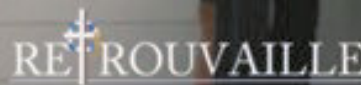
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ABOUT TOWN

CATHOLIC BAR ASSOCIATION

The Catholic Bar Association (CBA), the nation's leading association of Catholic lawyers, together with the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Kansas City, is holding its Annual Conference on September 5 and 6 in KCMO. Speakers include top legal scholars Judge Joseph Bianco and Teresa Collett as well as local attorneys Edward Greim, Joshua McCaig, Dan Kelly and Will Nulton. CLE available!

Visit catholicbar.org/CBA2025 for more information and to register. The conference is being held in conjunction with the Catholic Medical Association's 94th Annual Educational Conference. The Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr., Bishop of Kansas City-Saint Joseph, will be the Celebrant and Homilist for the concluding White and Red Mass for Medical and Legal Professionals at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, September 6 at 4:30 PM. All members of the public are welcome to attend. A ticketed banquet follows at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown.



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FAITH FORMATION



CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 2

OCIA, or the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the way those interested in the Catholic Church learn about the faith and join our community.

OCTOBER 4: SEASON OF CREATION MASS + HIKE + STARGAZING EVENT

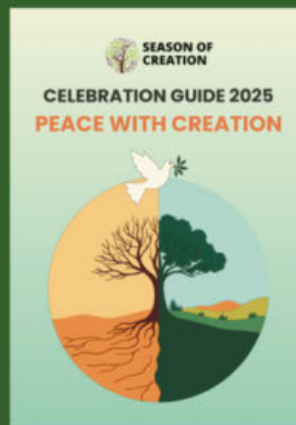
It's that time of year again! Join us on Saturday, October 4 for Visitation's 6th Annual Season of Creation Hike.

To learn more and sign up, visit <https://bit.ly/3JAUzqf>
or scan this QR code:



New this year!

*Optional 7pm stargazing event at
Powell Observatory following Mass & Hike*

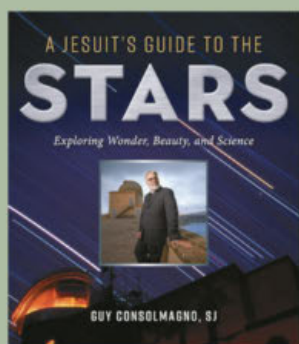


SEPTEMBER 17 | SUPPER SERIES: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Join us this coming year for a Supper Series exploring how Catholic Social Teaching calls us to live out our faith in the world. Each of the six sessions will break open the core principles, with special focus on Visitation programs that embody each principle. **All are welcome—come be nourished in body, mind, and spirit.**

Kick-off event: September 17 with Fr. Greg Haskamp & Steve Engler

Fr. Greg will speak to how these teachings shape everyday faith, while Steve will walk us through their historical roots and lead us in thoughtful reflection and prayer.



Available on Amazon

VIS BOOK CLUB

This year's Season of Creation will kick off with a Book Club, featuring Guy Consolmagno's new book *A Jesuit's Guide to the Stars: Exploring Wonder, Beauty, and Science*. Meetings will take place weekly and will conclude with a stargazing event on Saturday, October 4 at Powell Observatory in Louisburg, KS.

For more information, contact Jenny Greene in the Parish Office: jennifer@visitation.org

Dates to Remember:

Book Club: (Participants will attend sessions once a week, either Thursday or Sunday):

- **Thursdays 7:00-8:30 pm:** Sept. 4, 11, 18, Oct. 2
- **Sundays 9:15 am, between masses:** Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28
- **Saturday Oct. 4:** Evening Mass, Hike, 7pm event at Powell Observatory (open to all parishioners)

SAVE THE DATES! FOR FULL CALENDAR, GO TO VISONMAINKC.COM

- **September 2:** OCIA begins - Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm
- **September 4, 7:00-8:30 pm / September 7, 9:15 am:** Book Club sessions begin
- **September 17:** Kickoff Supper Series event on Catholic Social Teaching with Fr. Greg Haskamp & Steve Engler
- **September 22:** School of Religion begins - Mondays, 5:30-6:30 pm
- **October 4:** 6th Annual Season of Creation Mass + Hike....+ Stargazing Event!

Questions about Faith Formation events or joining the Faith Formation team? Contact Teresa Albright: teresa@visitation.org