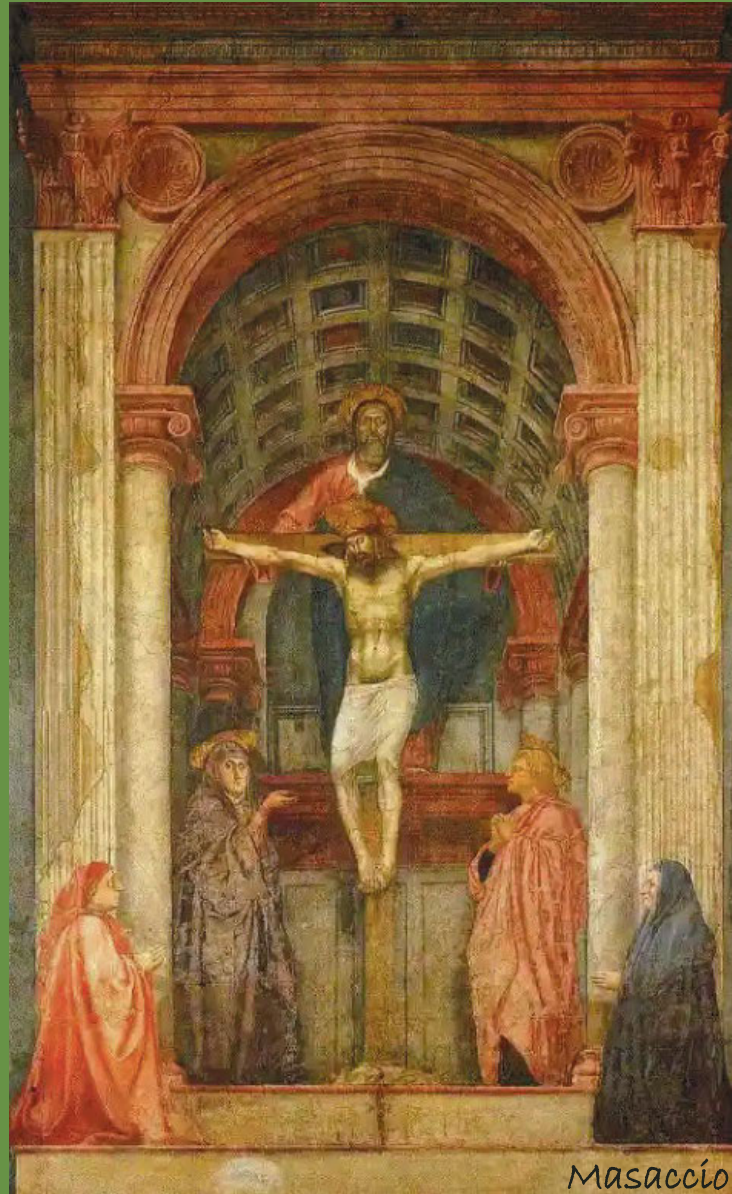


VISITATION PARISH

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



M A S S E S

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

THE TREASURY OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

SUPPER SERIES

September 17, 2025 KICK-OFF EVENT
with
Fr. Greg Haskamp & Steve Engler

TIGHE HALL
6:15 pm - Doors Open
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7:00 pm - Program

COMING UP IN THIS SERIES...

THE COMMON GOOD

Care for Creation & Human Solidarity

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Human Life & Dignity of the Human Person

THE GOSPEL VALUE OF INCLUSION

Call to Participation, Rights & Responsibility

GOD'S LOVE FOR THE POOR

Option for the Poor & Dignity of Work

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CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Date for High School and
SOR 6, 7 and 8th graders: **Saturday,**
January 24 at 10:30 am at the Cathedral.



High School class meets TONIGHT (Sunday, September 14) in Tighe Hall. Bring your journals.

Please keep checking here and the website for updates!

Volunteers needed to help with Confirmation Ministry Team. Please contact Jenny Greene at jennifer@visitation.org or 816-753-5155 x1309 if interested.

SYMPATHY

Our parish community mourns the death of parishioner Ed Farley; and our prayers and sympathy to Erin Foley, on the death of her mother, Barbarann Musko.

ADORATION

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

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>

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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Brooke Kuechler Harris	Mary Ann Oswald
Kristin Heyer	Peggy Pruitt
Megan Hoefer	Ellie Rose
Margaret Howard	Kathy Scaglia
Joe Irwin	Gary Schafer
William Jewell	Barbara Schulte
Bryan Larson	Aimee Sesler
Jeanne Lendabarker	Sandra Sharp
Jake Lynch	Kathy Sims
Jolene Lynn	Special Intention
Bob Lystad	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Scott Martens	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

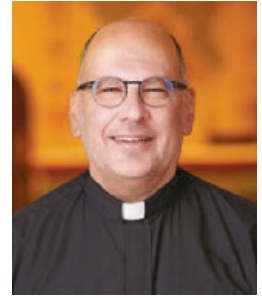
On Deck: Team # 9

On Alert: Team # 12

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

I know some of you have heard that Msgr. Offutt's father, Raymond Offutt, died recently, and that his funeral is this coming Tuesday, September 16, at St. Mark's in Independence. While he was pastor here, Msgr. Offutt took such faithful care of his father and drew strength from the care, concern and prayers of the Visitation community. We pray that Mr. Offutt is joyfully and peacefully resting in God's presence.



It feels like September here at Visitation! The energy and activity of our school, OCIA, Social Concerns, Golden Shamrocks, Choir, Confirmation and so many other ministries are exciting and life-giving. With the change in temperature and the start of all this activity, it's starting to feel like fall around here. I always dread the end of summer, as it's my favorite season of the year, but once we get back in the groove, there's so much to enjoy and appreciate. I know for families, the routine is a welcome change from the different pace of summer. I try to think the same way myself!

I've enjoyed baseball season this year. I still have hope for the Royals as a Wild Card team! And as football begins, the Chiefs start the year with a tough schedule. We're proud of both teams and are grateful for the excitement and happiness they bring to Kansas City!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

PARISH STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

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If you have recently emailed a parish staff member and did not receive a reply, please check the email address. Church staff should be emailed @visitation.org while school staff are emailed @viskc.org. If you have been emailing a church staff member @viskc.org, those emails are no longer supported by our system so our staff are not receiving them. Correct staff email addresses may be found on our parish website: www.visitation.org, click About Us—Directory of Parish Staff.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

KC MOTHERS IN CHARGE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Every week, volunteers from KCMIC 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.

ART & ENVIRONMENT



The Art & Environment Committee is looking for help.

The A&E team is responsible for keeping our church appropriately decorated for each liturgical season: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time.

We need people interested in volunteering a bit of time and learning some new skills. Whether you want to learn how to arrange flowers & plants for the church, or you just want to help with setups, we'd love to have you join us. Please contact Julie McFarland at jmcfarlandkc@gmail.com or

Alejandro Manso at Alejandro@visitation.org. No flower experience is necessary!



VISITATION CHOIR

COME TRY US OUT! THE VISITATION CHOIR STARTS BACK UP THIS MONTH!

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!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 16-21

Tuesday, September 16
6:45 am Maria Chalk †
8:15 am Peggy Donnellan †

Wednesday, September 17
6:45 am Scott Allan †
8:15 am Biz Greene †

Thursday, September 18
6:45 am Jean Marie Bessenbacher †

Friday, September 19
8:15 am Louise Ammatelli †

Saturday, September 20
8:15am Sister Parish
4:00 pm Kevin Mashburn †

Sunday, September 21
8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Steve Seigfreid †

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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

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FAITH FORMATION

SEPTEMBER 16 | OCIA OPEN SESSION: VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCH BUILDING TOUR

Each year, our OCIA participants enjoy a guided tour of our beautiful church building, led by parishioner Steve Engler. This year, **we are opening that tour to the parish!** If you have ever wanted to know more about the building's architecture, art, windows, murals, or religious objects, please join us **Tuesday, September 16, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Narthex.**

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 in Tighe Hall

6:15 pm - Doors Open | 6:30 pm - Dinner Served | 7:00 pm - Program

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

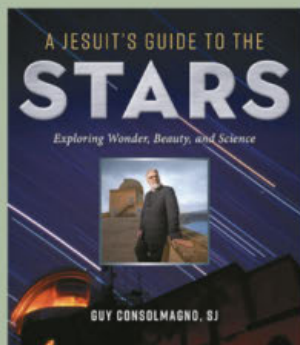
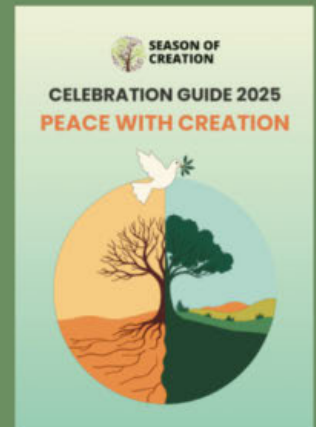
It's that time of year again! Join us on Saturday, October 4 for Visitation's 6th Annual Season of Creation Hike.

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



New this year!

*Optional 7:00 pm stargazing event at
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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:** September 4, 11, 18, October 2
- **Sundays 9:15 am, between masses:** September 7, 14, 21, 28
- **Saturday October 4:** Mass, Hike, 7:00 pm event at Powell Observatory (open to all parishioners)

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- **September 16:** Open OCIA Class: Visitation Church Tour - 6:30-8:00 pm, Narthex
- **September 17:** Kickoff Supper Series event on Catholic Social Teaching - 6:30 pm, Tighe Hall
- **September 22:** School of Religion begins - Mondays, 5:30-6:30 pm
- **October 4:** 6th Annual Season of Creation Mass + Hike....+ Stargazing Event!
- **October 20:** Supper Series Session 2: The Common Good - 6:30 pm, Tighe Hall
- **October 28:** Open OCIA Class: Who's Who in the Bible? 6:30-8:00 pm, Faith Formation Room

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

PASTORAL CARE



FAITH & GRIEF GATHERINGS IN TIGHE HALL Wednesday, October 1 at 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Denis Greene - Lessons Learned from Losing His Brother.

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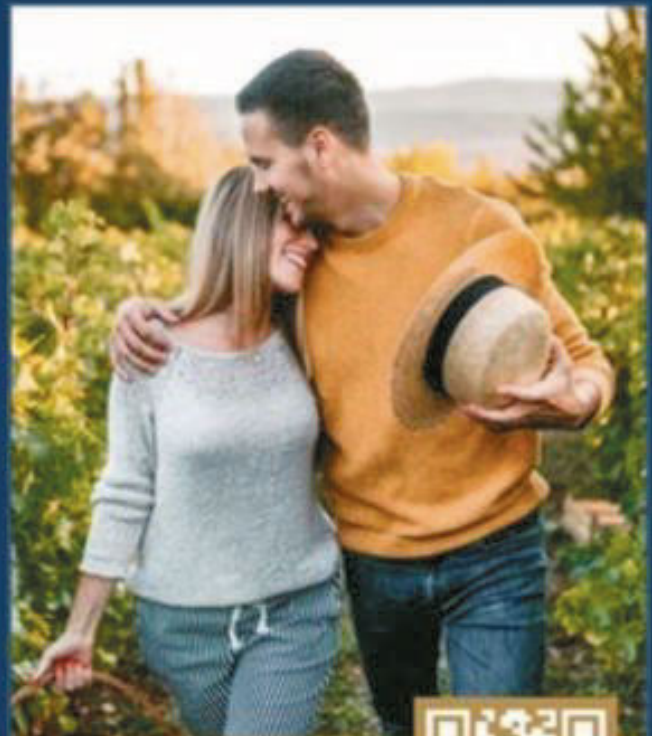
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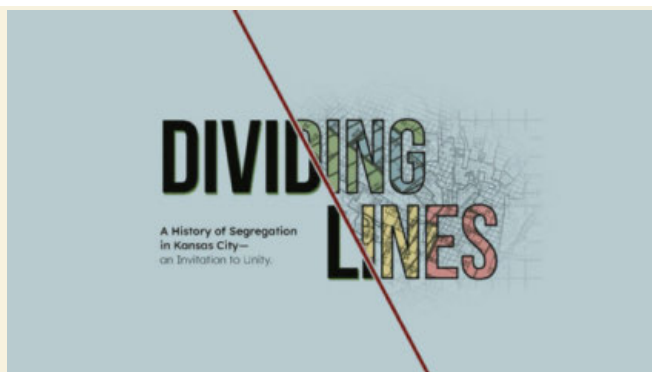
Tues Sep 23rd
6:30PM-8:30PM*
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Join us for an Executive Speaker Series. This event is open to everyone, invite a friend and register here!



*Confession @ 5:15 - Mass @ 6!

RACIAL JUSTICE



Unite KC is hosting a **Dividing Lines Immersion Experience** on **Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**. Attendees will gather at Hillcrest Covenant Church, 8801 Nall Ave, to board the bus. The experience includes the bus tour, video footage, a brief walking tour and lunch. According to Unite KC's website, "this isn't just a history lesson – it's a chance to see our city with new eyes, meet neighbors with shared hope, and reflect on how we can help build a more just and unified community." Register here: <https://www.unitekc.org/events/dividing-lines-immersion-experience>.

SAVE THESE DATES

Wednesday, September 24, 7:00 pm via Zoom (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)

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 18, 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

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SOCIAL CONCERNS



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.



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