

VISITATION PARISH  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 4, 2026



VISITATION MUSIC MINISTRY  
EPIPHANY CONCERT  
Sunday, January 4 4:00 pm

*Please join our choir, handbell choir & instrumentalists for an afternoon  
of song featuring the music of the Christmas season.*

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.

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, Friday..... 8:15 am

Saturday..... 8:15 am

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY



### CONFIRMATION

**Jr. High** - Note the added date on January 12 to go over final details for the Confirmation liturgy. See email for details.

### FOOD BASKET - DON'T FORGET!

Donations to the food basket in the narthex go directly to pantries serving those in need! So, during this season



of giving bring a donation of canned goods to Mass each week! Your kindness will help spread joy to all who receive them! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### 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](mailto:jmcfarlandkc@gmail.com) or Alejandro Manso at [Alejandro@visitation.org](mailto:Alejandro@visitation.org). No flower experience is necessary!

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

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam	Thom McNamara
Rose Arroyo	Tricia Melland
Pamela Atherton	Virginia Moffett
Jack Baker	Jack Myre
Bill Blanck, Sr.	Jen O'Neill
Stephen Bowen	Peggy Pruitt
Bill Fuss	Ellie Rose
Ed Growney	Kathy Scaglia
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Gary Schafer
Kristin Heyer	Barbara Schulte
Megan Hofer	Aimee Sesler
Margaret Howard	Sandra Sharp
Joe Irwin	Kathy Sims
William Jewell	Cenza Spadafore
Bryan Larson	Special Intention
Jeanne Lendabarker	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Bob Lystad	Dave Wittrock
Scott Martens	

### 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; Major Thomas Raniere, Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD.

### FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

**On Deck:** Team # 12  
**On Alert:** Team # 4

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

We have an exciting year ahead. Our Shared VISION project is moving forward with great momentum. With over 50% of the project budget collected and over 75% of the project budget pledged, we have met the diocesan requirements for a capital campaign and have received approval from the bishop and the Diocesan Building Commission to move forward. As so many parishioners continue to honor and even exceed pledges to the campaign, we are so grateful and excited about next steps!



The next few months will see more significant progress for the project, with the bidding process now in full swing and plans for construction taking shape. Under the expert guidance of Newkirk Novak Construction Partners and Hollis + Miller Architects, our Shared VISION for Visitation School is going to become reality in 2026! The full renovation of the school will happen this summer. Construction on the Maker Space will commence subsequently, giving us a state-of-the-art space and facility for 21st Century learning, one that we hope to share with other area schools. This year will stand as a transformative one in the history of our parish.

We will also continue to gather for Sunday Mass, serve the grieving, the sick and those in need, deepen our knowledge and practice of our faith, take care of our facilities and strengthen the bonds of our community. As we live the mission entrusted to us in 2026, we will praise and thank God and give a home to the Word Made Flesh.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11** **9:00 - 10:15 AM**

Cost: Donation to The Children's Place in honor of Becca Lueke.

Charity and service are at the heart of what we do as Knights. If works of charity and service are important to you, perhaps the Knights of Columbus is for you. If you'd like more information on the Knights, visit the Visitation website under the "Get Involved" tab or call/text Bob Steinert at 816-729-2748 or Mark Blanck at 816-419-7171.

## MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 6-11

**Tuesday, January 6**  
6:45 am Michael Messina †  
8:15 am Tim Scholl †

**Wednesday, January 7**  
6:45 am Daniel Neenan †  
8:15 am Kelsey Kivisto †

**Thursday, January 8**  
6:45 am Mae Brown †

**Friday, January 9**  
8:15 am Ted Wiedeman †

**Saturday, January 10**  
8:15 am Patricia Brown †  
4:00 pm People of Visitation

**Sunday, January 11**  
8:00 am Don Lolli †  
10:30 am Lee Jones †

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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE – JANUARY 10-11

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

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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 2025/26

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816-714-2357



## RACIAL JUSTICE



The Visitation Racial Justice Committee met in person in early December. The meeting provided opportunity for discussion of what has succeeded and what we might do differently in the coming year.

- Thank you to Mandy Ketchum and Kristin Kratofil for orchestrating the adoption of a family at Operation Breakthrough for Christmas.

- Just Faith has offered two 8-week series this year: Faith and Racial Healing: Embracing Truth, Justice and Restoration and Faith and Racial Justice: Changing Systems

and Structures. Participants in each series brought new energy to the program. Just Faith has raised awareness of every participant in the past four years. RJC wishes to continue to offer these series—winter/spring and late summer/fall.

- A Just Faith reunion proposed for those who have participated in the past 9 sessions. Invite all to reread a chapter of *Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome* or *Color of Compromise* and then JF alumni meet to discuss. JoAnn Axtell agreed to lead this effort.
- RJC has hosted multiple book discussions in the past two years. Participant levels have varied, but value was seen in raising awareness and increasing involvement, potentially with other parishes. Discussion continues - all suggestions are welcome and encouraged.
- The Equal Justice Initiative daily emails and print calendar were discussed as good options to stay rooted in racial justice issues. <https://calendar.eji.org/about>.
- RJC will again co-sponsor the dramatic reading of Dr. King's Letter from the Birmingham Jail. School students will be invited to greet and to be part of the **January 19** event.
- Jan Fakoury will create a book display for February's Black History Month. Anyone with books to donate to the book cart please contact Jan at [jfakoury@gmail.com](mailto:jfakoury@gmail.com) or Linda Hughes at [lchteach20@gmail.com](mailto:lchteach20@gmail.com).
- **Next RJC meeting is January 28. In person in Tighe Hall—7-8 pm**

## SCHOOL

A poster for the Visitation School Auction. It has a light beige background with two vertical baseball bat graphics on the left and right sides. At the top, green text reads "ANNOUNCING, VISITATION SCHOOL'S BIGGEST HOME GAME OF THE YEAR!". Below this is a central logo featuring a baseball, the text "IF YOU BUILD IT THEY WILL COME", "Vis of Dreams" in a script font, and "VS AUCTION 2024 VISITATION SCHOOL". Under the logo, black text says "As the biggest annual fundraising event in the Visitation community, the school auction takes a full team effort!". Further down, green text reads "HELP US LOAD THE BASES! EVERY SPONSORSHIP AND DONATION BRINGS US CLOSER TO A GRAND SLAM FOR OUR STUDENTS!". At the bottom left, black text says "Sponsorships available from \$1,000-\$10,000". In the center bottom is a QR code. At the bottom right, black text says "Auction item donations need big and small".

Please visit the Visitation School Auction website for sponsorship and auction item donation opportunities. Go to <https://visitationauction.com/>

We are grateful for all parish support!

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH.

#### SO WHAT EXACTLY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING? AND WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Good questions! Human Trafficking covers a LOT and first you need to be aware that it is happening in the US, even in our area. Every year, millions of men, women and children are lured by force, fraud or coercion to work as slaves or perform commercial sex acts. Any community is vulnerable and victims can be any age, race, gender or nationality. To build your awareness, go to [www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign](http://www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign) for more background. You can find out how to avoid buying products made with forced labor, and get ideas to help with this problem by checking out the US Catholic Sisters website: [www.alliancetoendhumantrafficking.org](http://www.alliancetoendhumantrafficking.org). It's easy to raise awareness if you wear blue on January 11 and make social posts to spread the word. You can also join us in Tighe Hall on January 11 after 8:00 am Mass to help label soap which will in turn be taken to local motels. Let's free the victims and end Human Trafficking.



#### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO LABEL SOAP FOR THE SOAP PROJECT!

All ages and abilities are welcome. Please join us in Tighe Hall after 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 11 to label soap and learn about the good work being done to combat Human Trafficking by the Soap Project. The SOAP Project Outreach is a unique, hands-on opportunity that allows groups of any size to fight human trafficking locally and potentially recover victims. Human trafficking has been reported in both poverty-stricken urban area motels as well as in suburban upscale hotels. With that in mind, we aim to educate those working in these locations on the signs of trafficking, arm them with the resources to fight it, and give victims a way out. But to do this, we need your help.

#### PEACE TREE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed gifts to the Advent Peace Tree this year! Your generosity was overwhelming and because of it, all 15 non-profit organizations we supported were better able to serve those in need.

A special thank you to everyone who helped move packages, load and sort gifts, and especially to Marny Sherman and Janie Palmer. Your hard work made this another successful effort. Great job to you two and great job, Visitation!



#### SISTER PARISH

**Sponsorship Payments are Due Now!** If you sponsor a child and are unsure if you have made your 2025 payment, please call Karen in the parish office at 816-381-6914 - be on the lookout for an email requesting payment. Donations can be made online.

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, [ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org) or 816-213-6024. 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.





# THE SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

SPOTLIGHTING FAITH AND LIFE AT VISITATION SCHOOL

Happy New Year!



First Grade  
Gingerbread Blast!

## Looking Ahead with Gratitude

As we step into the new year, we give thanks for a wonderful first semester and look ahead with excitement. New improvements, continued growth, and a strong Visitation community make the months ahead full of promise.



## Shared VISION Campaign

WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE RECEIVED THE GREEN LIGHT TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION THIS SUMMER WITH NEWKIRK AND NOVAK, AND CONVERSATIONS ARE UNDERWAY REGARDING THE TIMELINE.



## Hands-On Engineering in Fourth Grade

Our fourth grade students combined creativity, engineering, and perseverance while designing Rube Goldberg-style “wacky machines.” Through planning, testing, and teamwork, students explored cause and effect in a hands-on way. They proudly presented their final creations in the cafeteria, giving the entire school a chance to see their learning come alive.



## FAITH FORMATION

### COMING SOON: BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

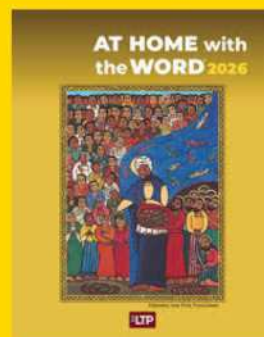
This January and February, the Faith Formation Team will be offering a Bible Study series for Visitation's young adults. Sessions will be facilitated by Pastoral Minister, Teresa Albright (MA, Boston College) and will include short videos, facilitated group discussions of key scriptural passages, and thoughtful reflection and study.

Stay tuned for more information! Dates and times will be shared in future bulletins.

### AT HOME WITH THE WORD BOOK SALE

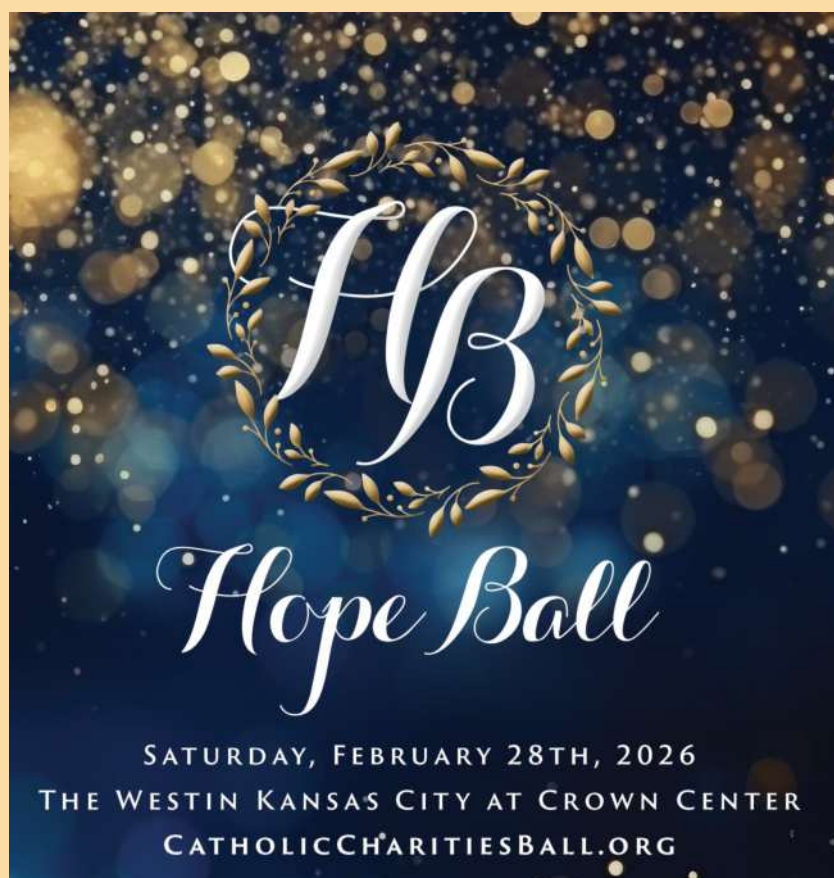
Be sure to pick up your copy of the 2026 *At Home with the Word* scripture study guide! This annual book includes daily Bible readings, insights, and reflection questions to help you deepen your understanding of and connection to scripture throughout the liturgical year.

Books are available for purchase on the bookshelf in the Narthex | Cost: \$5  
(Follow instructions on the bookshelf sign to submit payment)



**OUR JANUARY 12 SUPPER SERIES HAS BEEN CANCELED. PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT SUPPER SERIES ON FEBRUARY 9!!**

## ABOUT TOWN





## PASTORAL CARE

FAITH & GRIEF GATHERINGS IN TIGHE HALL WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7 AT 12:00 NOON



Speaker: Rev. Sally Wright

**Sacred Memory: How to Weave Loved Ones Into Everyday Rituals**

As we begin the new year, Sally will share more about the healing power of small daily rituals and offer suggestions for spiritual practices that help keep memories alive.

**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. Register at [www.faithandgrief.org](http://www.faithandgrief.org). Visit [faithandgrief.org](http://faithandgrief.org) or scan the QR code to RSVP for a gathering and learn more about all our grief programs online and in-person.



**NEW! Grief Support Group, *Facilitated by Ryan Speed, LMSW***

**First Tuesday of each month | 6:00–7:00 pm**

**Starting January 6, 2026! Village Church on Mission Rd.**

Grief is a natural, complex response to loss—and no two experiences are the same. This monthly group provides a compassionate, confidential space to share, listen and heal alongside others who understand. Facilitated by therapist **Ryan Speed, LMSW**, the group offers support, reflection and practical tools for navigating the emotional and spiritual challenges of grief.

Here is a link for info about Ryan: <https://www.prairieskycc.org/ryanspeed>

Village Presbyterian Church  
6641 Mission Rd. Room 232  
Prairie Village, KS 66208

## ABOUT TOWN

**PRECIOUS BLOOD RENEWAL CENTER - TAKE A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN 2026**

January 8 from 6:30– 8:00 pm, in person and by Zoom

**Presented by Nancy Seibolt and Marianne McCormally**

Based on the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, Ignatian spirituality insists that God is present in our world and active in our lives. It is a pathway to deeper prayer, good decisions guided by keen discernment and active life of service to others. To

register, go to: <https://www.pbrenewalcenter.org/events/teach-us-to-pray/>.



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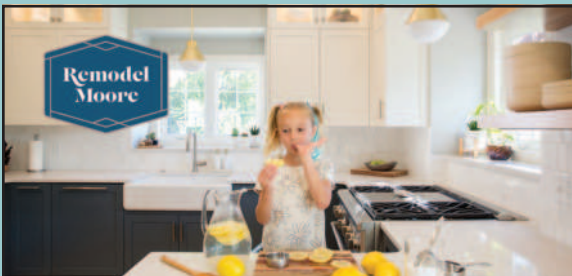
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