

VISITATION PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 18, 2026



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, Friday..... 8:15 am
Saturday..... 8:15 am

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OFFICE HOURS

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, our office will be closed on Monday, January 19.

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Over the next 2 weeks, you should receive your 2025 contribution statement. If you do not receive your statement by February 1, please contact Megan Burdolski, Director of Stewardship at 816-753-5155 x1305 or megan@visitation.org. Upon receipt, please take time to carefully review your statement and contact Megan to report any discrepancies or with any questions you may have. *Please note that many of you may receive your contribution statement via email so please check your Inbox for an email from Megan before month-end.*

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

This past week, those who submitted a photo for our new pictorial directory should have received an email with instructions for downloading our new parish directory app or viewing the directory app on your computer. Both will enable parishioners to update information and change photos at their discretion. Please reach out to Joni Chichuk (joni@visitation.org) or Megan Burdolski (megan@visitation.org) via email or by telephone to the parish office at 816-753-7422 if you need assistance utilizing the app.

At this time, only those who submitted a photo have been entered into the directory app. We will have opportunities in the coming weeks for those who did not submit a photo to become a part of the directory and app. Printed copies will be made available once we have given ample time for others to become involved, but since it is also an app, new families and updated information will be more timely for those who utilize it as an app or online.

CONFIRMATION MASS

January 24 at 10:30 am, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. See emails for more details.

WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

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ROSARY FOR THE SICK

The rosary for the sick is held on Wednesdays in the St. Joseph Chapel at 5:30 pm.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam	Tricia Melland
Rose Arroyo	Virginia Moffett
Pamela Atherton	Jack Myre
Jack Baker	Jen O'Neill
Bill Blanck, Sr.	Peggy Pruitt
Stephen Bowen	Ellie Rose
Bill Fuss	Kathy Scaglia
Ed Grownay	Gary Schafer
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Barbara Schulte
Megan Hoefer	Aimee Sesler
Margaret Howard	Sandra Sharp
Joe Irwin	Kathy Sims
William Jewell	Aaron Smith
Bryan Larson	Cenza Spadafore
Jeanne Lendabarker	Special Intention
Bob Lystad	Holly Valdivia
Scott Martens	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Thom McNamara	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; Major Thomas Raniere, Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

What an honor and a joy for Visitation to celebrate relationship with our sisters and brothers at St. Monica this weekend. To pray and sing together, to stand and walk together, to laugh, cry and hope together, is such a privilege. To celebrate our common faith, our common humanity, our common dignity and commitment to the Reign of God is good news for all the world. We are grateful to Fr. Leonard Gicheru, Melvin Kerr, the St. Monica's choir and all St. Monica's parishioners who both join us and welcome us this weekend. May we cherish ever more that we belong to each other and bless each other. And may we appreciate how much that pleases God!



This next Saturday we celebrate Confirmation of some of our young adults at the Cathedral. We will celebrate another Confirmation on Saturday, February 7 at the Cathedral. It is exciting to think of the gifts the Holy Spirit will pour out on our young adults, gifts that will animate their lives, the life of our parish and the life of the church. Remember them in your prayers, as well as our OCIA who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

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SCHOOL AUCTION

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**MASS INTENTIONS
JANUARY 20-25**

Tuesday, January 20
6:45 am Marialice Searcy †
8:15 am Darlene Henninger †

Wednesday, January 21
6:45 am Jerry Ritchie †
8:15 am Tricia Thompson †

Thursday, January 22
6:45 am Catherine Doll †

Friday, January 23
8:15 am Mary Ann Keens-Carl †

Saturday, January 24
8:15 am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres
4:00 pm Frances Pfeifauf †

Sunday, January 25
8:00 am Peggy Donnellan †
10:30 am People of Visitation

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – JANUARY 24-25			
	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

Shelley Carney	Steve O'Neill
Bill Donath	Gary Smith
Fr. Greg Haskamp	Lucy Stella
Linda Judah	Mike Vrabac
Kristie Larson	Katie Wendel
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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

JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

"Certainly, there is a lot of ignorance on the topic of trafficking. But sometimes there also seems to be little will to understand the scope of the issue. Why? Because it touches close to our conscience; because it is thorny; because it is shameful. Then there are those at the end of the 'supply chain', as a user of the 'services' that are offered on the street or on the internet...Yes, it takes courage and honesty, when, in our daily lives we meet or deal with persons who could be victims of human trafficking, or when we are tempted to select items which may well have been produced by exploiting others. The work of raising awareness must begin at home, with ourselves, because only in this way will we be able to make our communities aware, motivating them to commit themselves so that no human being may ever again be a victim of trafficking." Pope Francis 2018

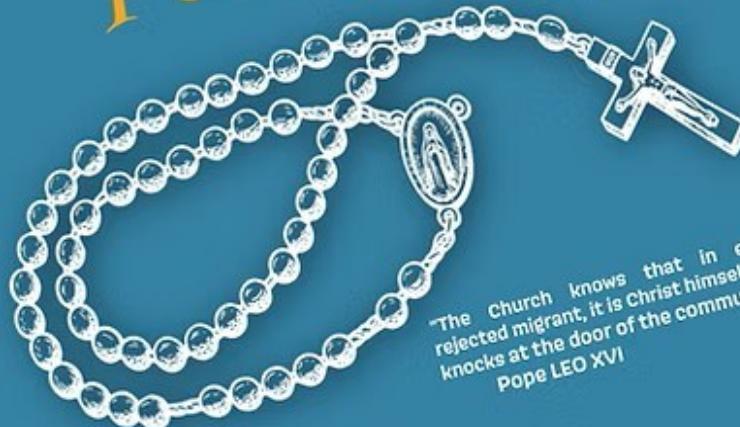


January
NATIONAL
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TRAFFICKING
PREVENTION MONTH



ABOUT TOWN

Rosary For Immigrants



"The Church knows that in every rejected migrant, it is Christ himself who knocks at the door of the community"
Pope LEO XVI

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday's
at Noon

1/28/26

2/25/26

3/25/26

4/22/26

5/27/26

WELCOME-PROTECT-PROMOTE-INTEGRATE
Join us as we PEACEFULLY pray the rosary for the end of
indiscriminate and inhumane deportations of
non-violent migrants and refugees.

LifeandJusticeKCSI.org

12:00 PM at
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SPOTLIGHTING FAITH AND LIFE AT VISITATION SCHOOL

You're Invited to Visitation's Open House

Saturday, January 24 | 10:00–12:00

Tour our school, meet our teachers, and see what learning looks like at Visitation.
Drop in anytime—children are welcome!



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10 AM - 12 PM**

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Visitation School invites prospective families to our Open House on January 24.

Meet our dedicated teachers, explore student work from every grade, and learn how our strong academics and faith formation help students thrive - K through 8th grade.



FAITH FORMATION

JANUARY 26 | SCHOOL OF RELIGION PRAYER SERVICES AND CLASSES RESUME

Did you know... Visitation's School of Religion is for ALL parish children and their households (even those attending Visitation Catholic School), offering "whole community catechesis" outside of school hours. As the children's ministry for the parish, SoR provides ongoing activities for all children and households, along with structured classes for those not attending Catholic school.

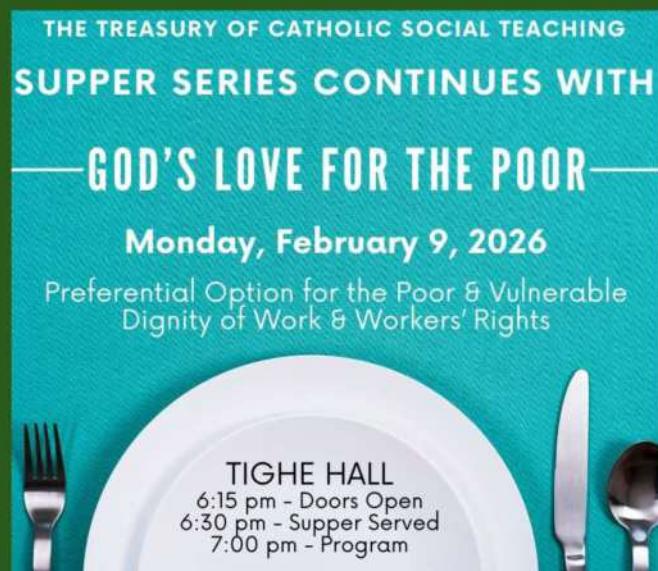
Each Monday at 5:30pm, Visitation hosts a 15-minute, kid-friendly prayer service in the St. Joseph Chapel, open to anyone. These weekly prayer services are occasionally followed by a Family Dinner, guest speaker, and opportunities for family-friendly service projects. Come join us!

For students not attending Catholic School, SoR also offers the following classes:

- K-1st Graders: Introduction to Jesus and his teachings
- 3rd-5th Graders: Introduction to the Catholic Church and her teachings
- Sacrament classes for 2nd and 6th Graders

SoR Vision: Support the Domestic Church | Make Disciples of Jesus | Encourage Servant Leadership | Reinforce A Catholic Identity

For more information, please contact Teresa Albright: teresa@visitation.org



FEBRUARY 9 | SUPPER SERIES SESSION 4: GOD'S LOVE FOR THE POOR

Join us on February 9 for a community dinner followed by a panel discussion that explores two Catholic Social Teaching principles: "Preferential Option for the Poor" and "Dignity of Work & Worker's Rights." This event will be facilitated by Visitation Pastoral Associate Karen Miller, with a group of panelists that will include parishioners Rebecca Welsh and Linda Hughes.

All are welcome. Come be nourished in body, mind, and spirit.

Next Event: Monday, February 9 in Tighe Hall

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS DURING EASTER SEASON | SPRING BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Spring Bible Study series for adults. Facilitated by Pastoral Minister, Teresa Albright (MA, Boston College), these thought-provoking and engaging Bible study sessions will include video teachings, guided group discussion of key scriptural passages, and thoughtful reflection and study.

Sessions will take place Wednesday evenings during the Easter season. Stay tuned for more information!

FAITH FORMATION TEAM MISSION: REMEMBERING + CONNECTING + RESPONDING

The mission of the Faith Formation Team is to foster an awareness of God in our daily lives; to renew connections and understandings of the Catholic tradition and doctrine; to respond to current events within the context of faith; and in doing all, to provide a sense of welcome and belonging to this Catholic faith community.

PASTORAL CARE

FAITH & GRIEF GATHERINGS IN TIGHE HALL WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT 12:00 NOON



Speaker: Sue Ellermeier

A Good Death

Sue will share her experiences during the short illness and death of her husband, Gary. Specifically, she will share how her late husband and their family were able to say goodbye and find comfort in their experiences.

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



RESPECT LIFE

9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA

The 9 Days for Life Novena is for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Go to: <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-daily-prayers>.

Did you Know: This Thursday, January 22, the Church observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance.

Not sure how to observe this day of prayer and penance? Pick from the ideas below or offer some other prayer or sacrifice that you feel called to do.



- Go to Mass
- Abstain from meat
- Pray the [Divine Mercy Chaplet](https://www.usccb.org/prayers/chaplet-divine-mercy) - go to: <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/chaplet-divine-mercy>
- Fast
- Pray a decade of [the Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) - go to: <https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>
- Give up TV and movies for the day
- Offer [A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament](#)
- Sacrifice some of your free time to do a small act of service for someone else.

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 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 for more information.



Tables for Two

— VALENTINE'S DINNER FOR MARRIED COUPLES —

- Join us for Tables for Two, a special Valentine's dinner designed to help married couples slow down, connect, and enjoy meaningful conversation.
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- in a relaxed, welcoming setting.

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Tighe Hall

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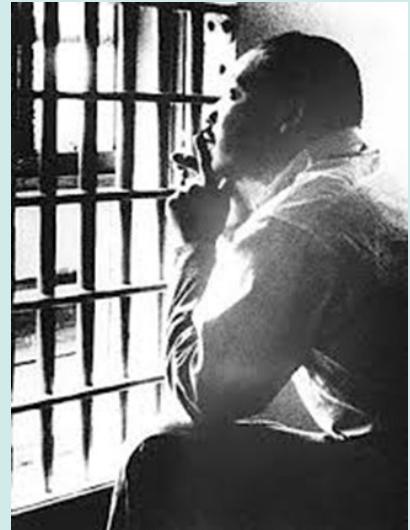
RACIAL JUSTICE

JOIN US ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19 AT 7:00 PM IN THE NAVE FOR THE DRAMATIC READING OF THE LETTER FROM A BIRMINGHAM JAIL

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. passionately appealed to common Christian morals and values in his famous **Letter from a Birmingham Jail**. Addressed to Alabama clergy calling for King and other civil rights advocates to moderate and apply patience in their quests for equality, King expertly uses biblical and historical text to build the case for unconditional equality and freedom for African Americans.

Join the Visitation Racial Justice Committee for a dramatic reading of Letter from a Birmingham Jail on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 19 at 7:00 pm in the church. Hearing and reflecting on these works on an annual basis is an important way to both honor King's legacy and gain renewed spiritual grounding in the word of justice.

This years' readers are:



• Marie Effertz	• Jenny Evett	• Michael Garrett
• Tighe Greenhalgh	• Melissa Lising	• Will Fanning
• Mark Thompson	• Fr. Greg Haskamp	• Kara Farren

*Scenes from
Visitation's 2025
Reading from
a Birmingham Jail*

