

VISITATION PARISH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 1, 2026



THE SEASON OF LENT

- ‡ **Pray** ~ Our St. Joseph and Blessed Sacrament chapels, and our church nave are open during the day for personal prayer. On Mondays, they remain open until 6:30 pm for parish children and their families. After the weekday 8:15 am Mass, the Rosary is prayed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. On Wednesday, there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the St. Joseph Chapel from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm.
- ‡ **Fast and abstain** ~ Persons between the ages of 18 and 59 are asked to keep a simple fast (one full meal plus two smaller meals that together do not equal one full meal and no snacking) on Good Friday. Persons over the age of 14 are asked to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays of Lent.
- ‡ **Give Alms** ~ Opportunities for generosity include: Rice Bowl (benefits Catholic Relief Services) throughout the season; Catholic Relief Services Collection (overseas emergency aid) on the March 14-15 weekend; and the Good Friday Collection on April 3 (benefits Christians in the Holy Land).

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

MEN'S CRHP RETREAT—there is still time to join!

To register for the Men's CRHP retreat go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/menscrhp2026>



2026 -2027 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Visitation School enrollment for the 2026-2027 academic year is now open. If you did not receive an enrollment link in your email yet, please contact Megan Burdolski at 816-753-5155 x1305 or megan@visitation.org. Enrollment will close at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, March 25. A late fee will be assessed to those enrolling after March 25. If you have questions regarding enrollment, reach out to Megan.

CRS RICE BOWL- RICE BOWLS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. PLEASE TAKE ONE!

The holy season of Lent is a special time of personal and spiritual growth. It's a time to reflect deeply on ourselves and others. The spiritual pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving guide us as we strengthen our relationship with God and our neighbors. Through prayer, we consider the challenges faced by the world's most vulnerable people and how God is calling us to respond. By fasting, we let go of our desire for material things, making room to understand the needs of others more deeply and allowing the Holy Spirit to work within us. When we give alms, we do it thoughtfully and with compassion toward our sisters and brothers. Visit www.crsricebowl.org/change-lives to learn more.

OUR SYMPATHY

The parish offers prayers and sympathy to Erika Sweeney and Katherine Gard on the death of their husband and father, Kevin Sweeney; to Mary Baker, on the death of her husband, Jack Baker; and to Ruth and Steve Quirarte, on the death of their daughter and sister, Mary.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam	Virginia Moffett
Pamela Atherton	Jack Myre
Bill Blanck, Sr.	Jen O'Neill
Stephen Bowen	Peggy Pruitt
Vincent DeCoursey	Ellie Rose
Bill Fuss	Kathy Scaglia
Ed Growney	Gary Schafer
Sandy Handley	Barbara Schulte
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Aimee Sesler
Millie Hart	Sandra Sharp
Margaret Howard	Kathy Sims
William Jewell	Aaron Smith
Bryan Larson	Stacy Smith
Jeanne Lendabarker	Genza Spadafore
Bob Lystad	Special Intention
Scott Martens	Holly Valdivia
Thom McNamara	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Tricia Melland	Dave Wittrock
	Tracy Zinn

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

CONFIRMATION MAKE-UP
MONDAY, APRIL 27 AT 7:00 PM AT THE
CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

One of the primary themes of Lent is repentance. We practice and celebrate that in various ways with our resolutions, but we also celebrate it sacramentally. Our liturgies throughout the season highlight that theme, and with some increased opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we practice the repentance we hope to live. Over the past several years, attendance at communal penance services has declined dramatically. So in place of that service, we will celebrate individual Confessions on a couple of Wednesday evenings, specifically March 11 & 25 from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. We will proceed on those evenings just as we do with Saturday afternoon Confessions. I will be in the Confessional behind the screen, and individual penitents can choose to celebrate the Sacrament face to face or from behind the screen. We might also invite another priest to be available one of those nights so you will have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament with a different priest. And as is true on Saturdays, try to keep the celebration on the briefer side, given the potential for a line to form. If you do need or desire a longer conversation, it's best to schedule an appointment. And don't worry if you don't have the Act of Contrition memorized! Feel free to bring a copy of it or access it on your phone.



I hope Lent has begun as a time of grace!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

PARISH DIRECTORY

If you missed out last year and would like to be included in our new parish directory, the time is now! Last month, we launched our new directory app and there's plenty of room for those who have not yet participated. To be part of the directory, send your name and

email to Joni Chichuk at joni@visitation.org. You will be sent a link to download the directory to your phone and/or access it on your computer. You will have 30 days following receipt of Joni's email to complete your profile in the directory. All parish members are encouraged to join us!

BE PART OF OUR NEW DIRECTORY



**MASS INTENTIONS
MARCH 3-8**

Tuesday, March 3

6:45 am Michael Messina †
8:15 am Bill Harte †

Wednesday, March 4

6:45 am Frances Wallace †
8:15 am Mike Frechin †

Thursday, March 5

6:45 am Mae Brown †

Friday, March 6

8:15 am Pat Keens †

Saturday, March 7

8:15am Ted Derks †
4:00 pm Pat Keens †

Sunday, March 8

8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Thomas McGee Sr †

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – MARCH 7-8

ALTAR SERVERS

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4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

K. King CJ Dimond Conrad Dimond	T. Wagner D. Kobler A. Dickmeyer	A. Schilling E. Cessor M. Watts
D. Bruegging J. Call sub req. Keith Connor Kevin Connor A. Coppage S. Coster A. Eckels T. Egan J. Waldrup L. Waters K. Wiedeman	P. Fanning K. Larson R. Larson J. Mitchell M. Mitchell A. Richards A. Schaaf C. Schorgl K. Strauss A. Thompson Mark Thompson	J. Johnson T. McCray T. McGhie L. Meyers G. O'Brien J. Olivas K. Osbern A. Smith A. Sonnenberg N. Spachman C. Spaeth
J. Evett E. Haines	T. Dakan E. Greim	B. Nelson
M. Evett T. Hellhake A. Holewinski	M. Dakan M. Wagner NOT FILLED	R. Lang J. Swafford NOT FILLED
C. Ruiz	J. Reboulet	D. Tietjen

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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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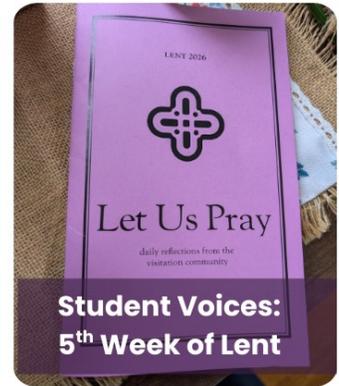
Virtue Reflections



Gift Bearers



Lectors



Student Voices: 5th Week of Lent

Junior Disciples Leading Through Faith and Service

This year, Visitation introduced an inspiring new program for the 2025–26 school year: Junior Disciples. Led by our amazing Christy Powers, the program invites students to step more deeply into leadership through faith.

Students were nominated by their teachers based on the ShamROCK virtues we strive to live each day - responsibility, obedience, courage, and kindness. These students have embraced the opportunity to lead not only in the classroom, but at the heart of our school: the liturgy.

Junior Disciples host Mass on Faith Family days and lead the following Monday Morning Prayer. They step in wherever there is a need - serving as greeters, lectors, gift bearers, and even sharing virtue reflections. Members also make a commitment to attend and participate in weekend Mass, modeling active and joyful participation beyond the school day.

By rotating through the various roles of the liturgy, students are gaining a deeper understanding of the Mass and growing in confidence as leaders. Their example is already making a meaningful impact on our school community.

Junior Disciples is strengthening the spiritual life of our school in visible and meaningful ways, and we are grateful for the students - and for Mrs. Powers - who are helping lead the way.



SOCIAL CONCERNS

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY TEAM MISSION STATEMENT: To build Catholic communities of faith where our Catholic Social Teaching is integral, not optional; where social ministry is the work of every believer, not just the mission of a few people or committees.

THE 4TH ANNUAL CPR CLASS FOR HEART HEALTH MONTH was held on Saturday morning and 12 people came and learned this new life-saving skill. Jenny Evett one of the attendees said,

“I had a great experience with the CPR training class at Vis. The class was very engaging and the instructor was not only funny and approachable but clearly very knowledgeable due to her work experience in the hospital. She was able to share real life experiences and explain things in a way that was easy to understand. I definitely recommend everyone learn this skill and I’m very grateful this class was offered at Visitation.”

Please plan to join us next year for this free opportunity!



FINANCIAL

January Contribution Income showed a strong rebound and came in ahead of budget for the month by \$228,622 or 20.11%.

Other Income, which includes ministries, program fees, miscellaneous one-time donations, school tuition, registration fees, and before- and after-care fees – fell short of budget by \$4,132.

Despite this variance, Total Operating Income reflected a budget surplus of \$224,491 for the month.

Parish expenses in January were higher than budget by \$85,795.

The combined impact of these operating variances resulted in a Parish Net Budget Surplus of \$138,696 for the month.

Extraordinary Income for January exceeded budget by \$449,375, driven primarily by donations received for the Shared Vision Capital Campaign. There were no extraordinary expenses recorded for the month, resulting in a Net Parish Surplus of \$589,871.

YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD) PARISH FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Contribution Income is now ahead of budget by \$180,763 (4.7%). Other Income is ahead of budget by \$467,882 (46.4%), resulting in an Operating Income budget surplus of \$648,645.

YTD Operating Expenses are over budget by \$189,651 (3.3%), resulting in a Parish Net Operating budget surplus of \$458,994.

Extraordinary Income is over budget by \$5,469,604, of which \$5,467,044 is attributable to donations for the Shared Vision Capital Campaign. Extraordinary Expenses total \$90,092 fiscal year-to-date, resulting in a Net Non-Operational Surplus of \$5,379,512 and a Total Net Parish Surplus of \$5,838,506 year-to-date.

PRIOR YEAR COMPARISON

Compared to the same period in fiscal year 2024–2025: Contribution Income is higher by \$211,184 and Other Income is higher by \$739,947. This results in a Total Operating Income increase of \$951,131 compared to the prior year.

Parish Expenses are higher than last year by \$140,463, producing an overall YTD surplus of \$810,669 compared to the same period last fiscal year.

	Month of January 2026		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 1,365,433	\$ 1,136,810	\$ 228,622
Other Income	\$ 32,729	\$ 36,861	\$ (4,132)
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,398,162	\$ 1,173,671	\$ 224,491
Operating Expense	\$ 602,991	\$ 517,196	\$ (85,795)
Net	\$ 795,171	\$ 656,475	\$ 138,696
Extraordinary Income	\$ 450,275	\$ 900	\$ 449,375
Extraordinary Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Net Non-Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 450,275	\$ 900	\$ 449,375
Total Net Parish Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,245,446	\$ 655,575	\$ 589,871

	Fiscal YTD (July-January)		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 3,370,115	\$ 3,189,352	\$ 180,763
Other Income	\$ 1,542,410	\$ 1,074,529	\$ 467,882
Total Operating Income	\$ 4,912,526	\$ 4,263,881	\$ 648,645
Operating Expense	\$ 3,795,894	\$ 3,606,242	\$ (189,651)
Net	\$ 1,116,632	\$ 657,638	\$ 458,994
Extraordinary Income	\$ 5,475,504	\$ 5,900	\$ 5,469,604
Extraordinary Expense	\$ 90,092	\$ 10,500	\$ 79,592
Total Net Non-Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 5,385,412	\$ (16,400)	\$ 5,401,812
Total Net Parish Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 6,502,044	\$ 641,238	\$ 5,860,805

	Fiscal YTD This	Fiscal YTD Last	Difference
	Year	Year	
Contribution Income	\$ 3,370,115	\$ 3,158,931	\$ 211,184
Other Income	\$ 1,542,410	\$ 802,463	\$ 739,947
Total Operating Income	\$ 4,912,526	\$ 3,961,394	\$ 951,131
Operating Expense	\$ 3,795,894	\$ 3,655,431	\$ (140,463)
Net	\$ 1,116,632	\$ 305,963	\$ 810,669

PASTORAL CARE

FAITH & GRIEF GATHERING



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Speaker: Lisa Woolery

What is it like seven years later?

When your beloved first dies, many widows feel as though life is over and joy is gone forever. In many ways, your old life truly did end. But healing does come. Lisa will share what life and hope look like seven years into widowhood.

Visit faithandgrief.org or scan the QR code to RSVP for a gathering and learn more about all our grief programs online and in-person.

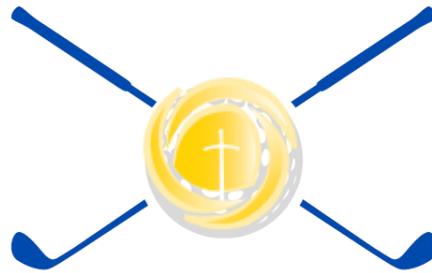


Wednesday, March 4
12:00 Noon
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Gathering offered on the following
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SWING FORE SETON

Monday, June 29th

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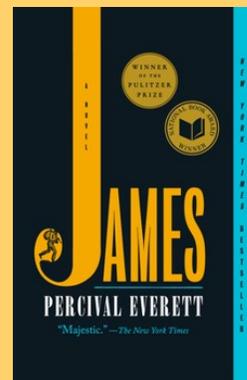
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RACIAL JUSTICE



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A BOOK DISCUSSION ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 25 AT 7:00 PM IN TIGHE HALL. JAMES BY PERCIVAL EVERETT

Mandy Ketchum and Kristin Kratoofil will lead the discussion for the VIS Racial Justice Committee. Get a copy and take it with you on spring break - or carve out some time at home to read this 2025 Pulitzer prize winning book. It's creative and powerful - but not a long read. So have at it - and come on March 25 to share your insights and explore your questions.



GOLDEN SHAMROCKS



potLuck of the Irish

Tuesday, March 17 12:00 Noon Tighe Hall

Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share - meat & beverages provided by the parish. After lunch, we will fill Easter eggs for the Visitation MOYC Hop into Holy Week. In lieu of our free-will offering, please bring a bag of small wrapped candy that will fit inside Easter eggs.

RSVP to 816-753-7422.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



VISITATION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS



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FAITH FORMATION

BETWEEN THE MASSES SMALL LENTEN GROUP

Are you interested in participating in a Small Lenten Group this year? Join the Faith Formation Team between the Masses each Sunday during Lent! This group is open to anyone and everyone, and there is no need to register. Just show up!

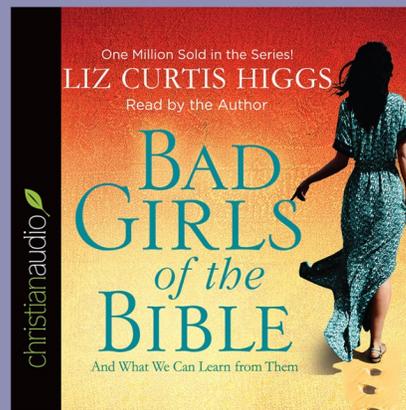
Every Sunday during Lent | 9:15am - 10:15am | Retreat Room

YOUNG WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

Calling young women ages 21-35! Beginning Monday, March 2, Visitation's Faith Formation Ministry will be hosting a bi-weekly Small Group for Young Women. This group is intended to provide time and space for sharing faith and life in a fun, social setting. Topics and themes will evolve with the group, but the first discussion topic will center on the book *Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them*, by Liz Curtis Higgs (available in print, Kindle, or Audiobook format on Amazon).

Every other Monday, beginning March 2 | 6:30 pm

Contact Angela Bergner at bergner.angela@yahoo.com to learn more and to sign up!



FAITH FORMATION IN ACTION | OCIA RITE OF ELECTION

This past weekend, our OCIA Elect and Candidates at Visitation participated in the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, joining hundreds of others in our diocese who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Please hold Annie, Bridget, Cole, Jack, Jenney, Joe, Joey, and Jordan in your prayers as they move closer to the Easter Sacraments.



MARCH 30 | SUPPER SERIES SESSION 5: GOSPEL VALUE OF INCLUSION

At our fifth Supper Series event focused on Catholic Social Teaching, we will explore two principles: "Call to Family, Community, and Participation" and "Rights and Responsibilities." In this session, we'll hear from a panel of speakers, including Steve O'Neill & Don Lueke, about their experiences supporting ministries and committees that embody the value of inclusion. Come be nourished in mind, body and spirit.

Next Event: Monday, March 30 in Tighe Hall | 6:15 pm - Doors Open | 6:30 pm - Dinner Served | 7:00 pm - Program

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. **Stay tuned for more information!**