# Visitation Parish Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 17, 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, Thursday6:45 am |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:15 am  |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 8:15 am                    |  |  |  |  |

#### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# **PARISH STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES**

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.



# REGISTER FOR PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN 4.0 WORKSHOP ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 FROM 6:30 - 9:30 PM IN TIGHE HALL

You need this course! There are so many opportunities to volunteer at the school or the parish. If you want to volunteer with children - this includes helping with lunches, being a room mom or dad, volunteering in the nursery, with school of religion or Vacation Bible School, etc., this workshop is required. Please read the information here completely: The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph REQUIRES all parish and school employees and volunteers who work with children (school and childcare volunteers, coaches, chaperones, SOR teachers, youth ministers, sacristans and **Confirmation leaders**) to take this workshop, register for a background check, sign an Ethics and Integrity in Ministry statement and take the on-line Mandated Reporter course. If you plan to volunteer with children in the parish or the school, please complete these requirements. Register online at www.virtus.org. Click on registration, then select the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO. You may expect to spend up to 2 hours completing this process. If you have any questions, please call Janet Ridder at 816-381-6910.

# WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

#### **WEDDINGS**

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Cole Wright & Caroline Williams, who were married on August 10.

#### **OUR SYMPATHY**

The parish extends our sympathy to Mary Widmer on the death of her husband, Rick Kochuyt.

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

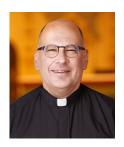
#### FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 6
On Alert: Team # 7

# **PASTOR'S CORNER**

Dear Parishioners,

As we are seated after the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass, a lot happens! The focal point of the liturgical action shifts from Ambo to Altar. The preparation song or music begins, facilitating a prayerful transition to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Altar Servers and Sacristan set the Altar with Missal, water cruet, chalices and purificators in anticipation of the Preparation of Gifts. The Ushers proceed with the collection at the same time. The collection represents our stewardship as people of faith who are grateful to God for abundant blessings, who trust God to continue to provide and who own a particular mission as a parish community.



As the collection concludes and gift bearers stand at the back of the center aisle, the priest presider walks to the front of the Altar, met there by Sacristan and one Altar Server. The gifts are brought forward by members of the Assembly, on behalf of the Assembly, presenting bread, wine and collection as symbols of our self-giving back to God. The priest offers the gifts, elevated slightly above the Altar, through the Berakah Prayers (which we have borrowed from the Jewish Tradition). These prayers are either spoken or offered silently, and bless God as the giver of the gifts we offer and who will bring us life through them. As the wine is poured into the additional chalices at this point, the priest bows, prays silently, then turns for the hand washing, symbolizing his and the entire Assembly's need for the cleansing of God's mercy.

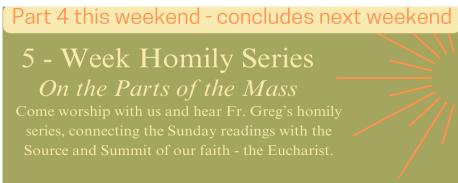
Once music concludes, handwashing is complete and wine is poured into chalices, the Assembly stands and the priest prays the Prayer over the Gifts. This prayer directs our attention to the Altar and to the action that follows. The Preface is then prayed, beginning with the Preface Dialogue ("The Lord Be With You." "And With Your Spirit.") The Preface sets the tone for the Eucharistic Prayer to come. The Preface is dictated by the season in which the Mass takes place. There are special prefaces for Advent, Lent, Christmas and Easter, as well as for Ordinary Time. When the Preface concludes, we once again sing with the Angels the "Holy, Holy," an acclamation of praise and thanksgiving.

We kneel after the Holy, Holy and the priest begins the Eucharistic Prayer. There are four standard versions of this prayer, along with two for Reconciliation and several more for Special Needs and Occasions. The Eucharistic Prayer is one of thanksgiving during which we offer our gifts of bread and wine to God, who, in turn, bestows blessing on them by the power of the Holy Spirit and returns them to us as the Body and Blood of Christ. We pray the words of institution which Jesus spoke at the Last Supper, consecratory words that bestow his real presence. And as we are gathered around the Altar, we offer ourselves as a sacrifice of thanksgiving, made one body and one spirit in Christ. Throughout the prayer, we sing acclamations, thus continuing the dialogue, the call and response that promote full, conscious, active participation, culminating in a great Amen!

We stand and pray the Our Father together as an act of praise, trust and petition, followed by a prayer asking God to sustain as we await the second coming of Christ. The sign of peace expresses our oneness around the Altar and highlights the presence of Christ in our midst. We hope that peace will emanate from us as the Body of Christ and bless the human family and all of creation.

Peace,

Fr. Greg



# **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**



# **PASTORAL CARE**

# Faith & Grief™

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# 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.

Register at www.faithandgrief.org.



# Our weekend Program is a

transformative opportunity for couples to reconnect, restore, and renew their marriage. During this intensive experience, you'll learn new skills and make lasting changes that can strengthen your relationship for years to come

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WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 26-28

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# **SCHOOL**

#### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED

The Visitation Athletic Committee is currently seeking interested volunteers to coach girls volleyball, including non-parent coaches for the upper grades, for the upcoming season. The season runs from mid-August to mid-November. If you are interested in volleyball, and enjoy working



with kids, please consider this very rewarding opportunity. Please contact Jodi Dickmeyer at jodi.schreurs@gmail.com or 402-990-6035 for more information.

# MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 19-24

# Tuesday, August 19

6:45 am Phyllis Taylor † 8:15 am Sherrie Operle †

# Wednesday, August 20

6:45 am Ann King Dickinson † 8:15 am Robert Lester †

# Thursday, August 21

6:45 am Lorraine Boucher †

# Friday, August 22

8:15 am Peggy McCoy †

# Saturday, August 23

8:15am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres 4:00 pm People of Visitation

# Sunday, August 24

8:00 am Florence Farley † 10:30 am Ann Dickinson †

|               | MINISTRY SCHEDULE – AUGUST 23-24 |                   |              |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| /ERS          | 4:00 PM                          | 8:00 AM           | 10:30 AM     |
| ALTAR SERVERS | C. Welsh                         | C. McCoy          | A. Wittrock  |
|               | V. Hudgens                       | D. Kobler         | H. Arthur    |
|               | E. Hudgens                       | C. Thompson       | M. Hagenhoff |
| LECTORS E MS  | J. Call                          | P. Clarke         | A. Adams     |
|               | Keith Connor                     | J. Colombo        | A. Bergner   |
|               | P. Fanning                       | V. Coppinger      | C. Fryer     |
|               | K. Hughes                        | D. Devine         | J. Goeke     |
|               | M. Innes sub req.                | J. Grego          | J. Goeke     |
|               | M. Kirwan                        | F. Lester         | T. Mayer     |
|               | M. O'Neill                       | J. McGee sub req. | T. McCray    |
|               | S. Otto                          | G. Smith          | L. McLiney   |
|               | A. Thompson                      | A. Sonnenberg     | G. O'Brien   |
|               | M.J. Thompson                    | K. Strauss        | J. Olivas    |
|               | L. Waters                        | M. Widmer         | A. Smith     |
|               | Mark Thompson                    | B. Winget         | D. Schoening |
|               | L. Keens                         | M. Heckman-Crowe  |              |
| SACR. USHERS  | D. Burke                         | C. Schorgl        | K. Maginn    |
|               | L. Burke                         | NOT FILLED        | T. Ritchie   |
|               | NOT FILLED                       | NOT FILLED        | NOT FILLED   |
|               | B. Truta                         | B. Truta          | S. Mayer     |

# **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.





No cost to attend!
Wednesday, August 27th

# **Church of the Nativity**

Mass at 5pm, dinner to follow.

There will be a 50/50 CASH Raffle and Retro Music BINGO after dinner

please RSVP by Monday,

August 25th

check out our website! https://ladiesofcharitykc.org/

signupforlocevents@gmail.com

# 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 <a href="mailto:latrice.murry@kcmothersincharge.org">latrice.murry@kcmothersincharge.org</a>.

# **RACIAL JUSTICE**



School starts this week at Visitation. There is time for one more summer gift. Be you a parent or grandparent-use the time on Monday (it's open til 3:00 pm) or Tuesday afternoon to visit the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum <a href="https://www.nlbm.com/visit/">https://www.nlbm.com/visit/</a> at 18th and Vine.

Or make it a weekend visit as the school year begins.

The NLBM recreates the look, sounds and feel of the game's storied past. Take in the movie that begins the tour and let the movie illustrate the basic history and experiences of the Negro League in way that children can grasp.

Walk through the museum and help them absorb a fact or two, a picture or two, and explore the cases that house the uniforms worn by the athletes of the NL. Walk through the replica of the playing field and renew familiarity with the stars of this league. And as you do, honor the courage of these talented players as they persisted in playing a game they loved - and eventually succeeded in integrating American

baseball. It is a story that is worth remembering.

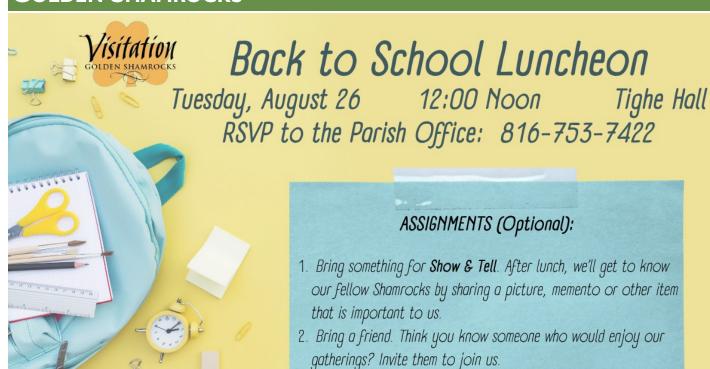
A recent visit of grandchildren prompted a real life experience of shadowing kids through this museum. It is not always apparent what a 6 and 8 year old "get", but there is plenty to see and think about as a way of planting seeds to learn more.

Finally, the NLBM is certainly not for children only. Packed with information that requires multiple visits to fully appreciate it all, this Kansas City treasure can be visited over and over again. So if you have never visited - get it on your calendar. And if it's been a while—take the time to renew your understanding of all that is means to our city –and our country.





# GOLDEN SHAMROCKS



# **FAITH FORMATION**

# 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 implement 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.



# 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.

#### The process is for...

- Those never baptized who want to learn more about Catholicism.
- Those baptized in another Christian Church who want to learn more about becoming Catholic
- Those baptized as a Catholic who have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation

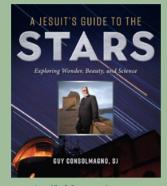
Currently scheduling "Inquirer Interviews" through August. Contact Teresa Albright in the parish office at teresa@visitation.org.

# School of Religion 2025-2026

School of Religion is a subcommittee of the parish Faith Formation Ministry Team and offers religious and community opportunities for parish children and their whole household. Weekly classes are available for children in Kindergarten - 6th grade on Monday evenings from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.



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# VIS BOOK CLUB + SEASON OF CREATION

This year's Season of Creation will kick off with a Book Club, featuring Guy Consolmoagno's new book *A Jesuit's Guide to the Stars: Exploring Wonder, Beauty, and Science.* Meetings will take place weekly during the Season of Creation, which runs from Sept. 1 through Oct. 4, culminating in an evening Mass, hike, and stargazing event at Powell Observatory in Louisburg, KS.

#### **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 (details to come)

# SAVE THE DATES! FOR FULL CALENDAR, GO TO VISONMAIN

- 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!

# SOCIAL CONCERNS

# **VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE (August 2025)**

We want to thank everyone who has contributed furniture, household items and money for our refugee efforts. The committee has been busy collecting furniture and household items, assisting with medical and dental appointments, enrolling in schools and assisting with green card applications.

We are working with three refugee families: the Contreras family from Honduras, and the Kachumba and Amuri families, both originally from Democratic Republic of Congo, but more recently from Nyarugusu refugee camp in Tanzania.

The Contrerases and their four young children moved to a new apartment closer to Visitation, where the father,



Ascende Amura and Children

Miguel, now works as a school custodian. Please say hello when you see him in the halls of Visitation! Miguel is learning English and is a very hard worker. The mother, Karla, is studying for the driver's license and hopes to find a job in the months ahead. In the meantime, the committee is assisting with babysitting and transportation to and from numerous health appointments.

Since 2023, our team has been assisting the large Kachumba family with all aspects of life in America. The patriarch and matriarch, Awaya and Lusia, have seven living adult children. Two daughters and their children currently live with Awaya and Lusia, along with one adult son who moved in with them last year. One daughter and her children recently moved from their house to Kentucky and another son lives in Lawrence, Kansas. Two additional daughters and their children are still in the refugee camp in Tanzania. Awaya and Lusia are Catholic and enjoy attending Mass at Visitation. Transportation and learning English are the biggest challenges for the Kachumba adults, but three adults are employed. The kids are doing well and learning English at an amazing pace. We will be assisting three school age kids with school supplies and clothes in the next few weeks.

The newest addition to our refugee family is Asende Amuri, mother of 5, who came to the US in 2016 but only recently moved to Kansas City. She is Awaya Kachumba's niece and moved to KC from Michigan for a job opportunity at a manufacturer in Parkville. Visitation members helped furnish her two-bedroom apartment near Independence Ave. We are working actively to help her with pediatric appointments, school enrollment and monthly household needs. She is gracious and so thankful for our assistance.

The challenges that these families face can be daunting, but their resilience and enduring hope for the future is inspiring. Walking hand-in-hand with all of them as they transition to life in the United States has been an amazing experience for our team - and only possible due to the generosity of our Visitation community. Thank you again - and please don't hesitate to reach out to us with questions or ideas.

Karen Miller in the church office, Laura Crowe crowelaura 70@gmail.com and Julie McFarland jmcfarlandkc@gmail.com

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.

# **SOCIAL CONCERNS**



#### SISTER PARISH

The 11th annual Ride For Madre will be on **Friday**, **August 22**. We'd love to have you join us as a rider or supporter. The ride will take place in the **late afternoon**. Here's the tentative schedule:

- •20-mile ride starting around 3:00 pm
- •10-mile ride starting around 4:00 pm

Both rides will end with a celebration at Crane Brewery in Raytown at approximately 5:00 pm.

Your support in the past has generated over \$80,000 for our sister parish and has meant so much. We would truly appreciate your support again this year. You can donate on the online giving tab of the parish website or with a check payable to Visitation (put Ride For Madre in the comments).

# **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.

# **BLOOD DRIVE**



Wednesday, August 27 1:00-6:00 pm Tighe Hall

Register online at www.savealifenow.org/group Use Group Code: VH



# CONFIRMATION

#### **CONFIRMATION**

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

This means we will have all the formation in the fall. Programming will begin mid-August; please look for the mailed invite sent to your student.

# 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.



# 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.

# An Evening of Conversation for Parents with Bishop Johnston on The Way

All sessions will begin at 6:30 pm and will conclude at 8:00 pm.

- Monday, August 25th:
   Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph
- Thursday, August 28th:
   Visitation, Kansas City
- Wednesday, September 3rd: St. Thomas More, Kansas City
- Thursday, September 11th: St. James, Liberty
- Wednesday, September 17th:
   St. John Francis Regis, Kansas City (Spanish)
- Thursday, September 18th:
   Our Lady of the Presentation, Lee's Summit
- Wednesday, September 24th:
   St. Therese North, Parkville
- Monday, September 29th:
   Holy Rosary, Clinton

Bishop Johnston invites all parents of the diocese to join him, along with staff from the Office of Domestic Church & Discipleship, for an opportunity to discuss the elements of our diocesan vision known as *The Way: Youth to Young Adult Initiative.* 

Learn more about The Way:



kcsjcatholic.org/theway

Raising children in The Faith is a challenge, and the Church wants to help!



#### **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!