

VISITATION PARISH

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 24, 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, Thursday.....6:45 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday..... 8:15 am
Saturday..... 8:15 am

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

VISITING MISSIONARY NEXT WEEKEND

Fr. Sau Nguyen, a Scalabrinian Priest from the Missionaries of St. Charles will be in our parish next weekend August 30-31, to ask for your support of their mission in assisting migrants and refugees.

There will be a second collection following communion to assist the Scalabrinians' mission. Your support helps promote total salvation through spiritual assistance and facilitate human, social and cultural assistance, preventing the causes of evil that afflict migrants. To donate please make gifts payable to Visitation Parish. With your support, may the Scalabrinians continue to assist migrants and refugees.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – HOLY LAND

Bishop Johnston and the Church in the United States are encouraging parishes to take up a special collection to support the work of CNEWA and CRS to alleviate the suffering of the people in the Holy Land.

Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Near East Welfare Association are two agencies of our Church that are assisting those in need. The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is there providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through local Church partners to provide food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies, and care for people's emotional well-being.

Visitation will be collecting funds for this endeavor from August 20 - September 10, 2025. You may donate electronically using the QR code (at right) or via check payable to Visitation with *Holy Land* in the memo line.



WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Isabelle Wallis and Dugan Hult, who were married on August 16.

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

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,

As the homily series on the Mass concludes this weekend, we move to the Communion Rite. It begins with the Lord's Prayer in which we join our voices to pray for the coming of God's kingdom, and to ask God to provide for our needs, forgive our sins and bring us to the joy of heaven. The Rite of Peace follows. We pray that the peace of Christ will fill our hearts, our families, our Church, our communities and our world. With hope, we extend a sign of peace to those near us.



In the Fraction Rite, the consecrated bread is broken as we sing the Lamb of God. The action of breaking the bread recalls the action of Jesus at the Last Supper when he broke the bread before giving it to his disciples. It reflects our own call to self-sacrifice as his followers.

Before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, we pray "Lord I am not worthy..." The celebrant receives, distributes to the Extraordinary Ministers, then the rest of the Assembly come forward in procession. As we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we say "Amen" as a sign of our Communion with Christ and one another. As the Communion Song is sung, the unity of voices echoes the unity the Eucharist brings.

Following the Communion procession, we spend time in silent prayer of thanksgiving. There's a special quality to communal silence, especially among a people who have been fed the Bread of Life. The Communion Rite ends with the Prayer after Communion which asks that the benefits of the Eucharist remain active in our daily lives.

There is time for brief announcements, highlighting how the Mass nourishes the mission entrusted to us. The celebrant then initiates the dialogue with the assembly, "The Lord be with you," offers the final blessing and dismisses the people with one of four options. "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life" calls us to put the Eucharist into action. A song of sending reinforces our mission in faith as the Body of Christ and sends us joyfully forth.

The source and summit of our faith, Mass invites fully conscious and active participation and draws us deeper into the mystery of God with us.

Peace,

Fr. Greg



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

volunteer at the school or the
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.

You need this course! There are so many opportunities to parish. If you want to volunteer with children - this

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



Don't Forget!

Submit photo for
Visitation Directory

Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/visphoto25>

PASTORAL CARE

Faith & GriefSM

A Ministry of Compassion and Connection



**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.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish community we thank the following
Women of Vis Funeral Meal Teams: **Team #6 Captains Jennie
Egan and Amy McKenny** and their team Kristin Beerman,
Carol Crowe, Patti Dunlay, Ann Eckels, Jan Fakoury, Carol
Fryer, Erica Gaarder, Amy Perry, Ann Hodes, Shawn Keller,
Jane Kieffer, Jackie Massman, Maureen McMeel, Sharon Molloy
Barbara Mullane Karen O'Neill, Nancy Pell, Alison Ward and
Julie Cheslik.

Team #7 Captains Mary Catherine Newman, Christy Hartner,
Angela Accurso, Kristan Ammatelli, Melissa Batz, Pam Bowen
Gina Canino, Cathy Colburn, Ginger Hertenstein, Katie Levi,
Barbara Mashburn, Carrie McCausland, Louise Meyers,
AnnBeth Mulloy, Jeanne Musgrave, Jennifer Olson, Jody Olson,
Rosalyn Osborn, Christin Steffano, Katherine Taylor and
Kristina Thompson.

Team #11 Captains Kathy Diamond, Peg Ekerdt, Patty Walsh,
Molly Angold, Renae Altenhofen, Colleen Bowen, Pam Bowen,
Kristi Calkins, Amanda Chaney, Sharon Derks, Nealey
Grosdidier, Buffy Gunter, Brooke Harris, Judy Hartner, Kara
Hoolehan, Kathy Honan, Kelly Lambert, Julie McCann, Patty
McMahon, Laurie McLiney, Michelle Pal, Anne Schiavone and
Becky Selzer.

MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 26-31

Tuesday, August 26

6:45 am Michael Messina †

8:15 am Biz Greene †

Wednesday, August 27

6:45 am Drolette Wiedeman †

8:15 am Janet O'Connor †

Thursday, August 28

6:45 am Leigh Ann Zeller †

Friday, August 29

8:15 am Peggy Donnellan †

Saturday, August 30

8:15am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres

4:00 pm Sister Cecilia Stemel †

Sunday, August 31

8:00 am Ted Derks †

10:30 am People of Visitation

ALTAR SERVERS

EMS

LECTORS

SACR. USHERS

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – AUGUST 30-31

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
S. Murray E. Taylor B. Anderson	K. Westervelt G. Malter C. Bock	E. Affolter H. Affolter N. Greenhalgh
Kevin Connor T. Cotton sub req. T. Egan M. Garrett S. Garrett L. Gromowsky M. Hodes M. Lising M. Shannon D. Tietjen M. Tietjen	P. Banes K. Banes G. Bauman D. Bruegging T. Coppinger J. Grego C. Jackson M. Kirwan A. McDonald S. Miller R. Paczkowski sub req.	J. Dickmeyer K. Esslinger A. Florez M. Florez J. Johnson L. Meyers M. Roach B. Roewe C. Spaeth K. Taylor NOT FILLED
B. Nelson M. O'Neill	M. McCann J. McCann	D. Closson
M. Dro D. Winningham	C. Wagner M. Wagner	A. Barber R. Lang J. Mateski
C. Ruiz sub req.	J. Palmer	P. Ekerdt

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.





Ladies of Charity Summer Social Potluck

**Dinner hosted by members, come and learn what we do
and who we serve!**

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

signupforlocevents@gmail.com

check out our website!

<https://ladiesofcharitykc.org/>

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.

RACIAL JUSTICE



AMERICAN PUBLIC SQUARE EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 9!

DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) efforts have become a cultural and political lightning rod in recent election cycles, yet many people struggle to agree on what DEI is actually trying to accomplish. It means different things to different audiences—from HR departments to college campuses to the federal government. This program asks whether recent DEI policies in corporate and academic spaces have yielded real progress or gone too far. Was the backlash against DEI overdue, or did it set equity efforts back decades? Our panelists will explore how to empower diverse perspectives in workplaces and on campuses without virtue signaling, and how legacies of racism continue to shape and polarize conversations around DEI.

Visit the website to register for in-person or virtual attendance. <https://americanpublicsquare.org/event/dei-controversy/>.

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.

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

A graphic for a "Back to School Luncheon" for the Visitation Golden Shamrocks. The background is a light yellow-green. On the left, there is a collage of school supplies: a blue backpack, a spiral notebook, yellow scissors, pencils, a ruler, a yellow alarm clock, and paper clips. In the top left corner of the graphic is the Visitation Golden Shamrocks logo. The main text is in a large, dark blue, cursive-style font. Below the title, the date, time, and location are listed in a smaller, dark blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, there is a light blue rectangular box with a white border containing the word "ASSIGNMENTS" in bold and "Optional" in a smaller font, followed by a list of two items in a dark blue, cursive-style font.

Visitation
GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

Back to School Luncheon

Tuesday, August 26 12:00 Noon Tighe Hall

RSVP to the Parish Office: 816-753-7422

ASSIGNMENTS (Optional):

1. Bring something for **Show & Tell**. After lunch, we'll get to know our fellow Shamrocks by sharing a picture, memento or other item that is important to us.
2. Bring a friend. Think you know someone who would enjoy our gatherings? Invite them to join us.

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 embody 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.

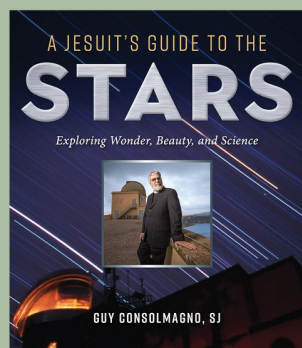
SCHOOL OF RELIGION 2025-2026

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.

Scan to Register!



S.O.R. Vision: Support the Domestic Church | Make Disciples of Jesus | Encourage Servant Leadership | Reinforce a Catholic Identity



Available on Amazon

VIS BOOK CLUB + SEASON OF CREATION

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 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 (open to all parishioners)

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!

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS

MORNING GLORY MINISTRIES

"My name is Kristi Wakat, a Visitation parishioner. I have been volunteering at the Morning Glory Cafe for several months. This ministry takes place in the basement of the Diocesan building in downtown KC. They serve breakfast to homeless people Monday through Friday. Visitation Parish has agreed to provide volunteers for this ministry on the first Thursday morning of each month. We arrive at 6:30 am and finish by 8:30 am. Typically, 100-150 guests are served each morning. The atmosphere is warm and welcoming, with an emphasis on serving guests with kindness and respect. I have found this volunteer opportunity to be very rewarding. If you have any questions about this ministry or would like to volunteer, please feel free to contact me at kristi773@gmail.com or 815-791-2021. The next volunteer opportunity is Thursday, October 2.

TACOS FOR MADRE

This year, almost \$ 2,000 was raised for our sister parish in El Salvador, and a great amount of fun was had by all who attended the delicious taco event! Thank you to everyone who made the effort to celebrate with us!



**Catholic
in Recovery**

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY provides healing from addictions and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass, liturgical themes and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayers. Confidentiality is protected. We welcome those recovering from alcohol addiction. Beginning on September 2, meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Adult Meeting Room (formerly the 3rd K classroom). For more information or with questions, contact Karen in the parish office at 816-381-6914.

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

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

SAVE A LIFE
Blood Drive
Wednesday, August 27 1:00-6:00 pm
Tighe Hall

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



CONFIRMATION

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Confirmation Date for High School and SOR 6, 7 and 8th graders:

Saturday, January 24 at 10:30 am at the Cathedral.

This means we will have all the formation in the fall. Programming for high school students begins TONIGHT—Sunday, August 24.

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. **High School registration closes on September 6.**

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*:



kcsjatholic.org/theway

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

*50th
Anniversary*

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!