

VISITATION PARISH
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 22, 2021



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 lifelong 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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday.....4:00 pm
Sunday..... 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Hearing devices are available for the hearing impaired during Sunday Mass.

Weekday Masses (St. Joseph Chapel)

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

Confessions

Saturday3:00 pm

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

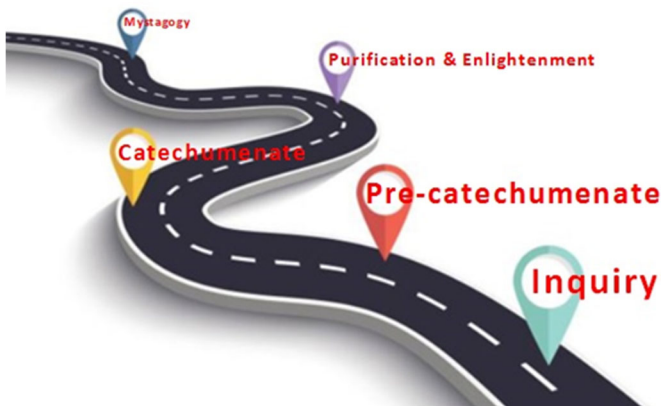
SCHOOL OF RELIGION

School of Religion classes for Kindergarten through 9th Grade begin Monday, September 13 from 5:15 – 6:15 pm.

[REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE AT WWW.VISITATION.ORG!](http://WWW.VISITATION.ORG)

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey of faith in community. To begin your journey toward Christ in the Sacraments, please contact Teresa Albright at 753-5155 x1306 or teresa@church.visitation.org to schedule an initial interview. SESSIONS BEGIN AUGUST 31, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.



WHO JOURNEYS THROUGH RCIA?

- Adults who have experienced God in their life, have begun to know Jesus, but have never been baptized.
- Adults who were baptized in the Catholic church as a child and are now asking to celebrate the remaining Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation) in the Catholic tradition.
- Baptized and unbaptized adults who were brought up in another Christian tradition and are now seeking full communion in the Catholic church through the Sacraments.
- The entire Visitation community! – our parishioners and pastor, our pastoral associates and parish staff – all journey with the RCIA through our prayers and participation. All are welcome on Tuesday nights!

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Suzanne Adams
Pamela Atherton
Barbara Kopp Atkinson
Maggie Quirarte Bates
Marilyn Frechin Blank
Dorothy Bock
Leonardo Borders
Mary Ann Brown
Mike Caraway
Marianne Carl
Beverly Cascone
Joanne Comiskey
Olivia Connealy
Jimmy Connell
Hunter Cook
Polly Donnelly
Allie May Dudenhoefter
Tom Fraley
Susie Haake
Brooke Kuechler Harris
Mike Henninger
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
Jaquie Kallman
Peg Kallman
Salva Katosang
Shirley Kempker
Marriane Kersten
Ken Krna Family
John Langle
Bryan Larson
Betsy Lazere
Jeanne Lendabarker
Anthony Lipari, Sr.
Scott Martens
Priscilla McInnes

Thomas McNamara
Tricia Melland
Birdie Mendence
Mary Montgomery
Joe Noblitt
Danny Nulton
Jennifer Olson
Maria Onate
Charles Oppenlander
Bruce Palmer
Nicholas Parscale
Leonardo Passantino
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Pat Piranio
Nicola Pistone
Peggy Pruitt
Quinn Regan
Ellie Rose
The Ryan Family
Gary Schafer
Jeff Schilling
Fran Schuetz
Barbara Schulte
Aimee Sesler
Bill Sharp
Sandra Sharp
Sharon Smart
Special Intention
Jeannie Sullivan
Peter Thompson
Tripp Thompson
Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Annabelle Whalen
Dave Wittrock
Leigh Ann Zeller

The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Major Philip Martin, Vicenza, Italy; Maj. Chris Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Maj. Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Staff Sgt. Louis Perez, San Diego, CA.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team 1 - Angela Bergner and Molly Hupke
On Alert: Team 4 - Linda Dro and Lois Roszak

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Visitation Racial Justice Committee held its August meeting at The Combine 2999 Troost (Parishioners Shannon and Jason Pryor are co-owners of the Combine. Learn more at [Exist Together @ The Combine \(thecombinekc.com\)](http://ExistTogether@TheCombine.com) to be part of a “place where people from all different sides of the Kansas City area can come together and just enjoy a beer, a slice of pizza and each other.”

Nine members of the original 19-member committee discussed subcommittee reports and plans for the fall.



- The Outreach subcommittee (now 23 members strong) focuses on participating in and sharing information on experiences of inclusion and diversity.
- The Communications subcommittee is working on website to publicize events, articles, and podcasts. This group will partner with the parish Faith Formation Team to offer opportunities to discuss and learn more about the Church document, *Open Wide Our Hearts*.
- The Education subcommittee will complete the 8-week Just Faith Racial Healing program on August 25, hosting a meeting with Eric Wesson of the Kansas City Call newspaper. This Just Faith program will be offered again in the fall, starting on Wednesday, September 22. The group is limited to 14 participants. Contact Karen Miller (Karen@church.visitation.org) if interested.
- Cristo Rey students will begin their work as teacher's aides in Visitation Grade School primary grades in late August/early September. Nancy Hesse and Mary Gigliotti are coordinating this effort.
- If you have ideas for the Vis Racial Justice Committee or would like to join a subcommittee, please email VISRJC@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 24-29

Tuesday, August 24

6:45 am Kenny Gilbert
8:15 am Karen Jansen Spring †

Wednesday, August 25

6:45 am Carol Goeke
8:15 am Florence Farley †

Thursday, August 26

6:45 am Carmen Richardson †

Friday, August 27

8:15 am Drolette Wiedeman †

Saturday, August 28

8:15 am Mary Kuhnlein †
4:00 pm People of Visitation

Sunday, August 29

8:00 am William Horseman †
10:30 am Catherine Bingert †

ABOUT TOWN

SAVE THE DATE to Remember 9/11. This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11. Join us **Thursday evening, September 9, 7:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church** for a time of prayer, reflection, remembrance and commitment to action. **Bill Tammeus**, author of “Love, Loss and Endurance: A 9/11 Story of Resilience and Hope in an Age of Anxiety” will give the reflection. Bill, former religion columnist for The Kansas Star, has written a powerful book about the personal loss his family suffered on that fateful day (his nephew was killed) and about the dangerous rise of religious extremism in our world. For more information, contact Mariann McCormally at mccormally@sfx-kc.org. To purchase a copy of the book, contact [Bill Tammeus](http://BillTammeus.com) at wtammeus@gmail.com. (Sponsored by the SFX Adult Faith Formation Committee.)

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH



Our Christ Renews His Parish

Women's (CRHP) weekend is currently scheduled for September 25-26!

The current Christ Renews women's team will be meeting this week to determine what changes may need to be made in order to accommodate a retreat in September with the current pandemic situation or whether postponement may be necessary. If you are interested in attending the next women's retreat, we encourage you to register online today at www.visitation.org. Registrants will be notified ASAP about any changes or postponements.

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

**GOLDEN SHAMROCKS
END OF SUMMER
LUNCHEON & BINGO
CANCELLED**



The Visitation Golden Shamrocks luncheon, scheduled for this Thursday, has been cancelled due to the current COVID situation. Our planning committee will meet this week to schedule an upcoming event that will not include a meal while we wait for the pandemic situation to improve. Stay tuned for details!

PARISH BOUNDARIES

State Line on the West to Oak St. on the East;
47th Street on the North to Meyer Blvd on the South

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BULLETIN DEADLINE Noon Monday

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick by appointment
Msgr. Offutt, and Chris Sanders

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital, Chris Sanders

Sacrament of Matrimony, Contact Chris Sanders to begin marriage preparation.

Sacrament of Confirmation, Youth Chris Sanders

Sacrament of Infant Baptism, Adult Confirmation and Sacraments of Initiation, *For those who wish to become Catholic.* Teresa Albright

PARISH COUNCIL 2021-2022

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Carrie Cooper 714-2380

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 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 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. 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, Carrie Cooper at 714-2380 for more information.

SISTER PARISH



7TH ANNUAL RIDE FOR MADRE- JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF CYCLING FUN!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Two course options available: 10 Miles or 20+ Miles

All participants will receive a Ride For Madre mask

Riders will leave from Chicken & Pickle in North Kansas City on Friday afternoon and will finish there for **Outdoor, Socially Distanced** beverages and celebration. To maintain social distances, a limited number of riders will be accepted and kids must be accompanied by a parent.

Funds raised will be donated to Madre for COVID relief.

GoFundMe.com/f/ride-for-madre-2021

A MINUTE WITH MADRE

My name is Edgar Francisco Preza, I am a Spanish Language teacher and I coordinate the Adult Saturday School Project.

I have worked for 24 years in the parish. In all this time, it has been satisfying to give a second chance to young people and adults who could not continue studying before.

The phrase that fills me and breaks me on many occasions are those of Matthew 8:8-9: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should come into my house, but one word from you will be enough to heal me."

In the midst of this reality, there are very few heroes to believe in and that is why mine is Jesus of Nazareth.

The holidays I enjoy the most are Christmas and New Year's because I spend it with my family. I don't have many hobbies, I just read or watch movies and detective or science fiction series.

The COVID 19 pandemic has showed me how vulnerable I am, and to cling to our Creator to ask for strength in this ordeal of pain that we had to go through.

My greatest hope is to have a more just society, so that we can offer our educational services to all young people in an environment free of violence and with projects for life that can transform their family and community reality.



SOCIAL CONCERNS

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ⇒ House of Abraham - October 7
- ⇒ Christmas in October - October 9
- ⇒ Community Cares Project - October 16

To ask questions about, or to sign up for any of these projects, please contact Karen Miller at 753-5155 x1308.

SCHOOL

Girls Volleyball Coaches Needed

The Visitation Athletic Committee is currently seeking volunteers to coach girls volleyball, particularly 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 Julie Munjak at jfmunjak@yahoo.com or 492-0700, for more information.

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August 9, 2021

Dear Members of the Visitation/St. Francis Xavier Grant Committee:

Today we joyfully received your 2021-2022 grant. Your eyes of tenderness and mercy for our little movement stirs us deeply and leave us with hearts full of inexpressible gratitude. It is stunning that you continue to contribute in spite of these very uncertain times. All of earth is in turmoil but in your outreach, we find solace. Thank you so very much!

We recently received this note from one of our mothers. I share it with you:

I moved from Dublin to the United States of America to join my husband, John, who is American. We had been married six months when I found I was expecting our first baby, a little girl. Our joy turned to sorrow when she was diagnosed while still in the womb. Leaving my home, family and all I knew, who would be the Simons and Veronicas for us? It was then we learned about Alexandra's House and it transformed our experience. With grace and love they comforted, listened, wept and prayed with us, giving without counting the cost.

Margaret Mary Bernadette was born, small, fragile and very lovely. We got to hold her and sing to her. We had her baptized and confirmed and when she died at 2 days old, she still smelled of the chrism oil. Her closeness to God was almost tangible. She died peacefully in our arms as we blessed her with our tears. All our fears of death, of what illness might do, of not being strong enough were at an end: she died, truly, a holy death.

We have walked this journey in faith and it is not that we haven't stumbled, haven't wept, haven't wished it less arduous. But we have been able to walk this through the gentle ministry of Alexandra's House.

You serve here as well in allowing us to be. Thank you, each one, so very much.

Deeply Gratefully,

Patti Lewis
Foundress - House Mother