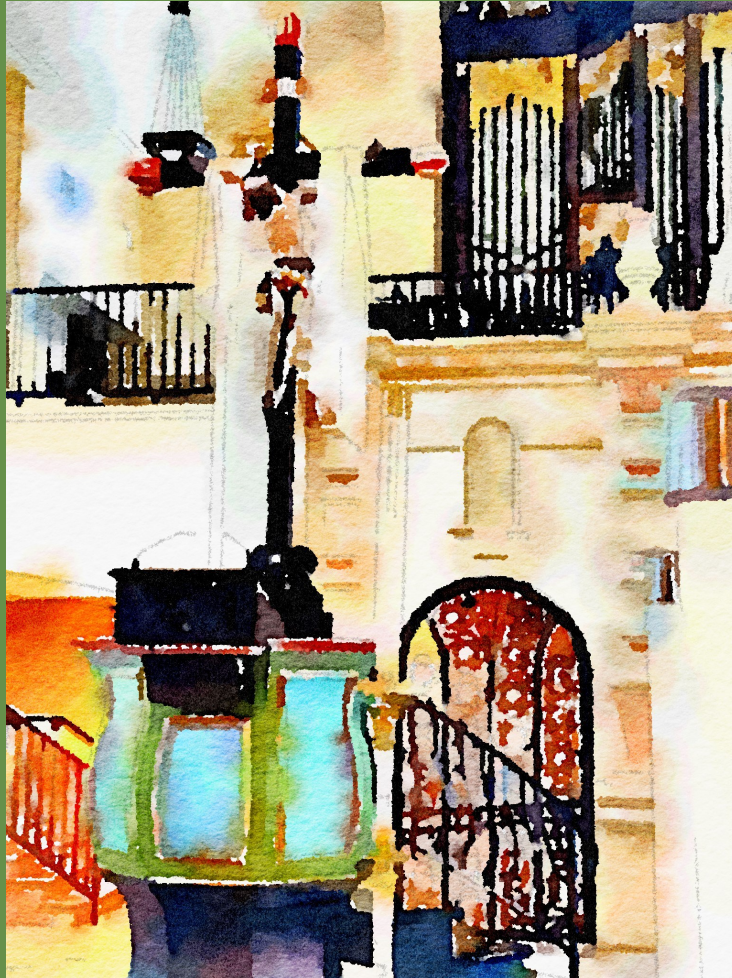


VISITATION PARISH

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 21, 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.

M A S S E S

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

FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish community we thank the following Women of Vis Funeral Meal Team #2: Captains Susan Erwin and Debbie Lolli and their team of Elizabeth Carlyle, Amy Clarkson, Mary Clarkson, Suzette Cutcliff, Ricki Ritter, Sarah Griggs, Patty Finn, Jane Gard, Becky Gude, Fran Lester, Kate Mahoney, Cathy Maple, Tina Mateski, Jo Blagovich, Barb Nelson, Patti Walsh, Joanie Spiking, Becky Summers, Mary Wirken, Ann Sundeen and Sandy Midkiff.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

September 28 is Priesthood Sunday, a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priest as central to the life of the Church. The lay faithful of all parishes develop their own special way of marking the day and honoring their parish priest(s) at the weekend Masses. This event offers an opportunity deepen your friendship with Fr. Greg and to express to him your support and appreciation for his service to the Church, and in particular to Visitation. Maybe drop Fr. Greg a note this week to let him know how grateful you are for his vocation.

Visitation's Vocation Ministry Team

CONFIRMATION

HIGH SCHOOL:

Parent Meeting TODAY
(Sunday, September 21)
after 10:30 mass in Tighe Hall. **At least one parent should attend.**

Upcoming meeting:

September 28- 7:00 pm (*note time change from original schedule)-Tighe Hall Sponsors and candidates



SYMPATHY

The parish extends our sympathy to Mary Spence on the death of her husband, Michael Spence.

ADORATION

All are welcome to participate in adoration on Wednesdays in the St. Joseph Chapel, 9:00 am-6:00 pm.

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>

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam	Joe McLiney
Pamela Atherton	Thom McNamara
Bill Blanck, Sr.	Tricia Melland
Kay Dierks	Virginia Moffett
Bill Fuss	Jack Myre
Ed Growney	Jen O'Neill
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Mary Ann Oswald
Kristin Heyer	Peggy Pruitt
Megan Hoefer	Ellie Rose
Margaret Howard	Kathy Scaglia
Joe Irwin	Gary Schafer
William Jewell	Barbara Schulte
Bryan Larson	Aimee Sesler
Jeanne Lendabarker	Sandra Sharp
Jake Lynch	Kathy Sims
Jolene Lynn	Special Intention
Bob Lystad	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Scott Martens	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 # 9

On Alert: Team # 12

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

Who introduced you the Gospel? Who taught you what it means to follow Christ? When and where did this faith really start to take hold in your life? Who are your best teachers today? This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday for the Catholic Church in the United States. It celebrates the ministry of teaching that Jesus has entrusted to us. We highlight the vocation of parents as the first religious educators of children. Along with parents and grandparents, we give thanks for teachers in our parish school, Catechists in School of Religion, Lead Couples in Marriage Preparation, OCIA team members and catechists, parish staff who teach in Baptismal Prep and Confirmation, priests who teach and preach at Mass and in other ministries, parishioners who have studied and cultivated rich theological and spiritual insight and share it in book studies and programs, and so many others who continue Jesus' mandate to "Go out and teach all nations." The Gospel continues to enrich and challenge the world because of these exemplary people who teach children, youth and adults the Catholic faith.



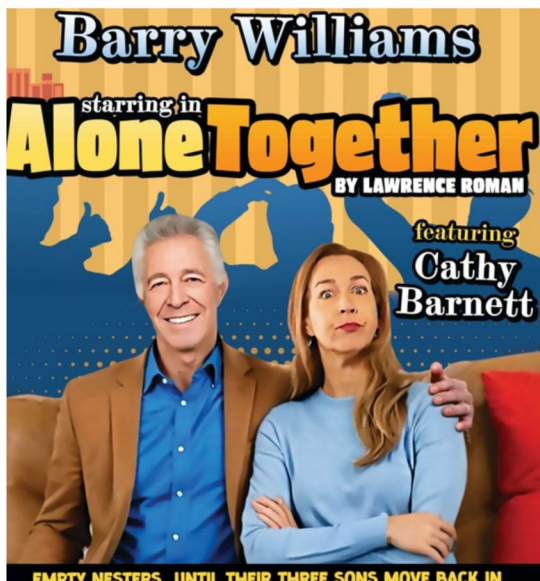
Every one of us is called to lifelong learning, and our faith becomes ever more dynamic and exciting as we continue the journey of gaining knowledge. Scripture, the Sacraments, Morality, Catholic Social Teaching, Liturgy, Church History, the Wisdom of the Saints all shine with new radiance as we hear new insights. Take some time to ponder the teachers in your life, whether you are a child, youth or adult, and recognize God's wisdom, kindness and generosity at work in them.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

Join us at the New Theatre Restaurant



Matinee Performance
Wednesday, November 12
Lunch begins at 11:50 am
Tickets: \$40 per person

Contact Joni in the parish office at
816-753-7422 to reserve your spot.

Payment for ticket should be remitted to Visitation.



ART & ENVIRONMENT



The Art & Environment Committee is looking for help.

The A&E team is responsible for keeping our church appropriately decorated for each liturgical season: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time.

We need people interested in volunteering a bit of time and learning some new skills. Whether you want to learn how to arrange flowers & plants for the church, or you just want to help with setups, we'd love to have you join us. Please contact Julie McFarland at jmcfarlandkc@gmail.com or

Alejandro Manso at Alejandro@visitation.org. No flower experience is necessary!



VISITATION CHOIR

COME TRY US OUT! THE VISITATION CHOIR STARTS BACK UP THIS MONTH!

The Visitation Choir is open for additional singers! Have you ever considered the possibility of singing with us? Too intimidated? Don't be!

The Visitation choir has a vast range of singers: we have professional singers, talented amateurs, as well as people who simply love to sing - some of whom read music well, and some who are learning - and we need ALL of them. If you can match pitch and want to be a part of something beautiful and special, then singing with us should be something to consider - gentlemen, that includes you too. As the



choir returns from summer hiatus, consider sharing your voice to beautify our Sunday liturgies. You can even try it out to see if it's a good fit. Reach out to Alejandro at alejandro@visitation.org if interested!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 23-28

Tuesday, September 23

6:45 am Rev. Alexander Sinclair †
8:15 am Bill Perry †

Wednesday, September 24

6:45 am Mary Cecilia Kuhnlein †
8:15 am Kevin Mashburn †

Thursday, September 25

6:45 am Michael Messina †

Friday, September 26

8:15 am Marianne Keens Carl †

Saturday, September 27

8:15am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres
4:00 pm Ted Wiedeman †

Sunday, September 28

8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Dick Honan †

ALTAR SERVERS

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LECTORS

SACR. USHERS

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 27-28

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

S. Anderson B. Anderson C. Dimond sub req.	C. Bock D. Kobler G. Malter	E. Affolter H. Affolter H. Arthur
C. Brain sub req. D. Bruegging J. Call Keith Connor Kevin Connor A. Coppage T. Cotton A. Eckels sub req. T. Egan J. Evett J. Waldrup	K. Banes P. Banes P. Clarke T. Coppinger V. Coppinger D. Devine J. Dickmeyer sub req. J. Grego L. Hughes A. Leimora A. Thompson	A. Adams B. Adams A. Bergner D. Dubrava K. Esslinger A. Florez E. Florez M. Florez C. Fryer J. Goeke sub req. G. Herrenbruck
S. Derks D. Brain	E. Greim K. Brown	J. Anderson
S. Barone P. Dunlay	Mark Thompson C. Wagner M. Wagner	A. Barber S. Benvenuti M. Benvenuti
J. Rebman	J. Palmer	P. Ekerdt

PARISH BOUNDARIES

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

PARISH OFFICE, Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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Priest in Residence, Fr. Charles Rowe

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 2024/25

Stephen Bowen	Kristie Larson
Bill Donath	Melissa Lising
Jim Erlacker	Steve O'Neill
Mary Gigliotti	Katie Wendel
Fr. Greg Haskamp	Kathleen Wiedeman
Megan Burdolski, Staff	

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Secretary, Bridget Winget x3136

St. Vincent De Paul Help Line
816-753-9061

Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph
Independent Ombudsman, 816-213-6024
Victim Assistance Coordinator, Michelle Graff
816-714-2357

FAITH FORMATION

Don't miss our guest blog post on the Faith Formation website, along with a playlist of Fr. Greg's homily series and some home-study materials on the Mass. <https://www.visionmainkc.com/post/gathering-sending>

OCTOBER 4:

SEASON OF CREATION MASS + HIKE + STARGAZING EVENT

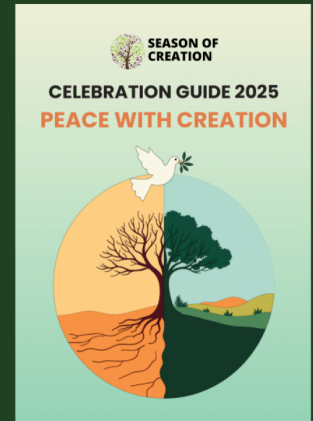
It's that time of year again! Join us on Saturday, October 4 for Visitation's 6th Annual Season of Creation Hike.

To learn more and sign up, visit <https://bit.ly/3JAUzaf> or scan this QR code:



New this year!

Optional 7:00 pm stargazing event at Powell Observatory following Mass & Hike



SEPTEMBER 22 | SCHOOL OF RELIGION BEGINS

School of Religion begins Monday, September 22. Classes are available for children in Kindergarten - 8th grade and include Sacramental preparation for First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation. Classes are held weekly on Monday evenings from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

Registration information is at Visitation.org, or scan the QR code.

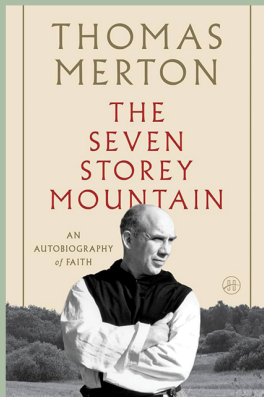
Scan to Register!



OCIA OPEN SESSIONS

Join our OCIA group for upcoming open sessions in the Faith Formation Room:

- The Mass: Part 1 with Peg & Dave Ekerdt | Tuesday, September 23 - 6:30-8:00 pm
- Who's Who in the Bible with Teresa Albright | Tuesday, September 30 - 6:30-8:00 pm



VIS BOOK CLUB | NEXT UP: THE WRITINGS OF THOMAS MERTON

Beginning with his memoir, *The Seven Storey Mountain*, we will trace the evolution of Thomas Merton, from the orthodoxy of his pre-Vatican II mindset to his post-Vatican II embrace of ecumenism by exploring both his prose writings and his poetry. 5 sessions offered twice a week: Wednesday mornings beginning October 8, or Thursday evenings beginning October 9.

Please contact Lorraine Gordon at lorraine.gordon116@gmail.com to sign-up.

Dates to Remember:

Book Club: (Participants will attend sessions once a week, either Wednesday or Thursday):

- **Wednesdays 10:00 am - noon:** beginning October 8
- **Thursdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm:** beginning October 9

SAVE THE DATES! FOR FULL CALENDAR GO TO VISIONMAINKC.COM

- **September 22:** School of Religion begins - Mondays, 5:30-6:30 pm
- **September 23:** Open OCIA Class: The Mass: Part 1 - 6:30-8:00 pm, Faith Formation Room
- **September 30:** Open OCIA Class: Who's Who in the Bible? 6:30-8:00 pm, Faith Formation Room
- **October 4:** 6th Annual Season of Creation Mass + Hike...+ Stargazing Event!
- **October 5 & 9:** Fall Vis Book Club Kickoff: The Writings of Thomas Merton
- **October 20:** Supper Series Session 2: The Common Good - 6:30 pm, Tighe Hall

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

PASTORAL CARE



**There is
still time
to join!**

**FAITH & GRIEF GATHERINGS
IN TIGHE HALL
Wednesday, October 1 at 12:00 Noon**

Speaker: Denis Greene - Lessons Learned from Losing His Brother.

When his brother died in a car wreck at 22, Denis set out to live fully and immediately. That belief led Denis to meditate daily for 54 years, move to the Congo, start a business, visit monasteries, volunteer with Hospice, travel widely, and witness miracles everyday.

NEW! Faith & Grief Online
Caregiver Support Gathering

Faith & GriefSM
A Ministry of Compassion and Connection

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.

SISTER PARISH



**Medicine for Madre
2025**

Thank you for your support

- Adult Vitamins (no gummies)
- Children's Vitamins (no gummies)
- Ibuprofen
- Acetaminophen 500 mg
- Acetaminophen children's -no liquid
- Aspirin 81 mg
- Benadryl 25 mg
- Magnesium Citrate
- Folding canes

Donations are due by September 26th and should be placed in the basket located in the narthex.

Financial contributions will be gladly accepted; note that the funds are for the medical mission.

GREETER TRAINING

GREETERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to greet at Masses. All ages are welcome - individuals, couples & families. Interested?

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT GREETER TRAINING On Sunday, October 26 from 9:15 - 10:00 am—meet in the narthex. RSVP to janet@visitation.org

FINANCIAL

August Contribution Income fell short of budget by only \$3,912 or 1.5%, as a result of timing differences in the giving patterns of our parishioners.

Other Income – which includes ministries, program fees, miscellaneous one-time donations, school tuition, registration fees, and before/after-care fees – exceeded budget by \$48,307. This favorable variance was driven primarily by a donation to the school to help cover the cost of new computers, as well as tuition payments received earlier than anticipated. As a result, Total Operating Monthly Income reflected a budget surplus of \$44,396.

Parish Expenses in August were over budget by \$54,636. The variance was fueled primarily by the timing of Donations to the Poor payouts to outside organizations totaling \$32,423. In addition, General Operating Expenses were over budget by \$20,226, largely due to school book purchases not originally included in the budget. The combined effect of these factors resulted in a Parish Net budget shortfall of \$10,240 for the month of August.

Extraordinary Income for the month of August was over budget by \$159,018, of which \$156,498 were donations for the Shared VISION Capital Campaign. There were no extraordinary expenses recorded for the month.

Contribution Income for the YTD fell short of budget by \$39,896 (7.9%). Other Income is ahead of budget by \$58,362 (7.9%), resulting in an Operating Income budget surplus of \$18,466.

Operating Expenses for the YTD are over budget by \$56,269 (5.3%), generating a Parish Net Operating budget shortfall of \$37,803.

Extraordinary Income is over budget by \$513,019, of which \$511,359 came from donations to the Shared VISION Capital Campaign. There have been no extraordinary expenses recorded this fiscal year.

Prior Year Comparison – Compared to the same period in fiscal year 2024/2025, Contribution Income for 2025/2026 is lower by \$34,663, while Other Income is higher by \$224,070, creating a Total Operating Income surplus of \$189,406.

Parish Expenses are higher than last year by \$204,617, primarily due to the new salary scale implemented by the Diocese this fiscal year. This resulted in a YTD budget shortfall of \$15,211.

Month of August 2025				
	Actual	Budget	Difference	
Contribution Income	\$ 256,599	\$ 260,511	\$ (3,912)	
Other Income	\$ 770,657	\$ 722,349	\$ 48,307	
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,027,256	\$ 982,860	\$ 44,396	
Operating Expense	\$ 555,784	\$ 501,148	\$ (54,636)	
Net	\$ 471,472	\$ 481,712	\$ (10,240)	
Extraordinary Income	\$ 159,018	\$ 700	\$ 158,318	
Extraordinary Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Net Non-Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 159,018	\$ 700	\$ 158,318	
Total Net Parish Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 630,489	\$ 482,412	\$ 148,077	

Fiscal YTD (July-August)				
	Actual	Budget	Difference	
Contribution Income	\$ 462,580	\$ 502,476	\$ (39,896)	
Other Income	\$ 793,422	\$ 735,060	\$ 58,362	
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,256,002	\$ 1,237,536	\$ 18,466	
Operating Expense	\$ 1,116,358	\$ 1,060,089	\$ (56,269)	
Net	\$ 139,644	\$ 177,447	\$ (37,803)	
Extraordinary Income	\$ 514,119	\$ 1,100	\$ 513,019	
Extraordinary Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Net Non-Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 514,119	\$ 1,100	\$ 513,019	
Total Net Parish Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 653,763	\$ 178,547	\$ 475,216	

Fiscal YTD This Fiscal YTD Last				
	Year	Year	Difference	
Contribution Income	\$ 462,580	\$ 497,243	\$ (34,663)	
Other Income	\$ 793,422	\$ 569,353	\$ 224,070	
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,256,002	\$ 1,066,596	\$ 189,406	
Operating Expense	\$ 1,116,358	\$ 911,741	\$ (204,617)	
Net	\$ 139,644	\$ 154,855	\$ (15,211)	

RACIAL JUSTICE



SAVE THESE DATES

Wednesday, September 24, 7:00 pm via Zoom (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)
Racial Justice Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 16, 6:30 pm, St. Monica Catholic Church
Continuing the Conversation on Racism and Our Faith, featuring Ebony Reed, author of *Fifteen Cents on the Dollar*.

Saturday, November 1, Independence Boulevard Christian Church
Racial Justice Summit featuring Reverend William Lamar IV, pastor of the

Metropolitan AME Church in Washington D.C.

Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 pm, Tighe Hall, Visitation

The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row book discussion, led by Mary Gigliotti & Jan Fakoury.

Tuesday, December 2

Just Faith Speaker

VISITATION DIRECTORY



COMING SOON! VISITATION FAMILY PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We want everyone to be included !
It's super easy - no photography appointments -
just submit your pic online at
<https://tinyurl.com/visphoto25>



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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



HUNGER FOR JUSTICE BANQUET IS THIS THURSDAY! SEPTEMBER 25 6:00-7:30 PM IN TIGHE HALL

Please join us Thursday to hear the compelling story Kris Wade will share about her journey working with victims of human trafficking. Most recently, she traveled to Rome to present to an international trafficking committee. As our city prepares to host the 2026 World Cup, this information is sure to be relevant to all of us. Plan to enjoy a light meal and have a thoughtful conversation. A free-will offering will be accepted for the Justice Project. RSVP to Joni in the parish office at joni@visitation.org or 816-753-7422.

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH Help us fill our basket each weekend in September!

Donations will benefit four neighboring food pantries: St. Francis Xavier, Bishop Sullivan Center (Troost location), Guardian Angels & Redemptorist.



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. Meetings are 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.