

VISITATION PARISH  
26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



**TODAY!**

**VIVA LA VIS!**

THE EVENT FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE PARISH FIESTA!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 4:00-7:00 PM**  
**SCHOOL PARKING LOT**

**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.

**M A S S S C H E D U L E**

**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

**TODAY (SEPTEMBER 25) IS THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR HOMICIDE VICTIMS.** Join us with KC Mothers in Charge in our courtyard to pray along with families who have lost a loved one in this tragic way.



**PRAYER SERVICE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 3:30 PM TODAY IN THE COURTYARD.**



### CONGRATULATIONS TO VISITATION COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR

- ◇ Salvador & Phyllis Avila
- ◇ Tom & Jane Larson
- ◇ Dave & Mary Mullins
- ◇ John & Barbara Mura
- ◇ Paul & Lavonna Peterson
- ◇ Michael & Mary Vrabac

### RIDE FOR MADRE

Thank you to everyone who participated in or donated to this year's Ride for Madre. Donations exceeded our goal and we collected \$3000. This will have a tremendous impact on our brothers and sisters at Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres in El Salvador.



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

### WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Carina Murphy and Kyle Rattray on their wedding at Visitation on September 17.

### OUR SYMPATHY

to Spencer Brown on the death of his wife, Mary Ann Brown and to the family of Charles Svoboda who died last week.

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

- |                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pamela Atherton        | Scott Martens             |
| Maggie Quirarte Bates  | Priscilla McInnes         |
| Marilyn Frechin Blank  | Tim McNamara              |
| Leonardo Borders       | Thomas McNamara           |
| Bernice Campbell       | Tricia Melland            |
| Mike Caraway           | Birdie Mendence           |
| Shari Caraway          | Andy Metzler              |
| Marianne Carl          | Lionel Morgan             |
| Beverly Cascone        | Maggie O'Neill            |
| Joanne Comisky         | Jennifer Olson            |
| Olivia Connealy        | Charles Oppenlander       |
| Jean Cummings          | Nicholas Parscale         |
| Allie May Dudenhoeffer | Connie Perucca            |
| Bill Fuss              | Nicola Pistone            |
| Shana Gadt             | Kat Potter                |
| Brooke Kuechler Harris | Peggy Pruitt              |
| Darlene Henninger      | Ruth Quirarte             |
| Mike Henninger         | Quinn Regan               |
| Joe Irwin              | Ellie Rose                |
| William Jewell         | The Ryan Family           |
| Lee Jones              | The Saalberg Family       |
| Jaquie Kallman         | Gary Schafer              |
| Peg Kallman            | Fran Schuetz              |
| Shirley Kempker        | Barbara Schulte           |
| Marriane Kersten       | Marialice Searcy          |
| Kevin Koch             | Aimee Sesler              |
| John Langle            | Sandra Sharp              |
| Bryan Larson           | Special Intention         |
| Betsy Lazere           | Jeannie Sullivan          |
| Jeanne Lendabarker     | Salvador Valldeperas, Sr. |
| Anthony Lipari, Sr.    | Annabelle Whalen          |
| Mary Lipari            | Dave Wittrock             |
| Jorge Maldonado        | 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, Ft. Leavenworth, KS; 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 7
- On Alert:** Team 9

## WOMEN OF VISITATION

### Sign up to become involved with the Women of Visitation!

All women of the parish and school community are Women of Visitation. A volunteer ministry team coordinates social, spiritual and service opportunities – including Bunko nights, Santa painting, Rosary making and more. Women of Visitation also organizes meals following parish funerals, distributes Baskets of Joy to parishioners who are homebound or going through difficult times and sponsors an annual parish blood drive.

The Women of Visitation no longer request membership dues. Women who are interested, however, are invited to make donations to support our operating budget or the Women of Visitation Giving Fund. The Giving Fund provides anonymous financial assistance to members of our parish community who are in need.



**SIGN UP** by using your phone camera to activate this QR code. In addition to making an electronic donation, the online form will also allow you to express interest in various Women of Visitation ministries.

*Contributions may also be made via check payable to Women of Visitation and sent to the parish office, Attention: Women of Visitation. Be sure to include whether you wish your donation to be to the General Fund, Giving Fund or both.*

## SISTER PARISH

### MEDICINE FOR MADRE

Our Medical delegation will be leaving on October 1 and will be carrying over the counter medication to assist the health clinic. Donations of the following medications and items will be accepted:

- Vitamins for children and adults  
(No gummies, please)
- Acetaminophen for adults 500 mg
- Children's Acetaminophen
- Aspirin 81 mg
- Benadryl (allergy medication) 25 mg
- Toothbrushes for children and adults

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 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816-812-2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto: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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR  
SEPTEMBER 27– OCTOBER 2**

**Tuesday, September 27**  
6:45 am Jackson Rouse †  
8:15 am Ted Wiedeman †

**Wednesday, September 28**  
6:45 am Suzanne Adams †  
8:15 am Patricia Ann Regan †

**Thursday, September 29**  
6:45 am Jim Lynch †

**Friday, September 30**  
8:15 am Jerry Abbenhaus †

**Saturday, October 1**  
8:15am Alice Farley †  
4:00 pm Dorothy Ahlman †

**Sunday, October 2**  
8:00 am John & Helen Koval †  
10:30 am People of Visitation

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS OCTOBER 1-2**

|               | 4:00 PM  | 8:00 AM  | 10:30 AM  |
|---------------|--|--|---|
| ALTAR SERVERS | A. Evett<br>N. Evett<br>J. Sonnenberg                          | T. Colburn<br>A. Hughes<br>J. Bock                                 | W. Waldrup<br>Q. Scanlon<br>B. Dro                          |
| EMS           | T. Cotton<br>C. Brain<br>D. Bruegging<br>L. Crowe<br>K. Hughes | L. Hughes<br>S. Hughes<br>B. Adams<br>T. Coppinger<br>V. Coppinger | R. Moran<br>A. Bergner<br>L. Meyers<br>J. Call<br>F. Lester |
| LECTOR        | J. Evett   | S. Derks   | E. Haines   |
| USHERS        | A. Barber<br>S. Barone<br>M. Evett                             | Ted Colburn<br>J. Hughes   | D. Fennesy<br>J. Fennesy                                    |
| SACRISTAN     | D. Pucci   | B. Truta   | J. Greene sub req   |

**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  
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**

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Bill Dunn       | Tina Mateski              |
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| Lorraine Gordon | Msgr. Brad Offutt, Pastor |
| Sara Keenan     | Anne Ryan                 |
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Megan Burdolski, Staff Liaison

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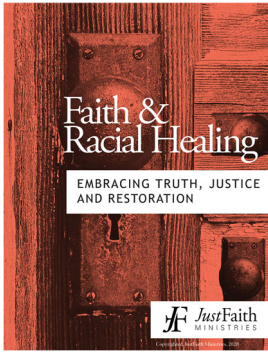
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Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

## RACIAL JUSTICE



We wish that we could do this in person, but please know that we are inviting you - you, who are reading this bulletin, to participate in this upcoming Just Faith Racial Healing program. It isn't too late, you can still plug into the second session on Tuesday, September 27 from 6:30-9:00 pm. We will meet seven more Tuesdays through November 15. Attendance each week helps, but missing a session or two does not mean you cannot do this (both of us who are facilitating will miss one or two.)

This is the fourth time Vis has offered this particular series. Here are a few comments from Vis JF alums:

- ◆ *I learned so much about the pervasiveness of racism. At times, it was overwhelming and emotional—but I guess there isn't much growth if you are really comfortable. I was grateful to see my fellow parishioners in a different light. It was a great program. - Janet Ridder*
- ◆ *The program not only taught me so much about history and the root causes of racial injustice, it inspired me to take action in my community to make positive change, all with fellow parishioners who share the same commitment. -Kristin Kratofil*
- ◆ *Since participating in this Just Faith series I have thought about these old familiar songs: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot; Wade in the Water; Steal Away; Down in the River to Pray; Go Down Moses (Let My People Go); Michael Row the Boat Ashore. The program helped me see the history of such songs and what they meant to the people who kept them alive. Our American Christian past dwells with us still, shapes our present, and "sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?" - David Ekerdt*
- ◆ *The Faith and Racial Justice opportunity appealed to me because I have the ability to change perceptions. I thought I knew what the definition of racism was before I participated in this group share, but what I knew, was just scratching the surface of what I am aware of now. I learned more about experiences of race. - Kathleen Wiedeman*
- ◆ *My participation in the Just Faith series broadened my understanding of how the practices of slavery continue to truly impact our world today through deep-rooted individual and institutional implicit biases. I was surprised to realize that there was a huge gap in my knowledge regarding the Middle Passage, chattel slavery and convict leasing practices. -Katie Levi*
- ◆ *The course equipped me with knowledge that I lacked when it comes to a significant portion of American history. The materials we studied and the conversations that we had helped fill in gaps in my knowledge base. Simply put, it's an important exercise in empathy and critical thinking that will have beneficial effects on one's relationship with their local community. The material is challenging but in a way that leaves one inspired rather than stifled. -Bryan McGuire*
- ◆ *I learned so much about racism and tried to think if I had been guilty of that and I think I was. To me it was an awakening. And like any flaw, something to be worked on. -Barb Truta*

Register here →



If you want to learn more about the program please watch the following video <https://youtu.be/uNEtuyGRXjU>. Thanks for reading! Karen Miller and Peg Ekerdt



## FINANCIAL

Once again this year, we have employed a 3-year average of contributions received for budgeting. As last year's actual contribution income exceeded our budget projections for 2021/2022, the average this year has increase 1.6% from \$4,153,301 to \$4,280,154 in 2022/23. With regard to parish expense budgets, this year's projections were a little higher to account for the current inflation rate. Also they included a salary increase for all staff members for both church and school. Ultimately, we were able to submit a balanced budget to the Diocese of \$5.25 million for the 2023/2023 fiscal year.

August 2022 Contribution Income fell short of budget by \$42,134 or 15.5%. Other Income, which includes Ministries, Program Fees, Miscellaneous one-time Donations, School Tuition, Registration Fees and Before/After Care Fees exceeded budget by \$17,366 in August, bringing our Total Operating Monthly income to a deficit of \$24,767

Year -to-Date Contribution and other Income shows a deficit of 52,480. Operating Expenses were under budget by \$55,524 creating a surplus in our YTD Parish Net Income of \$3,044. Compared to the prior fiscal year to date, Parish Net Income for 2022/2023 surpassed last year's results by \$66,474.

|                               | Month of August 2022 |                   |                    |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                               | Actual               | Budget            | Difference         |
| Contribution Income           | \$ 229,284           | \$ 271,418        | \$ (42,134)        |
| Other Income                  | \$ 391,300           | \$ 373,933        | \$ 17,366          |
| <b>Total Operating Income</b> | <b>\$ 620,584</b>    | <b>\$ 645,352</b> | <b>\$ (24,767)</b> |
| Operating Expense             | \$ 431,480           | \$ 435,115        | \$ 3,635           |
| <b>Net</b>                    | <b>\$ 189,104</b>    | <b>\$ 210,237</b> | <b>\$ (21,133)</b> |

|                               | Fiscal YTD (July-August) |                     |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                               | Actual                   | Budget              | Difference         |
| Contribution Income           | \$ 446,797               | \$ 517,749          | \$ (70,952)        |
| Other Income                  | \$ 833,939               | \$ 815,467          | \$ 18,472          |
| <b>Total Operating Income</b> | <b>\$ 1,280,736</b>      | <b>\$ 1,333,216</b> | <b>\$ (52,480)</b> |
| Operating Expense             | \$ 820,062               | \$ 875,586          | \$ 55,524          |
| <b>Net</b>                    | <b>\$ 460,674</b>        | <b>\$ 457,630</b>   | <b>\$ 3,044</b>    |

|                               | Fiscal YTD This Year |                     | Fiscal YTD Last Year | Difference |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Contribution Income           | \$ 446,797           | \$ 538,315          | \$ (91,518)          |            |
| Other Income                  | \$ 833,939           | \$ 693,835          | \$ 140,105           |            |
| <b>Total Operating Income</b> | <b>\$ 1,280,736</b>  | <b>\$ 1,232,150</b> | <b>\$ 48,586</b>     |            |
| Operating Expense             | \$ 820,062           | \$ 837,950          | \$ 17,887            |            |
| <b>Net</b>                    | <b>\$ 460,674</b>    | <b>\$ 394,200</b>   | <b>\$ 66,474</b>     |            |

## SCHOOL OF RELIGION

### COMMUNION SERVICE ON FIRST MONDAYS

Join us on October 3 at 5:15 pm in St. Joseph Chapel

*This is a family-friendly Communion Service that meets during School of Religion. All are welcome! The church will be open for private prayer following Communion. Children not enrolled in S.O.R. are welcome to join the K-8<sup>th</sup> graders in their class.*

October 10 - NO CLASS: Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day.

## RCIA

The next "Open R.C.I.A." session is Tuesday, October 18 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Faith Formation Room.

Please join us, invite a friend and spread the word. All are welcome!

**Topic: Introduction to Scripture & the Old Testament**

**Speaker: Mary Etta O'Neill**

*Mary Etta is a parishioner, lector and Faith Formation Team member. She earned a graduate degree in Spirituality from Creighton University; and led a Bible Study at Visitation for many years using the Little Rock program. Her introductory lesson on Scripture is one of our most popular R.C.I.A. sessions each year.*

## NEW MINISTRY! MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN



**NEW VISITATION  
MINISTRY**

# Mothers of Young Children MIX & MINGLE

**Sunday, October 2nd  
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - Tighe Hall**

**Please join us for this casual and fun social event to learn more about the newly forming MOYC group at Visitation. Mix and mingle with other mothers and share your input! Drinks and apps will be served.**

MOYC is a new ministry open to all mothers of newborn to school age children. Connect with other moms of young children through social and spiritual events for mothers, families, and couples.

**For more info and to register visit:**  
<https://bit.ly/3U6xEEw> or email [megan@church.visitation.org](mailto:megan@church.visitation.org)



## CONFIRMATION



### SOPHOMORE YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Registration is open for all baptized sophomore candidates beginning August 29 and closes on October 1. No late registrations accepted.

Confirmation is April 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm with Bishop Johnston.

IF YOUR CHILD WAS NOT BAPTIZED AT VISITATION PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE, in an enveloped marked CONFIRMATION/ATTENTION: CHRIS. IF YOUR CHILD WAS BAPTIZED HERE AT VIS, PLEASE NOTE THAT WHEN REGISTERING AS WELL.

*\*\*NOTE-The reason the records are so important is all new sacraments are recorded at the church of baptism. If we do not have that record it cannot be recorded.*



RESPECT LIFE

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SPEAKER PRESENTATION

**October 3**

**7:00 pm**

**Tighe Hall**

**Join us, as Visitation Parishioners share personal stories of how they honor the value and dignity of the most vulnerable Human Life.**



***Christy Hartner  
Mary Anne Hammond  
Betsy Lynch***

**Their stories of tragedy and triumph will inspire you.**





**FAITH FORMATION**

Visitation Faith Formation Team presents  
**3rd Annual**  
**“Season of Creation”**

**Hike**

**Saturday, October 1, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Parkville Nature Sanctuary**

100 E 12 St, Parkville, MO 64152

“This Day offers individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”

**We’ll hike to the Girl Scout Shelter  
for a “Season of Creation”  
Prayer Service.**

**3 miles of hiking on 5 trails.**

**All ages & abilities  
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- Pope Francis on the Establishment of the  
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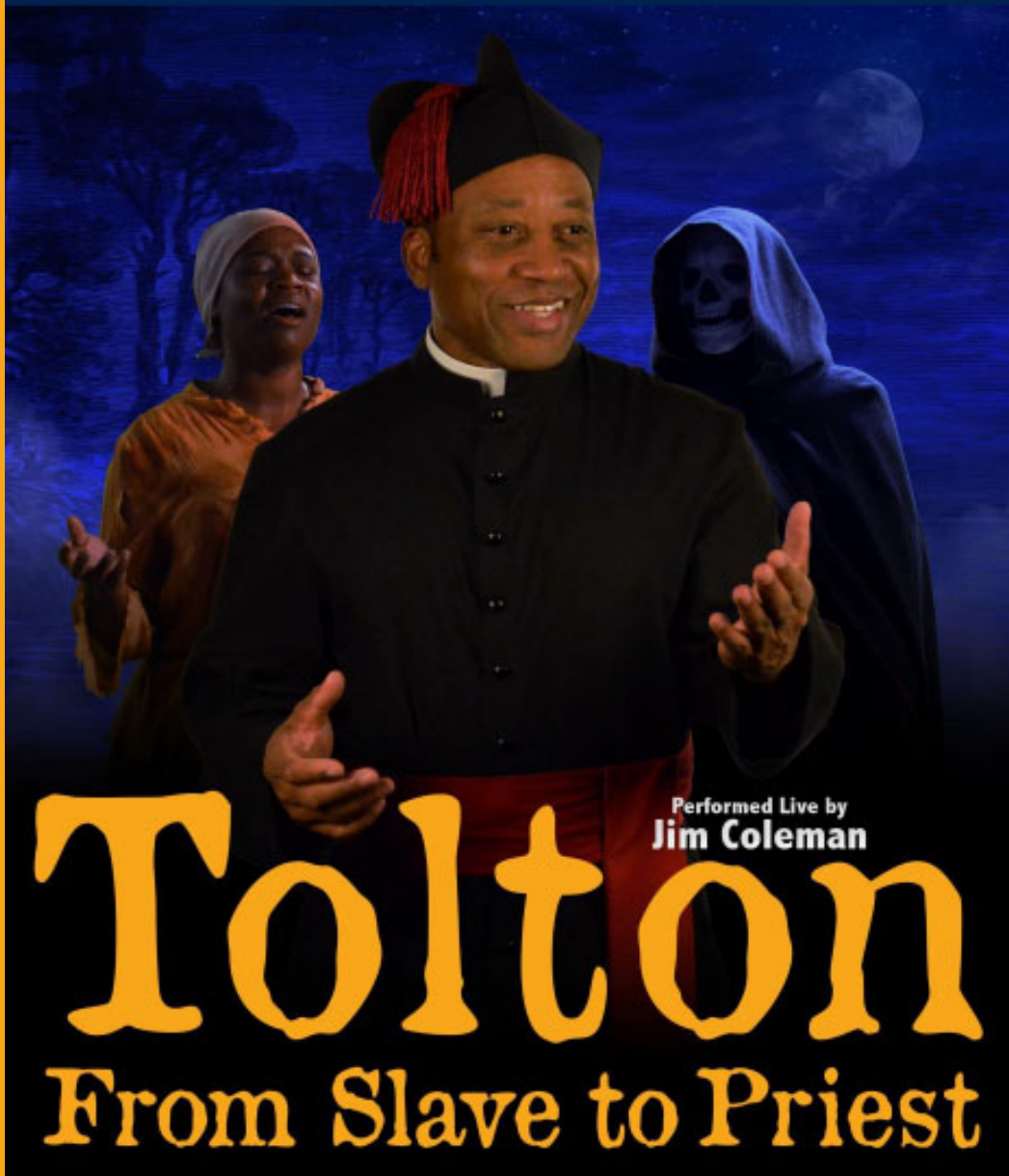
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