

VISITATION PARISH  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 13, 2022



**THE SEASON OF LENT**

- ‡ **Pray** - Our St. Joseph and Blessed Sacrament chapels, and our church nave are open during the day for personal prayer. On Mondays, they remain open until 6:30 pm for parish children and their families. After the weekday 8:15 am Mass, the Rosary is prayed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. On Wednesday, there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the St. Joseph Chapel from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Catholics are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter. Our Parish Communal Penance Service is Tuesday, April 5 at 6:00 pm.
- ‡ **Fast and abstain** - Persons between the ages of 18 and 59 are asked to keep a simple fast (one full meal plus two smaller meals that together do not equal one full meal and no snacking) on Good Friday. Persons over the age of 14 are asked to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays of Lent.
- ‡ **Give Alms** - Opportunities for generosity include: Rice Bowl (benefits Catholic Relief Services) throughout the season; Catholic Relief Services Collection (overseas emergency aid) on the March 30-31 weekend; and the Good Friday Collection on April 22 (benefits Christians in the Holy Land). Also, remember the food collection each weekend in the narthex and the special food collection on Holy Thursday.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

### HUMANITARIAN AID TO UKRAINE

The dreadful war in Ukraine is causing untold suffering. Mindful of the Lord's commission to care for those who are hurting, our local Church is directing those who wish to help to Catholic Relief Services, the international assistance agency of the USCCB. Please visit the CRS website at <https://www.crs.org/> for information on how to help.



### PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

- ◇ Connor Callahan & Melanie Veir
- ◇ Kathy Bechtel
- ◇ Michael & Julie Morrand
- ◇ Corey & Meghan Frye
- ◇ Parker & Carolyn Stanley
- ◇ Emilio & Ashle Olivas
- ◇ Thom McNamara

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is Wednesday, March 30. Our young Catholics will be making their final sacrament of Initiation. Please keep their parents, sponsors and the candidate in your prayers. Our young church needs our prayers as they spread their wings into our community, church and world.

**Required:** Confirmation Rehearsal is Sunday, March 27 at 1:00 pm in the nave with your sponsor.

### SMALL LENT GROUPS

Join one of the Lent Small Groups that have opened their doors to the whole parish this year. Visit [www.visonmainkc.com/small-groups](http://www.visonmainkc.com/small-groups) to learn more.

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION** classes are on spring break March 14 and 21. Classes will resume on Monday, March 28.

### OUR SYMPATHY

to JoAnn Frechin, Lauren Frechin and Christine Saucedo on the death of their husband and father, Mike Frechin.

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

Suzanne Adams	Tricia Melland
Pamela Atherton	Birdie Mendence
Maggie Quirarte Bates	Andy Metzler
Marilyn Frechin Blank	Lionel Morgan
Dorothy Bock	Joe Noblitt
Leonardo Borders	Maggie O'Neill
Mary Ann Brown	Jennifer Olson
Mike Caraway	Charles Oppenlander
Shari Caraway	Nicholas Parscale
Marianne Carl	Leonardo Passantino
Beverly Cascone	Connie Perucca
Joanne Comiskey	Pat Piranio
Olivia Connealy	Nicola Pistone
Jimmy Connell	Kat Potter
Polly Donnelly	Peggy Pruitt
Allie May Dudenhoeffer	Quinn Regan
Shana Gadt	Carol Riesmeyer
Susie Haake	Ellie Rose
Brooke Kuechler Harris	The Ryan Family
Mike Henninger	The Saalberg Family
Laura Horigan	Gary Schafer
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Jaquie Kallman	Barbara Schulte
Peg Kallman	Aimee Sesler
Shirley Kempker	Sandra Sharp
Marriane Kersten	Special Intention
John Langle	Robert Stumpff
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Jorge Maldonado	Annabelle Whalen
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### Reminder:

Thank you for sharing your name with us. We are always ready to pray for you and your loved one. Please contact us and let us know when you or your loved one is doing better and ready to be taken off the prayer list. God Bless.

*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.*



## CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

**APRIL 2-3 - SAVE THE DATE FOR CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RENEWAL WEEKEND.**



Are you a newly engaged couple, recently married, or been married for 20+ years? What better gift can you give yourself and your significant other to grow in your faith together? We invite you to sign up to attend the Men's and Women's Spring Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekend on April 2-3.

Women's Team 12: Megan Burdolski, Deb Danaher, Jodi Dickmeyer, Jill Freel, Ann Marie Hamilton, Deb Harkness, Linda Judah, Melissa Lising, Katie Manso, Ann Peratt, Peg Ekerdt, Rachel Reinhart and Leigh Ann Zeller. Men's Team 11: Phil Bryde, Keith Connor, Trey Hawes, Leon Keens, Tom McGee, Jeff Mohajir, Neil O'Connor, John Stevenson and Rich Warwick.

WOMEN'S RETREAT WILL BE HELD IN TIGHE HALL  
MEN'S RETREAT WILL BE HELD AT VISITATION SCHOOL

## VISITATION SYNOD



# Synod on Synodality

*Participate at Vis in March*

The Synod on Synodality is a two-year process beginning in 2021 and concluding in 2023. Pope Francis invites the input of the entire Church in this process. Visitation offers two ways to participate with fellow parishioners: **Saturday, March 26, 9:00 am (in person) and Monday, March 28, 7:00 pm (via Zoom)**

For more information, see the parish website.

**Help us plan! Let us know you are coming!**

Use the QR code at right, visit the parish website at [www.visitation.org](http://www.visitation.org) - click on Synod, or call the parish office at 753-7422.



## RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE/FAITH FORMATION

**Take a Walk and Listen to Episode I** – [www.visionmainkc.com/podcast](http://www.visionmainkc.com/podcast).

In 2018, the American Catholic Bishops wrote a pastoral letter, *Open Wide Our Hearts -The Enduring Call to Love - a Pastoral Letter on Racism (OWOH)*. This letter provided the foundation for our parish Racial Justice Committee, telling us, in part, “the love of Christ impels us to see others as our brothers and sisters (2 Corinthians 5:14). ...It is the love of Christ that binds together the Church...this love also requires justice.” (OWOH pg. 14)

The work of the parish RJC has gone in many directions (Cristo Rey interns, Just Faith Racial Healing series, weekly bulletin posts, to name but a few) but at our meetings we repeatedly talked about our desire to share the Bishops’ document with the parish.

As mentioned in the past weeks—we have worked with the Faith Formation Team to create episodes of a podcast featuring four small groups of parishioners (parish professionals, school parents who support Cristo Rey interns, young adults of the parish, and a listening group) to read and discuss OWOH. The first episode became available last week and some of us have taken the time to listen to the first episode in which John Santner, Nancy Hesse, Kara Bemboom Grefrath, Sandy Midkiff, Emmet Pierson and Fr. Brad Offutt discuss the letter’s passages that challenged and inspired them.

Here is the reaction of one parishioner to what he heard: *“I am inspired by the depth of the discussion and how naturally that group knows that faith and overcoming racism are integrated.”*

We ask you to listen at [www.visionmainkc.com/podcast](http://www.visionmainkc.com/podcast) - and then share this link with a friend. Share your own thoughts with us at [VISRJC@gmail.com](mailto:VISRJC@gmail.com).



## GOLDEN SHAMROCKS



# potLuck of the Irish

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON  
THURSDAY, MARCH 17 - 12:00 NOON - TIGHE HALL**

**Bring a salad, side or dessert to share . . . meat & beverages provided. After lunch, we'll stuff Easter eggs for the Migrant Farmworkers Project & Shepherd's Center. In lieu of our usual free will offering, bring a bag of wrapped candy for the Easter eggs. For planning purposes, please RSVP to 753-7422.**



## MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 15-20

### Tuesday, March 15

6:45 am Richard & Kathleen Connor †  
8:15 am Frances Marion Wallace†

### Wednesday, March 16

6:45 am Julie Mathis †  
8:15 am Guy Hudson †

### Thursday, March 17

6:45 am Ryan Patrick Murphy †

### Friday, March 18

8:15 am Glen Klontz †

### Saturday, March 19

8:15am People of Visitation  
4:00 pm Robert Lee Cotton MD †

### Sunday, March 20

8:00 am Rouse Family  
10:30 am Dan Caffrey †

### 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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**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**

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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 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 392-0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



## SISTER PARISH



This is Valeria, one of the many children sponsored by our parishioners. The support that is provided helps Valeria reach her potential! She recently shared this with her Godparents, “My family and I had to move from our home. It has been difficult for me to adapt to another place. It is a new experience. In the afternoons, my brother and I play since we have a park nearby with swings and a soccer field. On weekends I help my mother sell typical appetizers. On Sunday mornings we go to Mass.....I am very grateful because of your help. I can go forward with my studies and food.” If you want to learn more about our sister parish, please reach out to Karen Miller at [karen@church.visitation.org](mailto:karen@church.visitation.org).

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



**OVERCOMING DISASTER** In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes and more—making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

Please take your Rice Bowl today; they are available in the narthex!

## WOMEN OF VIS

### FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish community we thank two of our Women of Vis Funeral Meal Teams for serving our grieving family this past week. Thanks to Team 2 – Captains Debbie Lolli, Susan Erwin and members Elizabeth Carlyle, Mary Clarkson, Betty Devine, Becky Gude, Pat Landwehr, Fran Lester, Kate Mahoney, Cathy Maple, Tina Mateski, Louise Meyers, Mary Montgomery, Dede Murphy, Barb Nelson, Cara Newell, Joanie Spiking, Becky Summers, Patti Finn, Valerie Roach, Suzette Cutliff, Mary Wirken, Sarah Griggs; and Team 5 assisting members Michelle Pal, Kathy Arthur, Kate Brown, Deb Carr, Cathy Colburn, Marty Dakan, Bertie Daw, Linda Hughes, Jody Olson, Carolyn McCausland, Jeanne Musgrave, Kathy Nordhus, SueZann Stone, Beth Valldeperas and Amy Donnelly. With warm hearts and loving hands they serve you.

## ABOUT TOWN

### CRISTO REY OF KANSAS CITY

The countdown is on for the 16th annual Dancing with the Kansas City Stars set for Saturday, April 2nd. With your support, the beat will go on for the students of Cristo Rey Kansas City. A Visitation parishioner, Bradley Wiedeman, is competing as a 2022 Star! For more information, visit the Dancing with the Kansas City Stars website at [www.dancingwiththekansascitystars.org](http://www.dancingwiththekansascitystars.org).



## SCHOOL



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### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2022-2023

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year at Visitation School is underway and will remain open through 3:00 pm on April 1. Families currently enrolled in the school as well as those who attended Kindergarten Roundup or have contacted us about enrollment should have received a link via e-mail. Tithing families must have a 2022 pledge on file in order to receive the link. If you have questions about enrollment, please contact Megan Burdolski at 753-5155 x1305 or [megan@church.visitation.org](mailto:megan@church.visitation.org).

## PASTORAL CARE

### GRIEF SUPPORT

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND is on April 29-May 1. Beginning Experience Weekend is for divorced and widowed persons. Our program helps those suffering these losses through the grieving process, enabling them to look to the future with renewed hope and deepened faith. For more information or to register, visit [www.beginningexperiencekc.org](http://www.beginningexperiencekc.org) or call Maria at 913-314-9844.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is March 18-20 in Carthage, MO. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend offers five proven tools to help couples thrive as they navigate hills and valleys along the way. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org) or contact Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 741-4066 or [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net).

## WOMEN OF VISITATION



*A handmade rosary makes a beautiful gift for . . .  
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## **Rosary Making**

*Thursday, April 7 7:00-9:30 pm Tighe Hall*

Rosary kits are \$40.00. You can choose to personalize your Rosary with a name and/or color of your choice.

**Please make your reservation by Tuesday, March 22.**

Use the QR code to register & pay online or stop by the parish office to fill out a form & pay for your kit.



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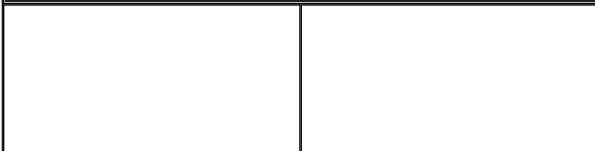
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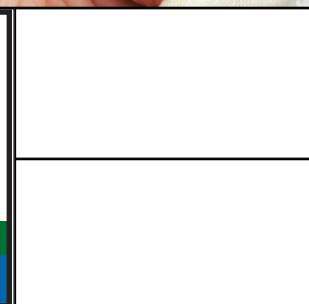
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